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Army exposes ISI's dangerous move to involve women, juveniles in terror network

in 2014 polls as well, but Modi got a "In 2019 as well, parties came together, but what happened? Modi got a thumping majority. Now again, they are getting together... but Modi will again get a thumping majority,'

"Modi does not respond to criticism, but works for the people. He does not give importance to his critics," Shinde added.

He said his party will use its strength to help the BJP retain power under Modi's leadership.

He said the amount of work done in the last nine years has surpassed what was done in 40-50 years before

"The elections will take place on the issue of development. So many roads and airports have been built and several schemes implemented for the welfare of women. It is obvious that the people will vote for those who work for them. So, all records will be broken in 2024 elections," he said.

The Maharashtra chief minister said developmental projects were SRINAGAR: A 'dangerous move' by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)

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and heads of terror groups to rope in women and juveniles to carry weapons and messages has come to light amid a decline in the use of traditional means of communication by terrorists in Kashmir valley, a top army officer has said.

General Officer The Commanding of Srinagarbased 15 Corps, also known as Chinar Corps, Lt Gen Amardeep Singh Aujla also said the forces need to be cautious as people sitting across the Line of Control (LoC) are busy scheming and planning to disturb the prevailing peaceful atmos-

"Today's threat, as I see it, is involving women, girls and juveniles in carrying messages, drugs or, at times, weapons. So far, the army has detected some cases

Kupwara, Munsiff Sogam,

Shafiq Ahmad Shah, mem-

On the occasion, Guard of

honour was presented to the

chief guest by the district

police Kupwara. Justice

Wasim also planted a tree

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within the Court premises.

besides.

Handwara,

of administration.

highlighting an emerging trend which in itself is a dangerous move that Pakistan's ISI and heads of 'tanzeems' (terror groups) have adopted. We, along with other agencies, are jointly working out on this," Lt Gen Aujla told PTI.

Asked if it means that terror groups have stopped using mobile communication, the army officer said the Techint (technical intelligence) signatures have reduced considerably. Also, many Over Ground Workers (OGWs) who acted as conduits for them have been picked up.

"Therefore, now women, girls and juveniles have been roped in as an alternative to mainly carry messages," the top army officer in the valley

As part of the deradicalisation strategy, the army, with the cooperation of the Union Territory administration, has undertaken a series of initia-

'Sahi Rasta' (right path) programme that has in recent times proved to be a game changer in the right earnest.

"We have come a long way in ensuring peace and stability in Kashmir, but I will be naive to claim an early victory as we feel that every gain needs to be cemented before achieving lasting peace in the Union territory," he said.

Without naming Pakistan, Lt Gen Aujla said the challenge is that the neighbouring country has not given up on its intent and is repeatedly creating trouble on both sides of Pir Panjal. The latest infiltration bid in the Machil sector of north Kashmir is a testimony of his

blatant indulgence. He stressed that all security agencies, including those from the Union Territory administration, were well geared up to thwart any nefarious designs of

Wholesale drug store sealed

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UU capacity building of govt functionaries: Dr Jitendra

Many parties getting together against Modi, but will fail again: Maharashtra CM

BJP will win in LS polls next year, break all records

STATE TIMES NEWS SRINAGAR: Opposition parties are trying to come together for the 2024

polls but are unable to name a prime ministerial candidate, and will be defeated again as in the last two general elections, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said on

The Shiv Sena leader was speaking to a select group of reporters at the Raj Bhavan where he met Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor

"In the coming elections, all records of the Lok Sabha elections will be broken under the leadership of PM Modi and the BJP will win with a thumping majority under Modi," Shinde said. Later at a press conference, he took

a swipe at the opposition parties which are set to meet on June 23 in Patna to chalk out a joint strategy against the BJP.

"If we talk about the 2024 polls, many parties are getting together against Modi, but they have not been able to name a person who can be their candidate. This had happened

'Nasha

various interventions made

"Civil and police adminis-

tration, along with other

stakeholders worked collec-

tively in strict adherence to

the instructions issued by the

Man held for stealing

phones, cash at

Vaishno Devi shrine

KATRA: A man was arrest

ed for stealing four mobile

phones and some cash from

inside the bag of a tourist at

Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in

Reasi district of Jammu,

As per details, on the com-

plaint of person namely

Narinder Bahuder Singh,

son of Shiv Shankar Singh,

resident of Jaunpur UP

reported at Police Station

Bhawan that he along with

his family members reached

Bhawan and decided to take

bath at bathing Ghat. When

he returned back and

checked his bag, he found

that some unknown person

stolen 4 mobile phones and

cash amounting Rs 2500

On this, FIR No.08/2023

under section 379 IPC was

registered at Police Station

Bhawan and investigation

During the course of inves-

tigation, a team of Police

framed who after strenuous

efforts apprehended the

Station

accused person

Bhawan were

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police said on Sunday.

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by the Panchayat.

Eknath Shinde meets LG, seeks land for Maharashtra Bhavan in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Chief Minister Maharashtra Eknath Shinde met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, here on Sunday

Shrikant Shinde, Member of Parliament was also present.

Chief Minister Maharashtra requested the Lt Governor for allocation of the land in Srinagar to b u i l 'Maharashtra Bhawan' strengthen tourism, cultural



Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde meeting LG Manoj Sinha at Srinagar on Sunday.

exchanges and economic development. The Lt Governor observed that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, the Union Territory has converted challenges into opportunities and J&K is now the symbol of success and prosperity. He said UT of J&K is full of self-confidence and it is moving forward on the path to progress. "Socio-economic growth with equity and social justice in the last four years has ensured all-round development and prosperity for all," the LG said.

Sigdi B1 declared first 'Nasha Mukt' Panchayat in Kishtwar

STATE TIMES NEWS government from time to JAMMU: Sigdi B1 of subtime, under the Nasha Mukt division Chatroo in Kishtwar Bharat Abhiyan, to achieve a district has been declared the drug-free panchayat," he

The deputy commissioner Panchavat of the district. Making the announcement said the journey towards becoming a Nasha Mukt Panchayat involved three Coordination Committee meeting in Kishtwar, district stages, the first of which Commissioner being the passing of resolu-Kishtwar Devansh Yadav tion on March 15 to commit said the remarkable accomto combating substance plishment was the result of

Mukt'

Second, a listing of all addicts and peddlers was done and later police set up checking points to confront suspected peddlers. These exercised were followed

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Justice Wasim visits Kupwara, reviews functioning of Distt Court Complex

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KUPWARA: Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Judge High court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Administrative Judge district Kupwara) visited the District Court Complex Kupwara and reviewed the ongoing construction work. his arrival, On

Administrative Judge was $\stackrel{\smile}{\mathrm{welcomed}}$ warmly Principal District & Session Judge Kupwara, Shazia Tabasum; Additional Session Judge Kupwara, Khem Raj Sharma; Additional Session Judge Handwara, Umi Kulsoom; CJM Handwara,



(Administrative Judge district Kupwara) reviewing ongoing construction work at District Court Complex Kupwara.

Vishesh Pharihar; Sub Judge Kupwara (Secretary

in Rajouri, two detained STATE TIMES NEWS DLSA), Manzoor Ahmad RAJOURI: A wholesale Khan; Deputy Commissioner medical agency has been sealed after 110 strips of a Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray; SSP Kupwara, drug were recovered during Yougal Manhas; Munsiff an inspection in the Rajouri

district, a police official said Munsiff Tangdar, Munsiff on Sunday. Two brothers running the President Bar Association drug store were detained as the recovery of unaccounted bers of Bar Association strips raised suspicion of the Kupwara and other officers use of these tablets in drug

> abuse, he said. According to the official, a joint team of police and the Drugs & Food Control Organisation raided the agency, dealing with wholesale of medicinal drugs, in

the town on Saturday.

were recovered having no required details about purchase, sale raising suspicion of misuse of this drug," the official said. Taking note of it, the medical agency has been sealed as per the law of the land and

"During inspection and ver-

ification of premises, 110

strips of drugs (Tapendadol)

two of its owners, both brothers, were detained, the official said. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rajouri, Amritpal Singh said the action followed an ongoing

drive against drug abuse in the district ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Ex-Deputy Commissioner Customs befooled; Rs 1.74 lakh drawn from his account

unknown person from J&K

Caller asked him to pay Rs 20 for opening electricity bill account

KATHUA: This time the fraudsters even befooled an ex- Deputy Commissioner Customs by using a new trick by asking him to send Rs 20 through M-Pay for opening online account for depositing electricity bills in future.

The moment Rs 20 was transferred on a given number. Rs 1.74 lakh was withdrawn by the time Ex-DC Customs Madan Lal Toofan checked balance on J&K Bank's M-Pay account on his

"In two minutes, Rs 1.74

Bank Kathua account number 0382040100002821 of Deputy Commissioner Mohan Lal Toofan, resident of 15/151, Patel Nagar Kathua," states a complaint lodged by Toofan with the J&K Police's Cyber Cell.

after the drawl, immediately Toofan approached his bank. Jammu and Kashmir Bank. Nagar Branch, Kathua. The bank stated that the money has been transferred from your phone. On June 1, Toofan he

received SMS message from

Mobile 09493925549 claiming to be an official of PDD that his electricity will be disconnected if he fails to make payment of the bill online. At the same moment, he received another call from number07029955439 asking him to

deposit Rs 20 online using his M-Pay, which he did. After some time when he checked his account balance, and was shocked to see that Rs 1.74 lakh has been withdrawn from his account.

The Cyber Police has ascertained the caller from Madhya Pradesh and

Woman among 4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM/BARAMULLA Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Sunday arrested 04 drug peddlers including a woman in Kulgam & Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their posses-

As per details, Police Station Kulgam received an information that 02 persons namely Manzoor Ahmad Naik and Ali Mohammad Naik, both sons of Ghulam Qadir Naik of Naikpora, Kulgam have hoarded contraband substance at

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("Jan Bhagidari"), and the

zeal to improve and innovate

Court rejects closure report in soldier's murder case; orders fresh investigation **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BANIHAL: A court here has rejected the closure report in a 17-year-old murder case of a soldier in Banihal township and expressed dissatisfaction with the police probe, saying it raises serious doubts that efforts were being made to protect someone.

Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Banihal, Manmohan Kumar also directed the Superintendent of Police. Ramban to monitor the investigation in the case and conclude it within a period of three months.

Sepoy Yuvraj Uttam Rao of the 17 Rashtriya Rifles was

found dead in the sentry post with several bullet injuries on his chest inside a camp in Banihal along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on May 19, 2006.

"There are discrepancies in the (police) investigation as at one point Investigating Officer (IO) observed that some unknown officials have killed the deceased and simultaneously IO himself has concluded that death might be an act of terrorists.

"However, IO has not collected any evidence that there was any transgression or attack in the army camp of terrorists in the killing is also ruled out as the holes were detected in the roof of the sentry post which seem to have been fired from inside the sentry post instead of outside as the tin shed was opened towards outside," the court said in its order on Friday.

The court said the probe of the case remained inconclusive for nearly 17 years and the investigating agency observed that someone from inside the camp had committed the offence but they were unable to find out the

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Conjuring magic: J&K artist turns

of mosaic art.

Speaking to PTI, Bhat said artist in Kashmir to create

such pieces.

stones. The stones are collected from trekking routes in Gangbal, Tarsar, Marsar, Gaddar, Vishnusar, and Sonamarg (in Ganderbal), and mostly from Ladakh,' Bhat said here on the sidelines of the exhibition organhandicrafts and handloom.

Acquiring the right stones is difficult, he said, adding it takes a lot of time to find

his art. Bhat said the stones he uses are the ones that can be crushed but are not so soft. After collection, the stones are crushed, graphs drawn on plywood and then the crushed stones are converted to painting, he

National Training Conclave: PM Modi underlines

DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday said it is the responsibility of all government employees to boost the faith of people in the government system as he stressed the importance of capacity building, ending working in silos and enhancing service deliv-He made the remarks after

inaugurating the first-ever National Training Conclave International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Pragati Maidan

The prime minister emphasised the importance of service orientation of government work, ownership in realising the aspirations of common people, the need to break the



the system, among other rience of every person in an things Training modules should be organisation, the importance of people's participation

oriented and developed in such a way that these aspects are inculcated in government

officials, he said, adding that training should also inculcate whole-of-government approach and all efforts must be made to nurture the potential of officials.

While referring to his experience as Gujarat's chief minister and later as prime minister, Modi underlined that the government has never lacked talented, dedicated and committed officials.

Just as the Army has built impeccable credibility for itself in the eyes of the people, it is the responsibility of all government employees to further boost the faith of people in the government system, he said.

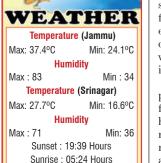
Modi's address was replete with many anecdotes and stories emanating from his rich political and administra-

a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

He also said the old approach of seeing posting in training institutions as punishment was changing. Training institutes are one of the most important places as they nurture employees working for the government for decades, the prime minis-

According to the statement, Prime Minister Modi, in his address, talked about vertical and horizontal silos as well as the shackles of hierarchy, and exhorted officials to overcome them to seek out those with experience, regardless of hierarchy. He also emphasised that training

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stones and sand into unique art forms

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SRINAGAR: With every stone or rock he collects from trekking routes in the mountains of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, Manzooz Ahmad Bhat is meticulously carving out a space for himself in the world The 34-year-old from cen-

tral Kashmir's Ganderbal district uses mortar to grind stones and rocks collected from various mountains and extracts vibrant and natural colours to create his art, which seems to have aroused interest at an exhibition here.

paintings and unique art forms have always inspired him, and his creations are now admired by many. He is now considered to be the only

"The art is made from ised by the department of

Explaining the process of

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