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### LG exhorts people...

Baramulla who have developed an Apple Grader and are inspiring others to fulfill their dreams.

"I feel proud when I see that young boys and girls are working on new inventions, innovations with enthusiasm", he said.

Sometimes unknown and a new path create fear in our mind. By breaking free of the fear, the youth of J&K are charting a path to success and scripting their own destiny through entrepreneurship, the Lt Governor observed.

One of such inspirations is Safina Mushtaq of Baramulla who decided to become agri-entrepreneur after her studies. Starting with mushroom cultivation, she subsequently diversified in Flower Seedling and Protected Cultivation. With her zeal, she carved out a successful career in agri-business, the Lt Governor said.

He said the youth like Sandur Kumar from Reasi is a shining example of a successful Agri-preneur. Today, he has developed a sustainable business model by combining three areas of businesses, mushroom cultivation, beekeeping and dairy. Such strength, determination, and grit is the real power behind J&K's faster growth, he added.

Peerzada Muqem, a post-graduate in Diplomacy Law and Business tapped the huge business potential of dairy farming. With a milk processing plant and future action plans, Peerzada Muqem is scripting his own success story, the Lt Governor said.

Sharing the suggestions of Shruti Arora, a voice artist from Jammu; Srinagar's GR Ahangar; Rajendra Prasad, Sumit Puri and Rajeshwar Singh from Jammu and Muneeb Mushtaq from Anantnag regarding promotion of voice artists and ghazalists in J&K, public participation in urban governance, Inclusive SMART City and community participation, the Lt Governor directed the concerned departments to take appropriate action.

He also voiced the inputs received from Jammu's Loviesh Kumar, Mudasir Ahmad Mir from Shopian, Veena Jamwal from Samba and Preeti Sharma, a textile artist from Jammu on strengthening the role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in SMART villages and promotion of Textile Art in Jammu and Kashmir.

More than 41,000 citizens have joined the MYGOVJK platform and are voicing their opinion on various topics. Enthusiastic response on these idea-feedback platforms has strengthened public participation in the policy-making, he said.

The Lt Governor also congratulated Dheeraj Bismil and Nighat Nasreen on winning the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2023 for their rich contributions to Dogri and Kashmiri languages, and Balwan Singh Jamoria on winning the Bal Sahitya Puraskar.

### India global bright...

in Amravati in Maharashtra and Navsari in Gujarat, he said and added that they will bolster productivity, foster innovation and generate many employment opportunities.

### Thai monks' 32...

by Bhikkhu Sanghasena Founder and President of MIMC, and the delegation of the IMF led by its convenor Satnam Singh Sandhu who also participated in the peace walk before holding joint prayers for world peace at Shanti Stupa, an official said.

Prominent persons who took part in the march included Thailand ambassador in India.

Pattarat Hongtong, president of Ladakh Gompa Association Tsering Angdus, president of Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) Thupstan Chhewang, president Anjuman Inamia Ashraf Ali Barcha, president of Anjuman Main-ul-Islam Abdul Qayoom and president of the Christian community Sonam Pawez.

"The whole world is going through many challenges. It needs a great leader who can bring peace and harmony and that is our Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is a Karmyogi himself," said Sanghasena, an internationally recognised and respect-

ed Buddhist leader.

He said India is fortunate to have such a great leader who combines spiritual values like yoga, meditation, and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) to the general development of India and the world.

"The whole world is looking at India and Modi to lead the world with ancient wisdom. We all should feel fortunate that India is under the leadership of Modi who spreads peace and harmony," he said, adding Modi has emerged as a global peace-maker.

Sanghasena said under Modi, the global perception of India has changed and it has emerged as a strong nation.

Sandhu, in his address, said Modi has elevated all the minorities in the country during the nine years and addressed their protracted issues.

"PM Modi took the historic decision of making Ladakh a separate Union Territory (UT), a long-pending demand of the Buddhist community, which opened the doorways for the development to reach this region. The long-pending demand was finally fulfilled by Modi," he said.

He said the demand for separate UT was first raised in the 1950s by the Buddhist community. "The welfare of minorities is at the core of the policy-making of Modi's government. He has brought a new ray of hope for these communities who were largely sidelined by the previous governments and only seen as a vote bank."

He said minority communities in the country are feeling safe and prospering under the leadership of Modi and are now part of India's holistic development.

"The whole world appreciates the initiatives taken by PM Modi for the welfare of minority communities. His contributions to peacemaking and the promotion of a culture of peace are taking the teachings of lord Buddha to every corner of the world," he said. Pornechai Palawadhammo, the president of Thailand-based World Alliance of Buddhists (WAB) who was also a part of the yatra, said India is the motherland of Buddhism and it teaches peace.

"India and Thailand can work together and create peace for the world. Indian PM Modi is a powerful and popular man and he understands the teachings of Buddha and he practices them," he said.

Mentioning the positive role played by Modi in peacemaking between Russia and Ukraine, he praised him for spreading the message of peace and acting as a peace-maker to solve the conflict.

### Army's QRTs thwarted...

and well-being of all participants," the spokesperson said.

He pointed out that the yatra that attracts devotees from around the world is known for its religious and spiritual importance.

"Acknowledging the significance of this pilgrimage and the necessity to maintain a secure environment, the Army has deployed well-trained and highly responsive QRTs to oversee the safety operations along NH-44. Over the last few weeks, the QRTs have demonstrated exemplary professionalism and resilience," the spokesperson added.

He said their swift response and proactive measures have effectively mitigated potential risks, ensuring a smooth and secure journey for the pilgrims. The pilgrims have acknowledged the unwavering dedication of the Indian Army in upholding the highest standards of safety and security during the yatra, the spokesperson said.

He said the round-the-clock efforts, selflessness and commitment of the QRTs have been instrumental in creating an environment that is conducive to a peaceful pilgrimage experience.

"The Army remains fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all Amarnath pilgrims. With the support of the QRTs, the Army aims to provide a secure environment, allowing the pilgrims to embark on their spiritual journey with peace of mind," the spokesperson said.

### J&K land for...

pro-people measure. Time has gone when such leaders were considering government assets untouchable for common people. This is PM Narendra Modi's government whose objective is to rehabilitate and uplift the poor of Jammu & Kashmir", he added.

Pala son of Mohd Sultan resident of Kulhama.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tangmarg and investigation has been taken up.

### 4 drug peddlers arrested, psychotropic substance recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested 04 drug peddlers on Sunday and recovered psychotropic substance from their possession.

As per details, a Police Party led by SHO Police Station Tarzoo at a checkpoint established at Railway crossing Amargarh intercepted 04 suspicious persons who tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully. During search, 984 tablets of SpasmoProxylon Plus were recovered from their possession. The have been identified as Zubair Ahmad Ganie son of Ghulam Muhammad resident of Badambagh Sopore, Junaid Ahmad Shah son of Ghulam Nabi resident of Neharpora Sopore, Muhammad Asif Mir son of Mushtaq Ahmad resident of Shalpora Sopore and Rouf Ahmad Chopan son of Muhammad Subhan resident of Lolab Kupwara. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case FIR No. 61/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tarzoo and further investigation has been initiated.

### Police seeks help of public in identifying male body recovered from Holy Cave

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police recovered an unidentified male dead body from Holy Cave. The dead body is kept in mortuary at PHC Sonmarg for identification.

Anybody having any information regarding the identity of the deceased person, may kindly inform Anantnag Police on 9596777671, 9596777625, 9596777642 or Police Control Room Kashmir on 112.



### 9 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Station Akhnoor, Police Posts Talab Tillo, Chatha and Chinore acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 09 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include One tipper bearing Registration No JK02AS 3129 seized by Akhnoor Police; 5 vehicles Le 03 tractors bearing Registration Nos. JK02 CX5368, JK02AS6814, JK02DC 1788, 01 tractor trolley bearing Chassis No MBNAK48ACPTTF04505 and one mini load carrier bearing Registration No JK02DD 6951, by Talab Tillo Police; 2 vehicles i.e one tractor trolley bearing Registration no. JK02DD-1009 and one tractor trolley bearing Chassis no. 1VY5105DEMA034756, by Chatha Police and One tractor trolley without Registration No by Chinore Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Akhnoor Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq, In-Charge Police Posts Talab Tillo PSI Sonu Choudhary, Chatha-PSI Harjinder Paul Singh and Chinore-PSI Rajesh Kumar in their respective jurisdiction.

### Missing woman traced, reunited with family

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday traced a missing woman and reunited her with his family.

As per details, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Satwari by husband of a missing woman stating that she went missing from her home. In this regard missing report was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Satwari led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Satwari Inspr Sumeet Sharma did strenuous efforts and finally traced the missing woman. Subsequently family of the missing woman was informed and she was handed over to her family after completing all the legal formalities.

### Bootlegger arrested, 52 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 52 bottles of 180 ml from his possession. As per details, a team of Police Station Khour led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal Sharma assisted by SHO Khour Inspr Rahul Mahajan and In-Charge Police Post Pallanwala ASI Raj Singh while on naka duty rounded up the accused namely Bachan Lal, son of Bholla Ram resident of Millan di khui Tehsil Khour Distt Jammu coming on a motorcycle (JK02CS-3009). During search, 52 bottles of illicit liquor of 180 ml each were recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No.70/2023 under section 48(a) Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Khour.

### When India speaks...

engineers from the country working alongside those from abroad. People here will also get employment in large numbers, he said, adding special railway tracks will be constructed to carry the missiles.

He said about 100 gym parks have been built at Lucknow and there are plans to set up about 500 parks and open gyms.

He said that community-cum-old age care centres would be set up in all the five assembly constituencies of Lucknow at a cost of Rs 40 crore.

### FM for strengthening...

architecture, she said, these have helped shape the discourse towards jurisdictions not only adopting a more holistic approach to financial crimes, but also aided them to collaborate with one another.

"We hope that the G20 continues exploring the options to further strengthen the global architecture to fight financial crime and assist jurisdictions in enhancing their law enforcement capacity," she said.

The minister said that there was scope for evolving solutions that can help tackle financial crimes in a more synchronised and effective way.

The G20 has helped spearhead a number of reforms to the global tax, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering architecture, which has helped shape the discourse towards jurisdictions not only adopting a more holistic approach to financial crimes, but also aided them to collaborate with one another, she added.

In addition to increased cooperation between law enforcement agencies and enhanced capacity building, Sitharaman said, "it is also imperative that we remain alive to the emerging risks to financial transparency. In this context, the progress of work towards the development of the Crypto-Asset Reporting Framework and the update to the Common Reporting Standard is a welcome step."

Besides these, she said, "we should also examine closely whether there are any other classes of assets, in respect of which information needs to be shared in a systematic way amongst jurisdictions."

With the advancement in technologies and openness in international trade and commerce, criminals have started utilising sophisticated measures to transfer illegal proceeds across borders through multi-layered transactions involving various forms of assets including Financial Assets, Crypto Assets and Real Estate, she said.

During tax investigations, she said, tax administrations acquire access to large amounts of incriminating information obtained through tax treaties, which could have relevance for investigations in other financial crimes.

However, she said, the disclosure of such information to the other domestic law enforcement agencies is subject to seeking consent from the foreign jurisdiction for the use of such information for non-tax purposes.

In this regard, she said, "we welcome the recent report of the Global Forum that will assist interested jurisdictions to streamline the processes involved in obtaining consent for the use of information obtained through tax treaties for non-tax purposes." The suggestions in the report would help make the process of obtaining consent from foreign jurisdictions more efficient and speedy, she said.

In leveraging the interconnectedness of investigation in tax evasion, corruption and money laundering, she said, there is scope for evolving solutions that can help tackle financial crimes in a more synchronised and effective way.

### Cong had committed...

on Sunday said it will oppose the ordinance amending the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, which curtails the Delhi government's powers over bureaucracy.

"Exactly what the Congress President had conveyed & committed to the AAP leadership when we met in Patna. The Congress was unequivocal about their stand with regard to the Ordinance," Abdullah tweeted.

Fifteen Opposition parties had met at Patna on June 23 to chalk out a joint strategy to take on the BJP, but the AAP skipped the post-meet press conference alleging the Congress was non-committal on its support against the ordinance.

Abdullah's statement assumes significance as he was present at the meeting.

### Most of 22 ambulances unused due to lack of drivers

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: A shortage of ambulance drivers has been alleged to be the chief reason behind the death here in Poonch district's Mendher sub division of a pregnant woman, who could not be rushed fast enough to a hospital in an ambulance for there was no one to drive it.

Most of nearly two dozen ambulances have been lying unused due to a shortage of drivers in Mendhar sub division for the last more than four months.

Only four ambulance drivers have been posted by the health department in the sub division, near the Line of Control, about 60 kms south of the district headquarters.

Rukhsana Kousar, 35, died on June 24 while being shifted to a sub district hospital in Mendhar from a Public Health Centre in Mankote in a load carrier because there was no ambulance driver.

The doctor and the pharmacist were also allegedly absent from the PHC when the patient arrived there for treatment.

Action has been recommended against both by the Block Medical Officer since.

"There is no doubt that we are running short of ambulance drivers ambulances are available in all PHCs and health sub centres in the sub division, most of them provided by Panchayat Raj Institution (PRI) members," Block Medical Officer Mendhar Javid Choudhary said.

He said every effort is being made to ensure that the critical care patients and pregnant women do not face any issue.

Choudhary also claimed that the ambulance service is available round-the-clock through 108 and 102 helpline in Mendhar; the location of the main hospital in the entire sub division.

Quoting sources in the Health Department, PTI reported that many ambulance drivers hired by the

department had left four months ago, alleging they were not being paid their salaries regularly.

At least 22 ambulance drivers are required to make the ambulance fleet fully functional, even though the rules demand that a minimum of three drivers are needed for



each ambulance to ensure a round-the-clock functioning of the vital service, they said.

Imran Zaffer, District Development Council member from Mankote Tehsil, which along with Balakote tehsil also comes under the sub division, called the lack of drivers, and the death because of it, unfortunate..

"It takes almost three hours to reach Mendhar. We lost a pregnant woman recently as there was no ambulance driver at the PHC and the doctor was also missing. Her family engaged a load carrier to shift her to Mendhar but she died," Zaffer said.

He said the border areas of Balakote and Balnoi are also finding difficulties in shifting patients to the Mendhar hospital. "There is a need to upgrade all PHCs in border villages and ensure that ambulance drivers are available."

Zaffer said he has already raised the issue with the Poonch deputy commissioner, who assured him that a plan was being worked out to do away with the problem of drivers.

Habibullah Khan, a former Sarpanch of Mustafa Nagar, requested Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for his intervention in making the ambulance service efficient in the sub-division.

"There is a shortage of doctors and we are forced to shift pregnant women to Government Medical College in Rajouri, but we don't have the facilities," he said.

## CRIME REPORT

### Cop restores lost bag of Amarnath pilgrim

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A policeman restored lost bag to Amarnath pilgrim at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar.

As per details, a bag of a devotee of Amarnath containing cash of Rs 9000, cards and other belongings was found by SI Rashpal Singh of Security wing deployed at frisking point at Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar. After announcement the devotee was identified as Arvind Choudhary, resident of Indore, Madhya Pradesh and the bag along with cash, other belongings was handed over to the concerned devotee. The senior police officers and devotees at the yatri Niwas have appreciated the act of honesty of Police Officer.



### 6 involved in illicit drug trade, crime against woman & timber smuggling arrested

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Sunday arrested 6 persons involved in illicit drug trade, crime against woman & timber smuggling in four different cases registered in the district and Charas, Opium straw, Timber has been seized.

The arrested accused persons have been identified as Jagpal Singh, son of Jaimal Singh resident of Teda tehsil and district Samba, Sumeer Kumar son of Buchi Lal resident of Chakra Chack Parotian tehsil Hiranagar district Kathua, Vinay Sharma son of Girdhari Lal resident of Supwal district Samba, Om parkash son of Chajju Ram resident of Muthi Khurd Ghagwal district Samba, Anil & Deepak.

While three accused namely Jagpal Singh son of Jaimal Singh resident of Teda tehsil and district Samba, Anil & Deepak were arrested under relevant sections of NDPS Act, Vinay & Om were arrested for assault on girl student & others and Sumeer was arrested for timber smuggling.

Four separate cases - FIR No. 177/2023 under sections 8/15 NDPS Act Police Station Samba, FIR No. 172/2023 under sections 8/15/20/27/29 NDPS Act Police Station Samba, FIR No. 56/2023 under sections 379 IPC & 26 Forest Act and FIR No. 174/2023 under sections 307/323/147/148 IPC.

The accused were arrested by the police teams headed by I/C PP Goran PSI Sajid Jaral, I/C PP Supwal PSI Deepika Jalotra, SHO Police Station Samba Rajeshwar Singh, SHO Police Station Ghagwal Bharat Bhushan.

### 5 arrested, 5 vehicles seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police on Sunday arrested 5 persons and seized 5 vehicles in Baramulla.

A police party under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg Shri Intiaz Ahmed-JKPS assisted by SHO PS Tangmarg seized 05 vehicles (4 tipper, 1 tractor) and arrested 05 drivers for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Kulhama-Shrai. They have been identified as Firdous Ahmad Magray son of Gh Rasool resident of Chandil Wanigam, Mohd Shafi Ganie son of Gh Rasool resident of Reram, Ajaz Ahmad Dar son of Ab Gaffar resident of Mahayan, Gh Rasool Malik son of Gh Mohd resident of Pariswani & Bashir Ahmad

