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After blasts, security...

high-level security setup has been activated in and around the venue of the event, they said.

Meanwhile, the protests against Pakistan rocked Jammu and Udhampur districts after twin blasts with protestors blocking highway and other roads.

In Udhampur, locals came out at three places in the town and held anti-Pakistan protests.

They also burnt effigy of Pakistan and raised anti-Pakistan slogans.

The protestors demand enhancement of security in and around the town to foil the terrorists' designs and create fear psychosis.

They lashed out at the security agencies for their failure to ensure fool proof security despite ongoing Navratri festival and forthcoming visit of Union home minister Amit Shah on October 4.

In Jammu city, Shiv Sena, Bajrang Dal and Dogra front held anti-Pakistan protests and called for uncovering those who executed the blasts and ensure their elimination. They raised anti-Pak slogans and took out protest rallies in the city.

New CDS to..

Military Affairs. On Wednesday, the government announced appointing Chauhan as the new Chief of Defence Staff, more than nine months after the post fell vacant following the death of Gen Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash.

Lt Gen Chauhan (retd) is from the 11 Gorkha Rifles, the same regiment of Gen Rawat.

"He will assume charge as the new Chief of Defence Staff on Friday," said an official.

Lt Gen Chauhan (retd) was the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of the Army during the Balakot air strikes in 2019 when Indian airplanes pounded a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp deep inside Pakistan in response to the Pulwama terror strike.

He will assume the rank of the four-star General once he takes charge as India's second Chief of Defence Staff. He will be the first retired three-star officer to return to service in four-star rank.

After his retirement as the eastern Army Commander last year, he has been serving as the military adviser in the National Security Council Secretariat headed by NSA Ajit Doval.

In a career spanning over nearly 40 years, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (retd) held several command, staff and instrumental appointments and had extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and North-East India.

Lt Gen Chauhan retired from the service in May last year when he was serving as the eastern Army Commander.

As the Eastern Army Commander, he played a significant role in bolstering India's overall combat readiness along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim sectors.

On January 1, 2020, Gen Rawat took charge as India's first CDS with a mandate to bring convergence in the functioning of the Army, the Navy and the Indian Air Force and bolster the country's overall military prowess.

Another key mandate of the CDS was to facilitate the restructuring of military commands for optimal utilisation of resources by bringing about jointness in operations, including through the establishment of theatre commands.

In June, the government amended rules paving the way for appointment of any serving or retired Lt General, Air Marshal and Vice Admiral under the age of 62 to the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).

The change in rules allowed three-star officers to become the CDS along with serving chiefs of the three services.

However, the age limit of 62 years for officers to be considered for the post of CDS ruled out a number of officers.

While the age-limit for the three service chiefs is 62 years of age or three years of service, whichever is earlier, the age limit for the CDS is 65 years of age with no fixed tenure defined.

AGH terrorist arrested...

Police said in a tweet. The police said a pistol, a magazine and live rounds were recovered from his possession. "Case under sections of UAPA registered in Safakadal PS," the police said.

Post Afghanistan, foreign...

Talking about the challenge of taking out the stipulated one unit (called a company comprising about 70-80 personnel) from each battalion for training, rest and

recuperation annually, the DG said this issue was a challenge and they "try to do it but cannot do it always".

We also take up with the home ministry that training companies should not be touched...so we keep trying for that and in case we cannot, we get the training done for the troops locally within their own battalion, he said.

Singh said the CRPF has got about 200 vehicles plated with bullet-resistant material for operational use in Jammu and Kashmir and Naxal violence affected areas while 125 armoured vehicles have been procured for the troops.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is the country's largest paramilitary with an estimated strength of about 3.25 lakh personnel. It is designated as the lead internal security force with its main operational theatres being Left Wing Extremism affected states, counter-terrorist combat in the Kashmir valley and counter-insurgency operations in the north east.

NGT restrains private...

loaders only for the purpose of approach making since big sized boulders were lying in the approach which could not be removed manually.

The company also stated that the JCBs and loaders were used for the loading of mined minerals on the dumpers/trucks since loading of big sized boulders manually was also not feasible.

"The stand taken by the project proponent (PP) is an admission of use of heavy machines for excavation. Once it is admitted that the boulders were so big, not capable of removal or uploading without use of heavy machines like JCBs etc., it is difficult to conceive that the same could have been mined without use of heavy machines," the tribunal said.

It said when questioned from the learned counsel for project proponent that if mined boulders were so big sized that the same could not be loaded on the dumpers/trucks manually, how such boulders could have been mined from the mining area without use of such machines, "we did not receive any satisfactory reply".

"And it is said that whatever is/was the factual position that has been stated in the reply of PP," the order said.

Stating that the statutory procedure has not been followed by State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), J-K, while granting prior environmental clearances in letter and spirit though the provisions are mandatory particularly having direct impact upon the environment, the tribunal asserted that sand mining in river bed has serious consequences.

NIA opposes before...

for acts of terror coupled with propaganda to destabilize the sovereignty and integrity of India , was proceeds of terrorism and the attachment was done after following due procedure.

The agency said that Andrabi used social media platforms to spread insurrectionary imputations and hateful speeches for endangering the integrity, security, and sovereignty of India, and thirty-nine cases are registered against her under various laws in Jammu and Kashmir.

It clarified that even though the house was in the name of Andrabi's mother-in-law, there are significant numbers of incriminating videos and photos to show persons openly advocating secession of Jammu and Kashmir from the Union of India from this attached house .

She along with her associates regularly celebrated Pakistan Day' at her residence situated at Zair Number 34/1, 35/1, Iqbal Colony, 90 Feet Road, Soura PO- Naushera, PSSoura, Srinagar wherein anti-India speeches/slogans were made, insurrectionary material were distributed and pro-Pakistan slogans were chanted along with unfurling of Pakistani flag to profess that Kashmir is a part of Pakistan and that India is an aggressor, the reply filed recently claimed.

It was established that premises mentioned above has been used for holding meetings to commit unlawful activities and terrorist activities followed by Dukhtaran-E-Millat. As per sections 2(g) and 2 (h) of the UAPA, the above-said house clearly comes under proceeds of terrorism as the house was being used for spreading terrorism and for the purpose of a terrorist organization, the reply said.

Andrabi was arrested in 2018 by the NIA for the alleged commission of offences under the Indian Penal Code, including sedition, waging war against the country, and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The case was registered by the NIA on directions of the Union Home Ministry.

In her petition, Andrabi contended that the order of attachment was illegal as none of the owners of the property is part of Dukhtaran-E-Millat.

She further said that the attachment amounts to a parallel proceeding and is premature and not suitable in the eyes of law.

Man held with illicit liquor, sharp-edged weapon

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: Police on Thursday nabbed a man with 42 bottles of illicit liquor and a sharp-edged weapon at Bishnah.

As per details, a team of Police Station Bishnah received information through reliable sources that a person selling illicit liquor in the area. On this, a team of Police Station Bishnah under supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma, after putting in strenuous efforts, rounded up a suspect namely Baldev Raj alias Raju, son of Kalu Ram, resident of village Kothey Bulanday, Bishnah. During search, 42 bottles of illicit liquor and a sharp-edged weapon was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 170/2022 under sections 48 A of Excise Act read with 4/25 of Arms Act was registered against him at Police Station Bishnah.

3 dumpers among 6 vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU/KATHUA: In a quest to stern menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which teams of Police Stations RS Pura, Jhajjar Kotli, Bishnah, Police Posts Bathindi and Talab Tillo acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include a tractor trolley bearing engine No. HZZDV35274483 seized by R S Pura Police; a tipper (JK20 7433) seized by Jhajjar Kotli Police; a tractor-trolley bearing Chassis No MBNA LALBE-JRH01065 seized by Bathindi Police and a dumper (JK02CW 9750) seized by Talab Tillo police. The recoveries were made by SHO R S Pura Inspr Pawan Kumar, SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Samson Bhatti, Incharge Police Posts Bathindi PSI Mohd Sayaf Khan and Talab Tillo-PSI Sonu Choudhary in their respective jurisdictions.

Meanwhile, Kathua Police under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal seized 2 dumpers indulged in illegal transportation of construction material in jurisdictional area of Police Station Lakhampur. During intervening night of September 28-29, 2022 a police team headed by Insp. Vijay Kotwal SHO Lakhampur under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh seized 2 dumpers (PB06AU-7642 & PB06AU-7519) indulged in illegal transportation of construction material (Bajri). The vehicles were handed over to the officials of Geological and Mining Department, Kathua for further legal proceedings.

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Thursday traced a missing girl and reunited her with family-members.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Gandhi Nagar regarding a girl, who went missing from her house. In this regard a missing report dated June 7, 2022 was registered and investigation got started. On this, a police team formed under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma led by SHO Gandhi Nagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma, after putting in strenuous efforts, traced missing girl. Subsequently, family of missing girl was informed and she was handed over to fam-

Ex-J&K Panthers...

inspired by the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the most selfless leader in the world.

Ravinder Raina appreciated the decision of Balwant Singh Mankotia to join the BJP and said that the party is of the firm belief that his political and social experience will benefit the party and the people at large by working in accordance with the party principles.

Mankotia is one of the prominent leaders of the region, the BJP general secretary said. His joining came just a day before senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah's scheduled visit to the state.

Mankotia cited several reasons for joining the BJP saying the immediate push was the government decision to declare a public holiday on the birth anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh.

Will continue peaceful...

Peerzada Syed, G.M.Saroori, Ex MsLA Haji Ab Rashid, Amin Bhatt, Gulzar Wani besides Aslam Goni, Manzoor Ganai, Salman Nizami, among others, were also present on the occasion.

SC says non-cisgender...

It added the MTP Act recognises the reproductive autonomy of every pregnant woman to choose medical intervention to terminate her pregnancy.

"Implicitly, this right also extends to a right of the pregnant woman to access healthcare facilities to attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health. It is meaningless to speak of the latter in the absence of the former. Reproductive health implies that women should have access to safe, effective, and affordable methods of family planning and enabling them to undergo safe pregnancy, if they so choose," it said.

The court noted the crisis of unsafe abortions still looms large despite the enactment of the MTP law in 1971 and unsafe abortions are a leading but preventable cause of maternal mortality and morbidity.

"However, despite the enactment of the MTP Act in 1971, unsafe abortions continue to be the third leading cause of maternal mortality, and close to eight women in India die each day due to causes related to unsafe abortions," the bench said, while referring to a report of United Nations Population Fund.

It said the absence of sexual health education in the country means that most adolescents are unaware of how the reproductive system functions as well as how contraceptive devices and methods may be deployed to prevent pregnancies.

"The taboos surrounding pre-marital sex prevent young adults from attempting to access contraceptives. The same taboos mean that young girls who have discovered the fact that they are pregnant are hesitant to reveal this to their parents or guardians, who play a crucial role in accessing medical assistance and intervention," the court noted. The Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution, it said, lay down the fundamental principles in the governance of the country and press upon the state to apply them while making laws.

The bench went on to say the state must ensure that information regarding reproduction and safe sexual practices is disseminated to all parts of the population and it must see to it that all segments of society are able to access contraceptives to avoid unintended pregnancies and plan their families.

"Medical facilities and Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP) must be present in each district and must be affordable to all. The government must ensure that RMPs treat all patients equally and sensitively.

"Treatment must not be denied on the basis of one's caste or due to other social or economic factors. It is only when these recommendations become a reality that we can say that the right to bodily autonomy and the right to dignity are capable of being realized," the bench said.

It, however, clarified that nothing in the judgment must be construed as diluting the provisions of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994.

Govt orders blocking...

of women, has directed to immediately take down (block) the ... websites/URLs," the DoT order dated September 24 said. The IT Rules 2021 invoked by MeitY mandates IT companies to remove or disable access to content hosted, stored or published by them which "shows such individual in full or partial nudity or shows or depicts such individual in any sexual act or conduct" and also content which is allegedly impersonated or artificially morphed.

ily-members after completing all legal formalities.

6 narco smugglers nabbed with Ganja, heroin

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking, Jammu Police achieved major success by arresting a narco smuggler and recovered 6 Kg Ganja from his possession at Bahu Fort.

As per details, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort constituted under the supervision of SDPO East Sayed Abbas Jafari and led by SHO Bahu Fort Insp Nayat Ali rounded up a suspect. During search, 6 Kg Ganja was recovered from accused namely Mannohan Chandra, son of Naryan Parshad Chandra, resident of Singra Chattisgarh, at present Bishnah. He was arrested and FIR No. 251/2022 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort.

Meanwhile, Poonch Police arrested a narcotic smugglers namely Sajad Hussain alias Mussa, son of Sarvar Hussain, resident of Dhargloon Mendhar; Aftab Hussain, son of Mohd Rafiq, resident of Dhargloon Mendhar; Mohd Waseem, son of Hassan Mohd, resident of Anoop Nagar Fadalpur Merit City at present Jogi Morh Surankote and Naveed Ahmed, son of Mohd Sharief, resident of Samote Tehsil Surankote. Heroin like contraband weighing 11-12 gm & Ganja weighing about 450 gm were recovered from accused persons.

The Police team lead by SHO Police Station Surankote Rajveer Singh, under the close supervision of DYSP Surankote Tanweer Jelani on direction of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra, while on routine patrolling at Surankote, recovered aforementioned narcotics. Accordingly, FIR No. 283/2022 under sections 8(a)/ 21/22/25 of NDPS Act, FIR No. 298/2022 under sections 8(a)/20 of NDPS Act & FIR No. 325/2022 under sections 8(a)/21/22 of NDPS Act were registered at Police Station Surankote and investigation started.

In another instance, on the direction of SSP Udhampur Dr Vinod Kumar, a party of Police Station Rammagar led by Insp Pushpinder Singh under supervision of Anwaar-ul-Haq Addl SP Udhampur and SDPO Rammagar Dr Bhishm Dubey, during routine checking duty at Naka point Rammagar, noticed a suspect and asked him to stop for checking. On frisking, 2.10 gm heroin (Chitta) like narcotic substance was recovered from possession of accused, later identified as Rishab Verma, resident of Chigli Chowri, Rammagar. He was arrested and a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Rammagar.

Bovine smuggling bids foiled; 175 animals rescued, 23 smugglers arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH/KATHUA: Acting tough against bovine smugglers and to curb the menace, police on Thursday rescued 175 bovines from clutches of 23 bovine smugglers while foiling bovine smuggling bids in Surankote and Kathua.

Acting on direction of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra, police teams headed by DySP Surankote, SHO Police Station Surankote, Incharge Police Posts Behramgalla, PCP Poshana established Nakas at Buffliaz, Panar Behramgalla, Poshana and Surankote areas. During Naka duty, police parties intercepted 15 vehicles and found 159 bovines leaden in it, which were rescued. Accordingly, FIRs No 313, 314, 316, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 326, 327, 328, 329 & 330 of 2022 were registered at Police Station Surankote under relevant sections of law and investigation started.

Meanwhile, a team of Police Station Rajbagh led by PSI Ram Krishan Incharge Police Post Jakhole under supervision of Incharge SDPO Border Tilak Raj Bhardwaj & Insp Amit Sangra SHO Rajbagh during special Naka/checking duty in its jurisdictional area near Gurah Panditan, Rajbagh noticed a suspicious truck (JK08C-5045) was signaled it to stop for checking. On seeing Naka party, the driver of vehicle managed to flee. During checking, 16 bovines were recovered from vehicle, which were rescued and FIR No. 195/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA was registered at Police Station Rajbagh.



2 missing minor girls recovered from Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BUDGAM: Police on Thursday recovered 2 missing minor girls from Jammu.

As per details, on September 26, 2022, Police Post Humhama received a written complaint from a woman, resident of Handwara, presently putting at Humhama, stating therein that her 2 minor daughters aged 15 & 16 years went missing since September 25.

Accordingly, FIR number 337/2022 under relevant sections of Law was registered at Police Station Budgam and investigation started. A Special Police Team under the supervision of Incharge Police Post Humhama was constituted to trace out minor missing girls. Acting swiftly, a special police team after working on various leads, traced out both missing minor girls from Bus Stand Jammu and brought them safely to Budgam. After fulfilling all legal formalities, the minor girls were handed over to their parents. Further investigation is under progress.

7 arrested, 7 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AWANTIPORA: Acting tough against elements involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Thursday arrested 7 persons & seized 7 vehicles in Awantipora. Parties from Police Stations Pampore and Khrew seized 7 vehicles involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals in their respective jurisdictions. The drivers of these vehicles were also arrested. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and investigations started.



Drug-peddler arrested; 15.7 Kg poppy straw recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AWANTIPORA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Thursday arrested a drug-peddler and recovered huge quantity of contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Awantipora under the supervision of SDPO Awantipora arrested a drug-peddler near Padgampora-Reshipora Crossing, who was identified as Manzoor Ahmad Bhat, son of Abdul Ahad Bhat, resident of Larkipora Padgampora, Awantipora. During search, 15.7 Kg grinded cannabis was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, FIR No.212/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Awantipora and investigation started.

