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Amit Shah directs security forces to continue ops to wipe out terrorism in J&K



Home Minister, Amit Shah chairing a review meeting on Jammu & Kashmir's Security and Development in New Delhi on Thursday. LG Manoj Sinha also participated.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday directed security forces to continue their coordinated efforts through meticulous and well-planned counter-terror operations to wipe out terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

At a review meeting on security situation in Jammu and Kashmir, Shah said the

terrorist eco-system comprising elements that aid, abet and sustain the terrorists and separatists campaign to the detriment of the well-being of common man requires to be dismantled.

"Union Home Minister asked security forces and the police to continue with the coordinated efforts through meticulous and well-planned counter-terrorism operations

to wipe out terrorism. He also said people of Jammu and Kashmir would decisively defeat the proxy war with the help of security forces," an official statement said.

Shah reviewed the working of the security grid and on various actions being taken to reduce the incidents of terrorism over the last few years.

He appreciated the efforts

of the security agencies and administration of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir for the successful conduct of the Amarnath Yatra this year, which was held after a gap of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Home Minister said it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to have a prosperous and peaceful Jammu and Kashmir, and to achieve this, the security forces should strive to make the border and the LoC impregnable.

Once the fear of cross-border movement of terrorists, arms and ammunition is eliminated, the people of Jammu and Kashmir would decisively defeat the proxy war with the help of security forces, he said.

The meeting reviewed the cases registered under the UAPA and it was stressed that the investigation should be timely and effective.

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Five JKAS officers transferred

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JAMMU: The Government on Thursday transferred five JKAS officers.

According to the order issued by Dr. Piyush Singla, Secretary, General Administration Department, Ravinder Kumar Anand, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Samba, has been transferred and posted as General Manager, DIC Ramban; Sanna Khan, JKAS, Deputy

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31 JKAS among 38 officers adjusted as BDOs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Government on Thursday adjusted 38 Junior Scale Officers of JKAS.

"Consequent upon the placement of the service of 38 Junior Scale Officers of JKAS at the disposal of this Department by General Administration Department vide Government Order No. 865-JK(GAD) of 2022 dated, July 22, 2022 and subsequent to their

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J&K economy living up to expectation post Aug 2019: LG

Inaugurates 8th India Int'l MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022 at New Delhi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Asserting that economy of Jammu and Kashmir has been living up to the expectation, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday said that MSMEs export registered 54 per cent growth in the financial year 2021-22 and importer-exporter registration went up by 173 per cent. "Strategic focus on food processing, handicraft and organic products has stimulated the economic growth, the Lt Governor said while inaugurating the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at New Delhi.

The Expo provides a much needed platform to SMEs, startups, trade, industry, service providers to explore new opportunities, buyers-sellers meet, sharing knowledge about central/state's/UTs schemes etc.

Expressing gratitude



LG Manoj Sinha speaking after inaugurating 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at New Delhi.

towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi for bringing a revolution in MSME sector, the Lt Governor said that in the last 8 years the MSME sector has undergone very rapid change. New strength, resilience and global competitiveness of MSMEs will make India a preferred destination for manufacturing for the world, he added.

The Lt Governor said that the Indian MSME sector today can be described as Magical, Steadfast and

Magnificent Enterprises, which is contributing nearly 45 per cent of overall India's exports. The number of initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is driving economic progress and social development, he added.

MSME is the nerve center of the country's business. Our focus is to rejuvenate traditional MSME's with greater access to credit and market linkage to

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Nine SHOs among 14 Insp transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jammu, Chandan Kohli on Thursday nine

to DPL Jammu; Insp Samson Bhatti from DPL Jammu to P/S Jhajar Kotli as SHO; Insp Vikram Sharma from P/S Jhajar

Samson SHO Jhajar Kotli; Vikram Bishnah; Rattan Khour; Pawan RS Pura; Rakesh Pacca Danga; Rahul Kanachak; Kunal City; Rashid Peer Mitha; Sumit Arnia

Station House Officer (SHOs) among 14 Inspectors.

As per order, Insp Rajesh Sharma has been transferred from Police Station (P/S) RS Pura and posted to DPL Jammu; Insp Balvinder Singh from P/S Khour to DPL Jammu; Insp Raghubir Singh from P/S Pacca Danga

Kotli to P/S Bishnah as SHO; Insp Kirti Sharma from P/S Peer Mitha to DPL Jammu; Insp Rattan Singh from DPL Jammu to P/S Khour as SHO; Insp Pawan Kumar from P/S Bishnah to P/S RS Pura as SHO; Insp Devinder Singh from P/S Arnia to DPL Jammu;

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Three terrorists killed, infiltration bid foiled along LoC in Uri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three terrorists were killed as security forces foiled an infiltration bid along the Line of Control (LoC) in Uri sector of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said on Thursday.

The terrorists tried to sneak into this side of the LoC near near Madiyan Nanak post in the Kamalkote area of Uri sector in north Kashmir's Baramulla district, they said.

Srinagar-based PRO, Defence, Col Emron Musavi said an operation was launched following an input from the Army's intelligence



agencies about a possible infiltration bid along the LoC.

"On the afternoon of

August 24, multiple ambushes were laid to trap the infiltrators. Intensive electronic

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2 OGWs arrested from Bandipora

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Thursday arrested two alleged Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of terrorists from Bandipora district, police said.

"Bandipora police & army arrested 02 terrorist associates namely Mohd Yousuf Wani...R/O Pethkoot Bandipora & Manzoor Ah Shah...R/O Bagh Bandipora. 3 pistols, 3 pistol magazines & 5 hand grenades recovered. Case registered. Investigation

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Pak intruder shot at by BSF troops along IB in Samba, narcotics smuggling bid foiled



DIG, BSF, S P S Sandhu briefing media on Thursday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BSF troops foiled a major bid to smuggle narcotics from across the border and shot at and injured a

Pakistani intruder in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district on Thursday, officials said. DIG, BSF, S P S

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LG condoles death of Principal Secretary's mother

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Thursday expressed his heart-felt condolences on the demise of Smt. Mukhrani Devi, mother of Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor.

In a message, the Lt Governor said: I am grieved to learn about the demise of Smt. Mukhrani Devi Ji. May the Almighty give courage and strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss. Prayers for the departed soul.

LSD: Govt constitutes 2 task forces for Jammu, Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In the wake of outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), the Government of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday constituted two dedicated task forces, one each for two divisions of the UT. These task forces to be headed by

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 33.0°C Min: 25.0°C

Humidity
Max: 84 Min: 73

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 23.6°C Min: 17.7°C

Humidity
Max: 91 Min: 76

Sunset : 19:05 Hours
Sunrise : 06:03 Hours

Theft cases on rise in Jammu City; police in deep slumber

10 cases reported from Janipur in a week; over a dozen from others areas



SPECIAL REPORT

JAMMU: In contrary to tall claims made by Jammu police regarding foolproof safety and security of masses and effective check on anti-social elements, especially in Jammu city, it has been observed that the scenario on ground level is completely different.

Although, a theft or burglary is not a new thing for Jammu but from last few days, an unexpected rise has been witnessed in the theft cases, which are being reported from various parts of 'City of Temples' depriving innocent people of hard-earned money and other valuable assets.

The further matter to worry is that despite reporting of theft cases, that too at regular intervals, the Jammu police seem least bothered to initiate some stern action against the accused responsible for the same, as no arrest or recovery has been made. Police, which is responsible for the ensuring safety of

Increase in theft cases creates scare in Jammu City

life and property of people, this time seems lazy and taking benefit of the situation, thieves are ruling the roost, without any fear of law.

Even the role of Jammu police in controlling the menace of sale of Chinese thread (Gattu) in City is also a known fact. Almost all the Kite lovers used only

Gattu on Rakshan Bandan and Janmashtmi as Indian Manja was not at all available in Jammu markets. Jammu police boasted by seizing 400 Gattu and claimed that they achieved a major success. The Ban on Gattu by the district administration was fully violated in Jammu.

Sources informed that even the seized Gattu was either resold in market or distributed by policemen among their families members and friends.

Meanwhile, if reports are to be believed, more than 10 theft cases have been reported at Janipur Police Station during last 7 days. Where on Thursday, thieves targeted a house in Top Paloura area, belonging to one Uttam Singh, and decamped with jewellery worth lakhs, cash, laptop

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Accused in Hawala case, involving ex-J&K minister, held from IGI Airport after deportation from UAE

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir's State Investigation Agency on Thursday arrested an accused from the Delhi airport following his deportation from the UAE in a case of hawala money recovery in which former minister Jatinder Singh alias Babu Singh is an accused.

The former Jammu and Kashmir minister, the main accused in a case related to the recovery of Hawala money meant for subversive activities, was arrested from Kathua district in April. Singh was at large since

March 31 after the police busted a Hawala racket here and issued a lookout notice for him on April 6.

"Today, the State Investigation Agency arrested an accused, Farooq Ahmed Naikoo alias Farooq Tendulkar alias Umar Ghulam Hassan Naikoo, resident of Mohalla Khawaja Sahib Baramulla, from the IGI Airport in Delhi soon after his landing," a senior SLA officer said.

Naikoo's name has figured in various terror-financing transactions during an investigation into the case. Further probe about his role

and involvement is being carried out by the State Investigation Agency, the officer said.

"This is the 1st case of its type wherein a terror financier has been arrested after deportation from United Arab Emirates (UAE), Dubai. The name of the accused has figured in various terror financing transactions during investigation of the instant case and further investigation regarding his role/involvement is being carried out by State Investigation Agency", read an official handout.

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Unemployment or over-employment: J&K Govt sets the record straight

■ PROF HARI OM



JAMMU: Kashmir-based Political parties had been claiming day-in and day-out that the problem of unemployment in Kashmir had assumed alarming proportions and the result was frustration among the Kashmiri youths. The Congress also had been expressing a similar view. Only on August 23, 2022, in-charge of J&K and RS MP, Rajini Patil, and the newly-appointed JKPC chief, Vikar Rasool Wani, and Working president, Raman Bhalla, discussed the issue of unemployment in J&K with former AICC president Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi. "The delegation discussed with Rahul Gandhi the problem of unemployment in the wake of inadequate job opportunities in J&K, while highlighting agony of frustrated youth," a report to this affect emanated from New Delhi that day.

However, it was none other than J&K LG Manoj Sinha who set the record straight during an interview to BBC on August 19. Clearing all the cobwebs of confusion, he, among other things, told BBC that "there are five lakh Government employees and one lakh daily wagers" in J&K and

that "Bihar has population of 13-14 crore but the number of the government employees is less there as compared to J&K". LG Sinha was absolutely correct.

The population of J&K is one crore 36 lakh. As for Kashmir, the population is around 65 lakh but they hold almost four lakh positions in the government and semi-government departments, including Civil Secretariat. Besides, there are around 60,000 daily-wagers in Kashmir. As far as the share of the people of Jammu is concerned, they occupy nearly one lakh positions in the government and semi-government establishments and the number of daily-wagers in Jammu province is not more than 40,000. It needs to be noted that while the unemployment rate in Jammu province is over 69%, it's less than 30% in Kashmir.

What about Bihar? The population of Bihar as per the "Aadhar Statistics in 2021/2022 is 119.46 million" (11 crore 94 lakh). Believe it or not but it is a fact that the total number of government employees in Bihar is just "3.10 lakh" - 90,000 less than Kashmir.

That the powers-that-be have given a very special and preferential treatment to the Kashmiri

youths as far as the vital service sector is concerned can also be seen from the employment statistics relating to Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, to mention only a few.

The population of UP is 23.7 crore and the number of government employees 16 lakh. Maharashtra houses 12 crore 49 lakh people and the number of government employees is 17 lakh. The population of MP is 8 crore 23 lakh and the number of government employees 7.5 lakh. As for Punjab, its population is 3.06 crore and the number of government employees 2.85 lakh. In addition, Punjab has 70,000 contractual employees and 60,000 outsourced employees. And, as far as Rajasthan is concerned, its population is 07 crore and 08 lakh and the number of government employees is three lakh.

What does all this show? It shows two things. One is that Kashmir is far more superior in terms of employment opportunities in the government and semi-government establishments. The other is that it is the Jammu province where the unemployment problem is very acute, notwithstanding the fact that the population of Jammu province is equal to Kashmir, if not more. In fact, the insid-

ers say that "the population of Jammu province is more than Kashmir and that J&K is one state where census operations and delimitation exercises were fundamentally Kashmir-centric". So much so, late J&K BJP presidents and members of Lok Sabha, Vaid Vaishno Dutt and Prof Chaman Lal Gupta, had repeatedly raised these issues in the parliament but with no result. Ikjutt Jammu, too, has been working hard to convince the authorities that the population of Jammu province is more than Kashmir and that Jammu province will get at least 50 out of 90 seats in the assembly if delimitation is done on the basis of a fair census operation.

Now that J&K LG Manoj Sinha has called the bluff and put things in perspective, it would be only in the fitness of things if the authorities in the state, which are directly under the Union Home Ministry, come out with a white paper so that the nation in general and the discriminated against people of Jammu province come to know what is the share of Kashmir and Jammu province in the crucial job sector. It is hoped that the authorities would do the needful to expose the vested interests wherever they are and whosoever they are.

Soudan Singh, Devender Rana appointed poll incharges for HP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Thursday appointed its vice-president



Devender Singh Rana

Soudan Singh as incharge and senior leader from Jammu and Kashmir

Devender Singh Rana as co-incharge for the upcoming assembly polls in Himachal Pradesh. The announcement for party's poll in-charges for Himachal Pradesh, where elections are likely to be held later this year, was made by BJP general secretary

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