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Two terrorists killed...**

remaining threats, Lt Col Bartwal said. "A significant cache of war-like stores, including two AK-47 rifles, one M-4 rifle with sight and one pistol was recovered," he said. The spokesperson said the Army's swift and coordinated response to this infiltration attempt highlights the synergy between the Army, police and the intelligence agencies. "Search operations are continuing to completely secure the area. The Army remains alert and committed to defeat any such attempt in future," he said.

Some elements don't...

Milind Paradkar: "When Tataka attacked (a demoness in Ramayana), a lot of chaos ensued and she was slain just by an arrow (by Ram and Lakshman), but in case of Putna (demoness who came to kill infant Krishna), she came disguised as an aunt to breastfeed (infant Krishna), but as it was Krishna (who killed her). "Today's situation is the same. Attacks are taking place and they are devastating in every manner, be it economical, spiritual or political," the RSS leader noted. Some elements are creating obstacles in the path of India's development and are fearful of its rise on the global stage, but they will not succeed, he asserted. "All those who fear that if India grows big, their businesses will be shut, such elements are working to create hindrance in the path of country's development and by galvanising all the power they have. They are orchestrating methodical attacks, be it physical or invisible (sukshma), but there is no need to get scared as a similar situation prevailed during Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's times when there was no hope for India's rise," he said. But there is one factor called 'jivani shakti' (power that infuses life) which defines India, Bhagwat emphasised. "Jivani shakti is the basis of our nation and that is founded on dharma which will be there forever," he said. The RSS chief said dharma was there at the beginning of the 'srishti' (nature or universe) and it (dharma) will be needed till the end.

Ph-II J&K Polls...

in 56-Gulabgarh (ST) AC; 7 candidates in 57-Reasi AC; while 7 candidates remain in the fray in 58-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi AC. In Rajouri district, 11 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 83-Kalakote - Sunderbani AC; 5 candidates in 84-Nowshera AC; 8 candidates in 85-Rajouri (ST) AC; 4 candidates in 86-Budhal (ST) AC; while 6 candidates remain in the fray in 87-Phammamandi (ST) AC. In Poonch district, 8 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 88-Surankote (ST) AC; 8 candidates in 89-Poonch Haveli AC; while 9 candidates remain in the fray in 90-Mendhar (ST) AC. Similarly, in Ganderbal district, 6 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 17-Kangan (ST) AC and 15 candidates in 18-Ganderbal AC. In Srinagar district, 13 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 19-Hazratbal AC; 10 candidates in 20-Khanyar AC; 16 candidates in 21-Habbakadal AC; 10 candidates in 22-Lal Chowk AC; 8 candidates in 23-Channapora AC; 10 candidates in 24-Zadibal AC; 13 candidates in 25-Eidgah AC; while 13 candidates remain in the fray in 26-Central Shalteng AC. Finally, in Budgam district, 8 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 27-Budgam AC; 12 candidates in 28-Beervah AC; 10 candidates in 29-Khansahib AC; 10 candidates in 30-Chrar-I-Sharif AC; while 6 candidates remain in the fray in 31-Chadoora AC. It is worth mentioning here that a total of 309 candidates had filed their nomination papers before the respective Returning Officers in 26 Assembly Constituencies till the last date of filing the Nominations on 5 September, 2024. Out of these, the nomination papers of 266 candidates were found valid during Scrutiny held on 6 September, 2024. And now with the withdrawal of 27 candidates, 239 candidates now remain in the final electoral fray.

Modi holds talks...

between the two countries. The Crown Prince arrived here on Sunday. "A warm welcome for a close friend. PM @narendramodi received HH Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi at Hyderabad House," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on X. "Discussions on entire spectrum of India-the United Arab Emirates bilateral relations and future areas of cooperation lie ahead," he said. Following the landmark visit of Modi to the UAE in August 2015, bilateral relations between the two countries were elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Both countries signed a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in February 2022 and a Local Currency Settlement (LCS) System in July 2023 to promote the use of Indian Rupee and AED (United Arab Emirates Dirham) for cross-border transactions. The two countries are among each other's top trading partners with a bilateral trade of about USD 85 billion in 2022-23, according to official data. The UAE is also among the top four investors in India in terms of foreign direct investments in 2022-23. About 3.5 million strong and vibrant Indian community forms the largest expatriate group in the UAE.

CJ reviews status...

the Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Shahzad Azeem, gave a detailed presentation on the ongoing infrastructural projects and their present stage of construction providing an update on overall progress of the ongoing work. The Chief Secretary highlighted the challenges faced due to terrain, weather conditions and logistics issues but assured the Chief Justice about the timely completion of all projects in time bound manner. The Law Secretary also outlined that the legal and administrative support shall be extended to ensure smooth execution of these projects. The Secretary R&B also assured the Chief Justice, during the meeting, that his department shall be extending full cooperation in accelerating the ongoing construction works and meeting the deadline fixed for them. The Chief Justice stressed the need for improved coordination among departments to resolve any pending issues promptly. He also highlighted the critical role that modern infrastructure plays in enhancing judicial efficiency and improving access to justice for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. It was agreed that a comprehensive review of each ongoing project would be conducted regularly to ensure progress is on track. The Chief Justice called for quality control measures to be implemented across all projects and encouraged the use of eco-friendly materials and technology where feasible. The Chief Justice, who is also Patron-in-Chief of the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority highlighted the issues of infrastructure pertaining to the Jammu and Kashmir Legal Services Authority and impressed upon the Secretary Law to make all efforts in resolving the said issues and release sufficient funds to tackle the said issues. Those who were present in the meeting include Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, M.K. Sharma, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Anit Gupta, Additional Secretary Law, Ashish Gupta and Director Finance, High Court, Haroon Ahmad Bhat. The meeting concluded with a reaffirmed commitment from all participants to prioritize the completion of judicial infrastructure projects, ensuring that the judiciary is well-equipped to serve the people of the UT effectively and efficiently.

J&K polls: Congress...

Besides Bhalla, Singh and Kundan, the Congress fielded Irshad Ab Gani from Langate, Haji Abdul Rashid Dar from Sopore, Adv. Irfan Hafeez Lone from Wagoora-Kreeri, Summit Mangotra from Udhampur West, Mool Raj from Ramnagar (SC) Kajal Rajput from Bani and Manohar Lal Sharma from Billawar; among the 19 candidates announced Monday. The party also fielded Thakur Balbir Singh from Jasrota, Rakesh Choudhary Jatt from Hiranagar, Yashpal Kundal from Ramgarh (SC), Krishan Dev Singh from Samba, T.S. Tony from Bahu, Yogesh Sawhney Balbir Singh from Nagrota, Thakur Manmohan Singh from Jammu West and Mula Ram from Marh (SC).

Need to increase...

after Modi became the Prime Minister, the parliamentary committee has continuously tried that Hindi becomes a friend of all local languages and it does not compete with anyone. "We should take care that the speakers of any local language do not have an inferiority complex and Hindi should be generally accepted as the language of work with consensus and agreement," he said. Shah underlined that after 75 years of Independence, it is very important that the country is governed in the language of the country and efforts have to be made in this regard. He said by giving new life to a language that is thousands of years old and increasing its acceptance, everyone must fulfill the dream of the visionaries of the freedom movement.

Freedom fighters like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Lokmanya Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Lala Lajpat Rai, C Rajagopalachari, KM Munshi and Sardar Patel came from the non-Hindi speaking states but all of them had realised that the country should have a language which works as a medium of communication between two states, he said. The home minister said for the last 75 years, efforts have been made to promote the official language Hindi, but in the last 10 years there has been a slight change in its method. He said former Union ministers KM Munshi and NG Ayyangar had decided after consultation with many people that in order to accept Hindi as the official language and to promote it in government work, Hindi should not compete with any local language. Under the Munshi-Ayyangar Committee, one thing was decided that a language commission would be formed every five years which would consider linguistic diversity, but it was forgotten, he said. Shah said the Department of Official Language is developing a software that will automatically translate all the languages of the 8th Schedule on a technical basis. Once this work is completed, Hindi will gain acceptance and evolve in the work at a very fast pace, he said. In the last five years, "we have worked very hard and have given three large volumes of the committee's report to the President, which has never happened before", he added. The home minister said initiatives have to be taken to achieve a goal that on Independence Day in 2047, the country's entire work will be done in Indian languages with pride. He said a new life has to be given to the 1,000-year-old Hindi language, make it accepted and try to complete the task left behind by the freedom fighters. Shah said this is the 75th year since Hindi was accepted as the official language and on this occasion a very big conference is being organised at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi. The Parliamentary Committee on Official Language was constituted under the provisions of Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963, in 1976. The committee comprises 30 members of Parliament, out of which 20 are from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. Shah has served as the chairperson of the committee from 2019 to 2024. He was unanimously re-elected as the chairperson of the committee on Monday.

With no development...

added. When questioned about Farooq Abdullah's statement that the NC will never accept the concept of BJP's 'Vishisht Bharat' and his allegation that the BJP is instilling fear in voters, Tarun Chugh responded, "The high voter turnout in the recent Lok Sabha elections, the restoration of democracy at grassroots levels, a 75 per cent decline in terrorist activities, and a significant decrease in stone-pelting and organized strikes post-2022 are examples of the peace and democracy restored by the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Our party is committed to peace and progress in the region. It is not expected that the NC would support Bharat being Vishwaguru, and we cannot see any nationalistic view from the NC and their leaders. While the BJP speaks of nationalism, harmony, and national integration, the growing popularity and foothold of the BJP across the country exemplify how people have wholeheartedly accepted the BJP and its policies, and it is growing day by day. The BJP's electoral success can be attributed to its policies on economic development, welfare schemes, and national security. Being the world's largest democratic party and having elected our Prime Minister Modi for a third term speaks of the choice people of our country have made. This is not out of fear but out of the love, affection and trust people have in their leader. Only BJP can drive the country on the path of development and welfare of its citizens." When asked about an ex-Sarpanch in Ganderbal, allegedly acting on behalf of Omar Abdullah, and threatened people by saying, "The person who does not support the National Conference will be killed," Tarun Chugh condemned this and accused Omar Abdullah for spreading terror among voters. He criticized Omar Abdullah for diverting the election narrative by questioning Afzal Guru's execution, which he said proves that the National Conference has no real issues to address, and this shows the pathetic state of the Abdullaha and their lack of an election agenda. Tarun Chugh condemned Rahul Gandhi for praising China's manufacturing capabilities during his US visit, calling him a "desh drohi" (traitor) who lets down his own country on foreign soil. Chugh further stated, "Rahul Gandhi's actions are always against India and anti-national. It is expected that he will do such things. Rahul Gandhi should note that the country has progressed with the Make In India initiative and we have become the world's largest manufacturing hub. Today, the country is a leading manufacturer and exporter of mobile phones, toys, and other essential goods. We are now leaders in defense manufacturing and exports. In every sector, we are leading and our country will be the world's third-largest economy by 2047 under the vision of Viksit Bharat." He further accused the Congress and National Conference of misleading the public and having no roadmap for the development of Jammu and Kashmir.



Rahul Gandhi is...

morning, then it's like a war, you go in and then you fight, it's a pleasant war, it's reasonably fun at times, can be nasty also, but it's a war of ideas and words," he said. "When you are new to politics, you see an issue, you think that is an issue, but when you go into details, you realise that there is nuance and complexity, so understanding that nuance and then planning your day according to that, that's how it generally works," he said. During his visit, Gandhi will interact with the members of the Indian diaspora and youths in Washington, DC, too. He also plans to meet lawmakers and senior officials of the US government during his visit to Washington DC, beginning Monday.

BJP freed J&K...

development in J&K, Thakur said. Thakur said that whenever NC and Cong have come together they have brought destruction and miseries for the people of J&K. More than 45,000 people have lost their lives in Jammu and Kashmir due to NC and Cong, he said. The NC-Cong alliance wants to push J&K again towards terrorism and revive Separatism, Thakur said, while adding, "People of J&K will teach NC-Cong a lesson in these elections as they want unrest here". The BJP Government invested Rs 25,000 for all round development of J&K and now we have AIIMS, IIM, IIT, Nursing Colleges and large network of roads here, he said. Thakur said that NC-Cong are playing divisive politics. "They want to rename our revered Shankracharya as Takht-e-Suleman and Hari Parbat as Koh-e Maran, which shows that NC-Cong are trying to divide people and spread hatred," Thakur said. There is 70 per cent decline in terror related activities due to policies of the Prime Minister Modi, he said, adding, "We freed J&K from the clutches of terrorism by abrogating Article 370," Thakur said adding that record number of tourists have been visiting J&K since abrogation of Article 370. Thakur said that the 25 point 'Sankalp Patra' of the BJP is people friendly and also present a future roadmap for development of J&K, while other parties have nothing to offer to the people of J&K. BJP National Spokesperson, RP Singh, Incharge of BJP Media War Room, Arun Gupta, BJP Chief Spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, Dr Tahir Chowdhary, BJP spokesperson and Dr Pardeep Mahotra, Media Incharge, were also present on the occasion.

Drive launched to...

masses and those participating in the elections. "The directions were given to the officers to plant more than 100 plants in the premises of polling station identified as 'green polling station' in each assembly constituency, whereas rest of the polling stations must plant 10-15 plants each in the premises across J-K so that the target of planting one lakh saplings can be achieved before September 15," he said. The office of Chief Electoral Officer in collaboration with J-K forest department is conducting the plantation drive in order under the 'green election' initiative of the election commission. Pole asserted that a massive plantation is going to take place across the Union Territory to foster environmental stewardship among the electorate, to compensate for the impact on the environment due to waste generated during the election process.

DIG JSK range visits far flung area of Kathua, reviews security of assembly elections

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KATHUA: The Dy. Inspector General of Police (DIG) of Jammu-Samba-Kathua Range (JSK) Range, Shiv Kumar Sharma visited different far-flung locations i.e Basantpur, Satwain, Mahanpur, Basohli, Sheetal Nagar/Bhoond and Bani of district Kathua for scrutinize the preparation of security arrangements for forthcoming Assembly Elections- 2024.



During his visit DIG JSK Range also convened meeting with Civil administration, Paramilitary forces, briefed them with regard to sensitivity of duty to be performed by them and assured them for full cooperation from Jammu and Kashmir Police. DIG JSK Range also interacted with Brigade commander Bani and discussed various issues regarding joint anti-terrorists operations, Cordon and Search in any exigency. Brigade commander Bani assured him for better coordination and elimination of Terrorists who have entered in our Motherland by whatever route very soon.

DIG JSK Range also visited in Police Post Bhoond and directed the Incharge Police Post for redressal of Public grievances in a time bound manner and special focus be given towards female complainants. Complaints of females should be dealt by women staff and also given special attention towards NDPS/Road Accidents/Land dispute cases etc. He also interacted with VDG Members and checked the training given to them and briefed them about sensitivity of their duties. He imparted necessary instructions/ guidelines to the territorial officers to make fool proof security arrangements during the Election Campaign and also directed to remain extra vigilant on their point.

Two bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 21 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, District Police Udhampur have foiled two bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police post Tikri, rescued 21 bovines.

A Police team of Police Post Tikri headed by IC PP Tikri while performing routine vehicle checking duty at naka point Tikri, intercepted two vehicles (Truck and Tata Mobile) bearing registration No. JK08F2385 (truck) and JK20C 1172(Tata Mobile) for checking purpose. During checking of both the vehicles, 21 bovines were found laden inside which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the bovines were rescued and have been shifted to a safer place.

In this regards, 02 cases under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Rehambal and further investigation is in progress.

Most wanted narco smuggler arrested; heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police team from Police Post Tikri led by its ICPP while performing vehicle checking at tikri naka point stopped one motorcycle bearing registration number DL1SAB-7785 for checking purpose which was coming from Jammu towards Udhampur.

On frisking of bike rider, 7.48 grams of heroin (chitta) like Contraband substance was recovered from the possession of bike rider namely Anterjot Singh @Tobo S/O Harbans Singh R/O W.No 17 Omara Morh Udhampur who has been arrested on spot. On this, a case vide FIR No. 197/2024 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act stands registered in P/S Rehambal and further investigation was set into probe.

Police reunites missing minor boy with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Police has traced out a minor boy who had been reported missing at Police Station Samba and reunited him with his family.

A written report was lodged at Police Station Samba by the father of missing boy, a resident of Mandi Kotli tehsil and district Samba, stating therein that his son went to market and did not return. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing boy could not be ascertained. Acting on complaint, a case FIR No. 231/2024 u/s 137(2) BNS has been registered at Police Station Samba and search started to trace out the said missing boy. A police team of PS Samba headed by SHO PS Samba after hectic efforts and with the help of technical analysis has traced out said missing boy and handed over to his legal heirs after completing all legal formalities.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 5 vehicles seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In an operation which was carried out at different locations in South Zone of District Jammu, PP Phallain Mandal under PSI Harish Chander detained 02 vehicles loaded with sand seized under illegal mining. On other hand, PP Belicharana under PSI Rajesh Chaudhary seized 03 tractor trolley.

In all, 05 vehicles have been seized in jurisdiction of PS Satwari of South Zone by JKP. After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Chinar Corps commander reviews security in north Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Corps Commander of the Army's Chinar Corps Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai Monday reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness in north Kashmir ahead of the assembly elections in the union territory.

"Chinar Corps Commander visited Vajr Division, Kupwara and Tangdhar sector today to assess the security situation and review operational preparedness," the Chinar Corps said in a post on X.

During interaction with the troops, Lt Gen Ghai highlighted the importance of situational awareness and strict vigilance to effectively counter emerging challenges, the Army said.

The first phase of the three-phase assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir is scheduled to be held on September 18. Assembly segments in north Kashmir districts are going to polls in the last phase on October 1.

CS chairs SKIMS Standing Committee meeting

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, on Monday chaired the SKIMS Standing Committee Meeting constituted to advise about the academic matters of the institute.

Besides Secretary H&ME, the meeting was attended by Director SKIMS; Principal GMC



Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo chairing a meeting at Srinagar.

Srinagar/Jammu; Dean, Medical Faculty, SKIMS and other concerned officers. The Chief Secretary took this occasion to impress upon the Institute administration to bring coherence in the courses offered by them and those recommended under National Medical Commission (NMC).

He observed that this measure would bring conformity of these degrees with those offered all over the country for the overall benefit of the pass outs.

Dulloo also went through the list of courses offered by the Institute, their intake capacity and their uptake in the market once completed by the admitted candidates. He advised for making such courses market driven so that pass outs do not face hieups in finding career options.

The Committee later reviewed many of the courses, whose nomenclature requires to be altered to bring them at par with NMC norms. This move was termed to bring the degrees offered in such courses in-synce with nation-wide nomenclature for the overall benefit of these candidates. The committee also deliberated over the B.Sc/M.Sc courses offered by the institute and the need for enhancing their intake capacity as per the upgraded infrastructure. The need for introduction of new courses was also discussed and it was given out that the exercise should be done to choose best of the medical courses which are in demand throughout the country as per the advanced standards and techniques in vogue all over the world.