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and supply of system equipment such as inverters, cables, trackers, and other parts. The AC meeting chaired by the LG was also attended by Advisor to LG Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary Atal Dulloo and Principal Secretary to LG Mandeep K Bhandari. It was decided in the meeting to accelerate deployment of Rooftop Solar Projects across all government owned buildings in J&K.

Khadi, handloom sale...

He also recalled unveiling the tallest statue of the great Ahom warrior Lachit Borphukan, a symbol of indomitable courage and bravery. Noting that he has often spoken about the menace of substance abuse, Modi said every family is worried that their child may get caught in the tentacles of drugs. To help such people, the government has opened a special centre, named 'Manas', the Prime Minister said and described it as a big step in the fight against drug abuse. "The government has issued a toll-free number '1933'. Anyone can call on this number to get necessary advice or information related to rehabilitation. "If anyone has any other information related to drugs, they can also share it with the Narcotics Control Bureau by calling this number. All information shared with 'Manas' is kept confidential," Modi said. Highlighting that 70 per cent of the tiger population in the world is in India, he said this will make people proud. In this context, Modi praised the "Tiger Mitras" who are trained to ensure that there is no human-tiger conflict in the territories inhabited by the majestic beasts. Friends, along with the increase in tiger population, forest area in our country is also increasing rapidly. In that too, great success is being achieved through community efforts, he said. "Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra is one of the main habitats of tigers. The local communities here, especially our brothers and sisters of the Gond and Mana tribes, have taken rapid strides towards eco-tourism. They have reduced their dependence on the forest so that the activities of tigers can increase here," the prime minister said. With Independence Day approaching, he urged people to upload selfies with the national flag on the website harghartiranga.com, saying the campaign has caught on with every section of society.

CUET-UG results...

CUET-UG 2024. On July 19, a retest for more than 1,000 candidates whose grievances were found genuine by the agency was conducted. Candidates were given an opportunity to challenge the provisional answer key between July 7 and July 9. "In this duration, about 9,512 answer key challenges were received out of which 1782 were unique challenges. Candidates were also given representation through e-mails and letters. Those were also shown to the subject experts concerned. Based on their feedback and after incorporating the changes, the final answer keys were prepared which were used in preparing the results of the CUET (UG)-2024," a senior NTA official said. The merit list will be prepared by the 283 universities that participated in the CUET-UG 2024 based on the scorecard provided by the agency and they will hold their admission counselling sessions based on this. Other subjects that had a high number of full marks scorers, included 835 in Biology/Biological Studies/Biotechnology /Biochemistry, 430 in Economics/Business Economics, 398 in Chemistry, 373 in Geography/Geology and 180 in Agriculture. Five candidates across the country scored full marks in Mathematics/Applied Mathematics, 17 in Legal Studies. One candidate each scored full marks in Telugu, French, Japanese and Russian language subjects. Initially, the CUET-UG results were scheduled to be declared on June 30, but the NTA delayed it, as it was grappling with allegations of paper leak in the NEET-UG, the UGC-NET and the CSIR-UGC-NET exams. The CUET-UG, which was conducted in the hybrid mode for the first time across the country in May, was cancelled in Delhi a night before the scheduled exam day over "logistical reasons". The exam was held in the national capital later. The NTA had earlier announced that the third edition of the CUET-UG will be completed in seven days and there will be no normalisation of scores as all exams will be conducted in a single shift.

Joint search op...

in the Jammu region in past 50 days, resulting in the loss of lives of 10 security personnel, including two officers, as well as nine pilgrims and injuries to 58 others.

Modi holds deliberations...

day on Sunday. Union ministers Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah and J P Nadda, who is also the National President of the party, were part of the meeting. The two-day 'Mukhyamantri Parishad' began on Saturday. In his remarks, Modi has emphasised the need to ensure saturation coverage of welfare schemes going on in the BJP-ruled states, saying they should be seen as an example of good governance. He, sources said, noted the efforts of the BJP-run governments to help different sections of society, especially the poor. He said on X on Saturday, "Our Party is working tirelessly to further good governance and fulfil the aspirations of the people." The "Mukhyamantri Parishad" organised by the BJP at regular intervals is aimed at reviewing key schemes in states, following the best governance practices and the delivery of central government welfare initiatives. Chief Ministers Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh), Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam), Bhajanlal Sharma (Rajasthan) and Mohan Charan Majhi (Odisha) were among the leaders who attended the meeting here. The Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Manipur and Chhattisgarh were also part of the deliberations. The leaders at times also take stock of the political situation. The meeting comes in the wake of the presentation of the Union budget, with the opposition targeting the government for allegedly ignoring other states at the expense of Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. It is also the first meeting following the Lok Sabha polls in which the BJP's performance was underwhelming as the party lost its majority in the Lower House of Parliament. Party leaders, though, added that governance issues are at the centre of the discussions at the meeting. The last such meeting was held in February.

J&K Congress holds...

and Kashmir and the issues of the people that need to be addressed through the election manifesto," he said. "There was a mood for alliances in Parliament elections. Today, we are discussing whether we should continue the alliance and, if yes, in what form. Some people who were rejected in the Parliament elections have also approached us. We are deliberating all aspects," Karra said. The Congress leader said the party has formed manifesto committees which have been tasked to identify the issues of the people that need to be addressed. "We will be giving guarantees which are workable. We will not talk about anything that we cannot do. Some people are making promises just for the sake of popularity," he added. On the increase in terror attacks in the Jammu region, Karra said it was unfortunate and a matter of concern. "The tall claims of the government and LG administration have fallen flat. These attacks in Jammu, which was hitherto militancy-free, are unfortunate and a matter of concern," he said. Karra said the government must revisit its policy on how to deal with the situation in Jammu and Kashmir and its people. "We have been saying this for the past 10 years that jingoism is not going to work. The government needs to revisit its policy," he said.

Over 1,600 pilgrims...

for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. Since June 28, when Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch from Jammu, a total of 1,36,984 pilgrims have embarked from the Jammu base camp. More than 4.51 lakh pilgrims have offered prayers at the naturally-formed ice lingam at the cave shrine so far this year. The yatra has crossed last year's figures of 4.5 lakh pilgrims in less than a month this year. The yatra commenced on June 29 and is scheduled to conclude on August 19.

Amid rising attacks..

raised regarding the detection of tunnels used by terrorists to infiltrate into the Indian territory, with experts calling for prioritising solutions to this growing challenge. As Jammu faces a new wave of violence, experts believe that the call for a strategic reassessment underscores the urgency of addressing the shifting dynamics of terrorism in the region. **36 killed, 162...** said. However, firing is still continuing in some other parts of the district. An official said efforts were being made to reach a ceasefire in the remaining areas too. The tribal fighters have vacated the trenches, which are now under the control of the law enforcers. Clashes broke out between the two tribes over a land dispute four days ago. The clashes spread to other areas, including Peewar, Tangi, Balishkhel, Khaar Kalay, Maqbal, Kunj Alizai, Para Chamkani and Karman. Locals residents said rivals were using heavy and sophisticated weapons, including mortar shells and rocket launchers, against each other. They said that mortar and rocket shells were also fired on Parachinar and Sadda, the main cities in the Kurram tribal district.

14 vehicles seized, 14 arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

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BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining & transportation of minerals, Police have seized 14 vehicles & arrested 14 drivers in Baramulla. A Police party under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla, SDPO Pattan & SDPO Tangmarg assisted by SHO's of PS Baramulla, Kunzer, Tangmarg & Incharge Police Post Palhallan, seized 14 vehicles (3 Dumpers, 8 Tipper's, 3 Tractors) & arrested 14 drivers involved in illegal extraction/ transportation of minerals at Khore Sherabad. They have been identified as Riyaz Ahmad Ganie son of Mohd Subhan resident of Zehanpora Boniyar, Shaheen Ahmad Khan son of Nazim Din resident of Kanispora, Suhail Ahmad Rather son of Riyaz Ahmad resident of Delina, Hilal Ahmad son of Ali Mohd resident of Hamechipora Khag, Pir Momin son of Pir Mushtaq resident of Poshker Khag, Owais Gani Shah son of Ab Gani resident of Batapora, Aijaz Ahmad Shah son of Bashir Ahmad resident of Takia Batpora, Ab Qayoom Mir son of Gh Nabi resident of Wussan, Aijaz Ahmad Dar son of Ab Khaliq resident of Bungam, Manzoor Ahmad Reshi son of Gh Ahmad resident of Shr'ai, Sajad Ahmad Dar son of Nazir Ahmad resident of Jalsheeri, Mohd Iqbal Malik son of Gh Mohd resident of Drangbal, Sajad Ahmad Chopan son of Ab Salam resident of Zoogiyar & Mohd Ashraf Dar son of Noor Mohd resident of Khanpora. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered and investigations have been initiated.

11 landlords booked for not providing tenant details in Samba

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SAMBA: Eleven case FIRs have been registered against the house/land owners in district Samba for violating DM Order US 163 Bhartiya NagrikSurakshaSahinta who failed to provide the information/details of tenants/outside's residing across the district to District Police Samba. The verification process was initiated by the Police for the outsiders staying as tenants and domestic helpers. During the drive, five cases were registered at Police Station Samba, three cases each at Police Station Ghagwal and Vijaypur respectively under relevant sections of the BharatiyaNyayaSanhita (BNS). The booked house owners/land owners have been identified as Ravi Kumar S/o Shamsher Singh R/o Sinki Samba, Veeka Sharma S/o Puran Chand R/o Bain Camp Samba, DarshanLal S/o SaiDass R/o Sadho Samba, Makhani Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o Sadho Samba (5) Balwan Singh S/o Amar Singh R/o Sadho Samba, PremNath S/o Kaka Ram R/o MalaniRajpura, Pankaj Kumar S/o KasturiLal R/o LalaChackRajpura, Luthal Gupta S/o Bhadur Chand R/o Rappura, Baj Ram S/o Prithvi Raj R/o ShivanagarVijaypur, Sujata Rani W/o Shamsher Singh R/o Vijaypur and SurinderKour W/o Jaswant Singh R/o Vijaypur. It is pertinent to mention that District Magistrate Samba has already issued the orders for the owners to get the police verification of the tenants done. Samba Police appeals to its citizens to come forward and provide the com-

From PM Modi to sporting icons, India rejoice Manu Bhaker's historic Olympic medal

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NEW DELHI: Ace shooter Manu Bhaker's historic bronze medal in the Paris Olympics was celebrated far and wide across India with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the sports fraternity joining the country in hailing her achievement on Sunday. A resilient Bhaker became the first Indian woman shooter to claim an Olympic medal by finishing third in the 10m air pistol event, a triumph that opened the country's account in the Paris Games and ended a 12-year wait for its much-hyped shooters. "A historic medal! Well done, @realmanubhaker, for winning India's FIRST medal at #ParisOlympics2024! Congrats for the Bronze. This success is even more special as she becomes the 1st woman to win a medal in shooting for India. An incredible achievement!" PM Modi tweeted as people rejoiced by bursting crackers in parts of the country. President Droupadi

Murmu said her feat, coming exactly three years after a forgettable Games debut in Tokyo, is going to inspire many sportspersons. "Heartiest congratulations to Manu Bhaker for opening India's medal tally with her bronze medal in the 10 metre air pistol shooting event at the Paris Olympics," she said. "She is the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in a shooting competition. India is proud of Manu Bhaker. Her feat is going to inspire many sportspersons, especially women. I wish she scales greater heights of accomplishment in the future," she added. Sports Minister Mansukh Mandavija said, "A proud moment, @realmanubhaker wins Bharat's first medal, a BRONZE in Women's 10m Air Pistol at #ParisOlympic2024!" "Congratulations Manu, you have displayed your skill & dedication, you have become 1st woman shooter to win an Olympic medal," he added. Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar expressed his

delight at Bhaker's moment of triumph in the French capital while hailing her remarkable comeback after the disappointment in Tokyo. "Off the mark in the medal tally and on the mark with the shooting! Congratulations, @realmanubhaker, on bagging India's first medal at the Paris Olympics. "After overcoming the heartbreak in Tokyo, you have shown immense strength & determination to win a bronze at #Paris2024, and made India proud," Tendulkar tweeted. The 22-year-old Bhaker's relentless dedication, hard work, and passion have truly paid off, said India's first individual Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra. "Heartiest congratulations to Manu Bhaker for clinching the bronze medal in the air pistol event at Paris 2024! Your relentless dedication, hard work, and passion have truly paid off," Bindra wrote on X. "It's incredible to witness your skill and determination, bringing pride to India with

each shot. This achievement is a testament to your perseverance and determination. Keep shining, Manu!," he added. The 22-year-old Bhaker, who hails from Jhajjar in Haryana, fought hard to get the bronze with a score of 221.7. Sports administrator Nita Ambani called it "an incredible moment". "Our youngest woman shooter has opened India's tally at the Paris 2024 Olympics with a bronze. Congratulations, Manu Bhaker! As the first Indian woman to win in the 10 m air pistol at the Olympics and our youngest Indian shooter to do so, you've made history," Ambani said. "I'm sure your success today will inspire young athletes across India to dream big and give it their all. Keep the Indian flag flying high. Go India Go make us all proud!" Ambani, an IOC member, added. The pistol ace's father Ramkishan said she reaped the rewards for her hard work.

"We are extremely happy and all of our friends are congratulating us. Her hard work has paid off, and Manu has finally done it," he told PTI Videos. "I thank you all for supporting her, and I hope you all will continue to bless her," her mother Sumedha said. Bhaker's uncles were also among those present at her residence in Jhajjar to join the celebrations. "I am very happy. I motivated her very much... I told her to respect elders and believe in herself. This is a very big achievement in Olympics," said Pratap Singh, her uncle. "She has my blessings," her grandmother Daya Kaur said. Bhaker's uncle Baljeet Singh expressed, "We hoped for a gold medal but we are still happy. She is the youngest Indian woman to win a medal. She is very hard working. We hope in the remaining events, she will clinch gold medals."

India beat SL by 7 wickets in rain-hit match, bag T20I series 2-0

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PALLEKELE (SRI LANKA): India beat Sri Lanka by seven wickets in a rain-affected second T20I of the three-match series to take an unassailable 2-0 lead here on Sunday. Chasing a revised target of 78 in eight overs, skipper Suryakumar Yadav (26, 12b, 4x4, 1x6) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (30, 15b, 3x4, 2x6) batted well as India romped home in 6.3 overs under DLS method. Earlier, Kusal Perera made an aggressive fifty but leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi struck three crucial blows as India restricted Sri Lanka to a below-par 161 for nine before rain interrupted India's chase at 6 for no loss in 0.3 overs. Perera (53, 34b, 6x4, 2x6) led Lanka's charge in the company of Pathum Nissanka (32, 24b, 5x4). But Bishnoi (3/26) took three wickets, two in as many balls, as India snapped the hosts' charge in the middle and end overs. Brief scores: Sri Lanka: 161/9 in 20 overs (Kusal Perera 53, Pathum Nissanka 32; Ravi Bishnoi 3/26, Hardik Pandya 2/24, Arshdeep Singh 2/24) lost to India: 81/3 in 6.3 overs (Suryakumar Yadav 26, Yashasvi Jaiswal 30).