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to Pakistan and it will have far-reaching consequences since it's dependent on Indus River system," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the historic step has marked a new beginning, and reiterated Government of India's commitment to utilize India's water exclusively for the benefit of its citizens.

"India's water will now flow within India and remain in India. With the termination of Indus Water treaty, we now have full control over the Jhelum and Chenab rivers, he said further adding that the termination of IWT will ensure immense benefit to J&K, which will be able to harness its real hydro power potential, the barren areas of Jammu can be irrigated and there will be new momentum in the development of infrastructure in Jammu Kashmir.

He said India will now create infrastructure, power plants and diversion to new areas with proper infrastructure to use the water and it will enable construction of new reservoirs.

The Lieutenant Governor citing the debate in Parliament in November 1960 and statements of prominent leaders in the house also observed that Indus Water Treaty was a historical mistake, unfair, one-sided and hampered infrastructure development in Jammu Kashmir and restricted growth of development projects.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor also paid tribute to the civilians who were martyred in the Pakistan sponsored terrorist attack in Pahalgam.

He also reiterated his resolve to honor and deliver justice to the terror victims of Jammu Kashmir.

"No Terror Victim Families will be left behind. It is being ensured that Family members, who have been waiting for justice for decades, will receive jobs, financial assistance and necessary handholding. Their culprits will not be spared. The properties of terror victims which were encroached by terrorists or terror sympathisers will be vacated soon," the Lieutenant Governor said.

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## Over 6,000 pilgrims...

camp of Nunwan-Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal in separate convoys under tight security arrangements in the early hours of the day, they said.

While 3,514 pilgrims left for Pahalgam in a convoy of 119 vehicles, 2,851 pilgrims travelling in 92 vehicles preferred the Baltal route, officials said.

Over 2.75 lakh pilgrims have so far paid their obeisance at the shrine, which houses a naturally formed Shivalingam.

## Drug peddler detained...

in multiple cases, said a police spokesperson.

Taking cognizance of his continuous involvement in such illegal activities, the competent authority issued the detention orders under the PITNDPS Act following which he has been lodged in a jail in Jammu, he added.

The spokesperson said this action is part of an ongoing crackdown on drug smuggling to curb the spread of narcotics and safeguard the youth of Rajouri from the effects of drug abuse.

Meanwhile, a notorious drug peddler, identified as Jai Pratap Singh, was arrested along with five grams of heroin near Paloura Talab in Jammu on Saturday.

Singh was on a two-wheeler when he was intercepted by a police patrolling party and was subsequently booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, he added.

## Congress doing negative...

"Havan mein haddiyan mat dalo (Do not sabotage the good work). If you don't stop, then even the few of you who remain in the picture will not be visible even with the help of a telescope," Shah warned the Congress leaders in the state.

He said India was all set to become the third-largest economy in the world by 2027 under the leadership of Narendra Modi.

He said that when Atal Bihari Vajpayee demitted office, India was the 11th largest economy in the world.

"From that position, Narendra Modi has led the country to the fourth position and I assure you, it is all set to become the third largest economy in the world by 2027," he said.

In ten years, there has been a 60 per cent increase in the length of national highways built across the country, the exports have gone up by 76 per cent, 88 new airports have been built and 25 crore poor have risen above the poverty line, he said.

However, a developed India is not possible without a developed Uttarakhand, he said and showered praise on Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhani for starting the implementation process of MoUs worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore.

"It is a big achievement as bringing investments to the hills is more difficult than bringing investments to the plains. The chief minister introduced 30 new policies, including on tourism, MSME, startups, film city and the service sector to make it easier for investors to invest in the state.

## CIK detains 10...

encrypted messaging application' which is widely used by terrorists/handlers from across for coordinating, financing and executing a variety of terrorist related activities, including recruitment into terrorist ranks, they said.

"These individuals /users are suspected to be in touch with adversaries, including Abdullah Gazi, a Pak-based LeT/ JeM terrorist handler across the border," the officials said.

Maintaining an element of surprise, the searches were meticulously planned and conducted in furtherance of the investigation by the CIK into this terrorist recruitment/financing module of the JeM/LeT terrorist outfit, operating from a known city in Pakistan which has been established by peeking into the server of encrypted messaging application, they said.

The officials said that the terrorist commander/ handler was in continuous touch with these local Kashmiri youth and was reportedly trying to radicalise them for recruitment into terrorist ranks.

The terrorist commander/handler is operating in close coordination with Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI, they said.

The officials said that a large number of documentary evidence and digital devices having bearing on the investigation of the case were seized during searches.

"So far, 10 suspects have been rounded up. Analysis of the data would follow and leads that would emerge would become the basis for further investigation," they added.

The officials further said the operation is primarily aimed at prevention and saving the lives and careers of local youth from falling prey to the designs of terror organisations.

"It is also aimed to uncover crucial evidence, curb illicit activities, prevent the misuse of communication devices such as mobile phones and dismantling the terror ecosystem in the UT by identifying terrorist associates/ Over Ground Workers (OGWs) supporting and abetting terrorism, and also ensuring legal action against them as envisaged by the law of the land," they added.

## DGP reviews security...

contribution of Army, along with other sister agencies, in maintaining a robust counter-infiltration grid and supporting civil authorities in sensitive areas, the spokesperson said.

Their active collaboration with the Police, Central Armed Police Forces, and intelligence agencies in high-risk zones was appreciated, particularly in securing yatra convoys and strengthening area domination to ensure a peaceful and incident-free environment, he added.

The DGP directed the officers to maintain close synergy and real-time coordination to effectively respond to any emerging security challenges.

## Handmade products exports...

conflicts. "While Kani, Sozni shawls and hand-knotted carpets continue to lead exports, the other products exported include crevel, papier mache, chain stitch and wood carving items," the official added.

The official urged the exporters to avail Export Subsidy Scheme notified by the Government, which provides incentive of 10 per cent of the total volume of GI-registered handloom/ handicraft export products to any country with maximum reimbursement up to Rs 5 crore in favour of eligible exporters registered with the Department.

Highlighting the government's strategy for welfare of artisan community, the official said the Department has a well-established Design Studio in the Indian Institute of Carpet Technology here and unique prototypes conceived by the School of Designs and Craft Development Institute.

"We urge the business stakeholders to access these designs and packaging models to add value to their products in high-end global markets," the official said.

## J&K Bank organizes...

Mission Director (MY) Shahzad Alam was guest-of-honour and Deputy Commissioner (Ganderbal) Jatin Kishore was special guest amid a large gathering of aspiring youth.

Principal (GDC) Dr Fouzia Naqshbandi, Bank's General Manager (CAM) Ashutosh Sareen, Divisional Head (Kashmir) Shabir Ahmad, Zonal Head (Budgam) Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, DGMs Rakesh Magotra and Tanveer Hussain Farooqi, Cluster Heads Javed Rashid and Masood Ahmad Lanker were also present on the occasion along with other senior administration and Bank officials.

Speaking on the occasion, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee expressed his pleasure at the enthusiasm shown by the youth and reiterated the Bank's commitment to stand firmly behind them.

MD & CEO said, "Mission YUVA is a very unique project that has witnessed support of entire government machinery right from the conception to implementation to ensure that most people especially youth can avail maximum benefits without hassles. And J&K Bank remains steadfast in supporting the Government's vision of empowering youth through sustainable livelihood opportunities."

On behalf of J&K Bank, he assured the people that the Bank will make every possible effort to make Mission YUVA program a success. "I am sure that my team will take forward this project of transformation, which is very closer to my heart, and make it a success", he said.

MD & CEO urged the participants to carry forward the message so that everyone in the district benefits from the mission YUVA. He further said, "Youth-led enterprises are the backbone of local development. By facilitating access to finance under Mission YUVA, we are not just disbursing loans - we are investing in the future of our young entrepreneurs and the economic growth of our region. I advise all the beneficiaries under this project to use their finance in the best possible way so as to generate a dignified livelihood not only for themselves but for many others as well."

He also thanked both the MD Mission YUVA and DC Ganderbal for exhibiting lead roles on the ground.

Expressing his appreciation for the Bank's proactive role, Mission Director (MY) Shahzad Alam remarked, "I am pleased to be part of this milestone event in this transformational journey of Mission YUVA. The collaboration with J&K Bank is a vital part of this mission. And the presence of MD & CEO Shri Amitava Chatterjee at today's event, where so many young people are receiving sanction letters, is not only gesture of leadership but of solidarity with the dreams and aspirations of the youth."

He also appreciated the efforts of Ganderbal administration led by DC Jatin Kishore. "I believe our collective efforts are opening up new pathways of progress and hope", he added.

DC Ganderbal Jatin Kishore expressed his gratitude to the Bank for organising for such an event first time in district Ganderbal and thanked MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee for gracing the occasion.

He further said, "We are committed to continue work in a mission mode to achieve the objectives set by the J&K Government. Under Mission YUVA, we are trying to promote the culture and heritage of this district by getting the artisans and entrepreneurs credit-linked so that they can improve their lives and expand their ventures. I urge all beneficiaries to make full use of this support and become role models in their communities."

General Manger (CAM) Ashutosh Sareen apprised the participants about the benefits of the schemes designed by the Bank under Mission YUVA. He further said, "The entire process of registration is app driven and hassle-free. The steps taken to make this project successful includes counselling, guidance and handholding."

Emphasizing that the success of the mission also depends upon the participation of youth, he said, "I urge all the young entrepreneurs and employment seekers to come forward and register to participate in the process and become job providers."

Earlier, in his welcome address, Divisional Head (Kashmir) Shabir Ahmad said, "This Roz-e-YUVA is a testament to our shared commitment to youth empowerment and livelihood generation in J&K." He called Mission YUVA a vibrant platform to create an enabling ecosystem for ensuring sustainable growth in the economy of this region.

At the Ganderbal event alone, scores of beneficiaries - many of them first time entrepreneurs - received sanction letters under the Mission YUVA schemes.

The program concluded with enthusiastic interactions between the dignitaries and the beneficiaries, reaffirming the Bank's pivotal role as the region's leading financial institution dedicated to realising the objectives of Mission YUVA - creating avenues of employment, promoting entrepreneurship, and empowering the youth to become drivers of economic transformation.

Similar programmes were held across the UT in the districts of Srinagar, Rajouri, and Kupwara etc. that also saw distribution of sanction letters, counselling sessions, and guidance from the Bank's officers.

## Woman dies of...

said. Further investigation is underway to ascertain the cause of firing - whether the bullet was fired deliberately or accidentally, the officials said.

## India won't bow...

U.S. are standing with India in its fight against terrorism. "Today's designation by the U.S isn't just a statement-it's a strategic alignment with India's security concerns," Clugh emphasized.

He called on the global community to go a step further and expose and sanction Pakistan's deep-state operatives, who continue to provide cover and funding to groups like LeT and TRF. He said this moment must serve as a warning to terror sponsors that India under PM Modi is not isolated but globally backed. "This is a message to the enemies of peace: India will not bow down, and the world is standing with us," Clugh concluded.

## Ramban resident abducted...

had fled deep into the forest following the terror attack.

"It has been four days since then. I believe that there is no effort to secure my husband's release from his captors," a visibly upset Devi, a mother of three children, said.

She alleged that her repeated attempts to reach out to the company were being met with cold response.

"I do not know what kind of situation my husband is in. I do not have any idea about the efforts of the local government," Devi said, making a fervent appeal to the Government of India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs minister S Jaishankar to seek Ranjeet Singh's release.

Devi said she met Ramban Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, who gave her a positive response.

"The deputy commissioner said he will do everything in his capacity, but I know the main work is that of our external affairs ministry. If they want, my husband will come home safely," she said.

## Every citizen has...

school curriculum is crucial to offer the young generation great classics of world literature, values and ideals of our ancient civilization and also a treasure of knowledge in science, arts, humanities and mathematics.

The Lieutenant Governor said when the Vedas were composed 6000 years ago, India was the centre of world culture and spirituality. There is no evidence of development of civilization and culture in any other country at that time, he added.

"Thousands of years before the European Renaissance, the foundation of socio-economic progress was laid in India through development in the fields of science, mathematics, astronomy and medicine. The same vibrancy is visible today.

India will soon reclaim its position of Vishwa Guru under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our great country will show the new path to the world. Prime Minister's vision is propelling India's economic growth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the Arya Samaj to spearhead the efforts in disseminating the message of unity, peace, and the collective well-being of humanity.

"The teachings of Swami Dayananda will ensure lasting peace and stability in the world. Today the entire world is acknowledging India's soft power and its spiritual wealth. Today, our society is balancing traditional values with modern advancements. The time has come when India will guide the world towards peace and harmony and institutions like Arya Samaj will have to play a major role," the Lieutenant Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated the people from different walks of life for their outstanding contributions in fostering teachings of Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati.

Prof BN Tripathi, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu; Narender Trehan, President, Arya Pratinidhi Sabha J&K; Prakash Arya, President, Madhya Bhartiya Arya Pratinidhi Sabha; Vinay Arya, General Secretary, Delhi Arya Pratinidhi Sabha; Swami Devrrat Saraswati Secretary, Arya Vee Dal; Acharya Nandita Shastri, Principal, Panini Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Varanasi; senior officials of civil and police administration, religious leaders and prominent citizens were present.

## HIGHLIGHTS...

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## Budha Amarnath Yatra...

The deputy commissioners of Rajouri and Poonch were instructed to ensure adequate accommodation with essential facilities, including power supply, drinking water, langars, parking, waterproof tents, and mobile toilets along the route, the spokesperson said.

Emphasising safety, the IGP stressed strict adherence to convoy timings and urged public awareness for travelling only with the official convoy.

## Vehicle loaded with illegal Khair billets seized, smugglers flee

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JAMMU: Acting on specific information, a team of the Forest Department, under the close supervision of the Range Officer (RO) Jammu Kailash Choudhary and under overall supervision of Divisional Forest Officer, Jammu, successfully intercepted and seized a Maruti 800 (Reg No. JK02M-4355) for illegally transporting Khair Stuff in Jammu Range.

The operation was executed during early Saturday morning by the team of Jammu Range led by Block Officer Manawar Vikram Charak and Block Officer Paloura Sugam Bral with the assistance of Reyaz Ahmed Block Officer Nagrota-II, Vipam Jamwal Forest Guard and Rajeshwar Singh Forest Guard. Upon inspection, the vehicle was found loaded with Khair billets , which were being transported without valid documentation, in violation of the Indian Forest Act (IFA).

As per legal provisions, confiscation proceedings have been promptly initiated against the offenders. The seized vehicle and illicit forest produce have been taken into official custody for further legal action.

## Janipur police nabs two drug peddlers with heroin

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JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough, PSI Rahul Kumar, along with Head Constable Zaheer Hussain Shah and Selection Grade Constable Yogesh Kumar, has apprehended a notorious drug peddler, Jai Pratap Singh, son of Late Nishant Singh, resident of Paloura near Dispensary.

During a routine checking operation near Paloura Talab, the police team signalled a scooter to stop, but the rider attempted to flee the scene. However, the proactive police party swiftly apprehended the accused and recovered 5 grams of heroin substance from his possession.

An FIR No. 104/2025 under relevant sections Of NDPS Act, has been registered at Police Station Janipur, and investigation is underway.

Meanwhile, a team of Janipur Police, led by PSI Basharat Ahmed, along with Sgvt Zameer Singh and Selection Grade Constable Narjeev Sharma, has successfully apprehended a notorious drug peddler, Mohd Tanveer Malik S/O Mohd Sajad R/O Ward No. 10, Mohalla Qasba, Tehsil and District Poonch.

During a routine surveillance operation near Lohan Park, the police team intercepted a scooter, which attempted to flee the scene. However, the vigilant police party swiftly apprehended the accused and recovered 4.17 grams of heroin substance from his possession, along with a khokhri from his scooter.

An FIR No. 105/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act and Arms Act has been registered at Police Station Janipur, and a thorough investigation is underway to unravel the accused's network and connections.

## Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; smuggler arrested, 16 bovines rescued

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, arrested a bovine smuggler and rescued sixteen bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers.

Acting on information received from reliable sources, a team of Police Station Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at NHW Naka Tapyal, signalled to stop a Truck bearing registration No. JK02BH-0467 for its checking. But the driver of the said vehicle accelerated the speed and tried to escape from the spot. The alert cops successfully intercepted the vehicle few meters away from the Naka point. During checking of the vehicle, sixteen bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. The bovine smuggler identified as Gurvinder Singh S/o Shaib Singh R/o Saraspur District Gurdaspur (Punjab) has been arrested and the vehicle used for transportation has also been seized. A case FIR No. 73/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

## Six arrested for brandishing weapons while dancing on ring road

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JAMMU: A disturbing video showing a group of individuals brandishing sharp edged weapons and lathis while dancing on the Ring Road in the Kanachak area recently went viral on social media, raising serious public concern and prompting immediate police intervention.A case FIR No.104/2025 U/S 191(2),(3)BNS & 4/25 Arms Act for unlawful possession of weapons and disturbing public order has been registered in PS Kanachak. Acting swiftly, teams from ICBPP Sandwan, and ICBPP Gajansoo,SHO Kanachak under the supervision of SDPO Domana and SP Rural Jammu, conducted multiple raids at different locations. As a result, six individuals have been arrested, while efforts are ongoing to apprehend others who remain absconding. The apprehended individuals were Mohd Akram @ Bachu; S/O Rashid Abdul R/O Sanasar A/P Rajpura Tehsil Marh District Jammu; Mohd Ameer Monu, S/O Mohd Hanif R/O Ramban A/P Rajpura; Mushtaq Ahmad @ Billa S/O Maiyan R/O Patnitop; A/P Rajpura Tehsil Marh District Jammu; Mohd Maneer @ Ballu, S/O Saif Ali R/O Dub Karam Din Tehsil Marh District Jammu; Sahil Sharma S/O Parshotam Lal R/O Chatha Gujran and Nikhil Nandan S/O Madan Lal R/O Chatha Gujran. Moreover, Two sharp edged weapons and some lathis are recovered from their possession besides One Tata Mobile bearing registration No. JK21H 2517 also seized.

## Man detained under PSA, lodged in district jail Baderwah

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DODA: In a decisive move to ensure public order and maintain communal harmony, the District Police Doda has detained Hafizullah, son of late Mohd Iqbal resident of Village Nilote, Assar, under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

The detention order has been issued by the District Magistrate Doda on the basis of dossier from SSP Doda stating there in that the said individual's act of slaughtering an animal considered sacred and wilfully placing its remains in public place had led to public order situation in the area. The detention order issued by DM Doda aimed at maintaining public order and communal harmony in the district.

## Doda Police organises inter-school debate on drug abuse at Police Public School Doda

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DODA: In a significant step towards engaging the youth in the fight against drug abuse, District Police Doda, under the guidance of Senior Superintendent of Police Doda Sh. Sandeep Mehta (JKPS) , organised an inter-school debate competition at Police Public School (PPS) Doda on Saturday. The event was hosted at the District Police Lines (DPL) Doda and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across ten schools in the district.

Students from institutions such as Police Public School Doda, Chenab Valley Public School, Shaheen Public School, Green Model Higher Secondary School, Aier Public School, Skylark School, Government Middle School Nagri, Asrar-ul-Iqbal Academy, and Kids Kingdom School came together to express their views on the pressing issue of drug abuse. The young speakers passionately articulated their thoughts, emphasizing the importance of awareness, community responsibility, and youth leadership in eradicating the growing drug menace.

The competition was graced by ASP Doda Mohd Aslam (JKPS) as the Chief Guest and DySP DAR Adil Rishu (JKPS), who also serves as the nodal officer of PPS Doda, as the Guest of Honour. The jury comprised Mrs. Rubina, ZEPO Doda, Shabir Ahmed, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, and Sh. Ayaz Mughal, Retired CEO Doda - all of whom applauded the high level of insight and delivery demonstrated by the participants. In a closely contested event, Sanvi Manhas, a Class 7 student of Police Public School Doda, emerged as the winner of the first prize for her eloquent and well-reasoned argument. Usaid-bin-Liyakat of Shaheen Public School secured the second position, while Maahnora Niar from Green Model Higher Secondary School Doda claimed third place with her thoughtful presentation. All participants were honoured with medals and certificates of participation as a token of encouragement and appreciation for their efforts.

Addressing the students, ASP Doda Mohd Aslam JKPS praised their confidence and urged them to become ambassadors of change in their respective communities. DySP DAR doda Adil Rishu also lauded the initiative and encouraged continued student involvement in awareness campaigns and social responsibility programs.

