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Rusted explosive device found, destroyed

Srinagar : An old and rusted explosive device was detected and destroyed in Kashew area of Zainapora in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Wednesday afternoon. An official told that a joint team of CRPF and Army's Rashtriya Rifles detected the old and rusted explosive in Kashew area. He said that as the device was found, a bomb disposal squad was called in, while road was closed for traffic movement. The device was later destroyed.

Bovine smuggler detained under PSA in Udhampur

Jammu : An alleged bovine smuggler was detained under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district on Wednesday. Mohd Akram, a resident of Jaira Talab, has become a threat to the peaceful atmosphere in the district, thus warranting authorities to detain him under the PSA. Several cases were registered against Akram who was shifted to a jail after a police party executed his warrant of detention.

Police attach property worth 15 Lakhs of notorious drug peddler

Srinagar : Police in Handwara have attached a two-story building, including two shops and one hall, belonging to notorious drug peddler Reyaz Ahmad Lone, son of Sonullah Lone, a resident of Badrah Payeen. The action was taken under section 68-F of the NDPS Act, 1985. The property, valued at ₹15 lakhs, was identified as illegally acquired during an investigation conducted by the Kralgund Police Station. It was determined that the property had been obtained through illicit drug trafficking activities involving narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. Reyaz Ahmad Lone is linked to case FIR No. 84/2020 under sections 8/21 of the NDPS Act at Police Station Kralgund. He is currently under detention at Kot-Bhalwal Jammu under the PIT-NDPS Act.

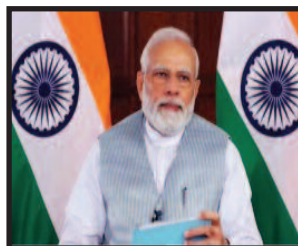
Taliban minister of refugees, his bodyguards killed in massive explosion in Kabul

Kabul/New Delhi, Dec 11 : A suicide bombing in the Afghan capital on Wednesday killed the Taliban refugee minister and two others, officials said, in the most brazen attack on a member of the Taliban inner circle since they returned to power three years ago. The explosion struck inside the ministry, killing Khalil Haqqani, officials said. His last official photo showed him at a meeting chaired by the deputy prime minister, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, earlier on Wednesday. Khalil Haqqani is the uncle of Sirajuddin Haqqani, the acting interior minister who leads a powerful network within the Taliban. Haqqani was the most high-profile casualty of a bombing in Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power and the first Cabinet member to be killed since the takeover.

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Youth's Vision is Government's Mission : PM Modi

New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday underscored the transformative impact of technological solutions developed during past editions of the Smart India Hackathon (SIH), praising them for addressing real-world challenges and benefiting people across the country. Addressing the participants of the 7th edition of SIH 2024 via video conferencing, the Prime Minister reiterated his government's commitment to empowering youth and fostering innovation.



"For me, the vision of the youth is the mission of the government," said PM Modi. "We are working tirelessly to provide whatever my youth need to shape the future of India. From bringing one lakh youth with no family history in politics into the political sphere to organizing platforms like

the past seven editions are actively improving lives across the country. These hackathons have solved many big problems and are



the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue next month, we are creating avenues for young minds to contribute to a developed India." The Smart India Hackathon, organized by the Union Ministry of Education, has evolved into a key platform for students to collaborate with government and industry stakeholders in solving pressing issues through technology. PM Modi acknowledged that many innovations from

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PM Modi interacts with innovators via video conferencing at NIT Srinagar

Srinagar, Dec 11 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with young innovators during the 7th edition of Grand Finale of the 7th edition of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2024, including the SIH team at NIT Srinagar, via video conferencing mode.

For the first time, NIT Srinagar is hosting the Grand Finale, which commenced on Wednesday as one of 51 centers across the nation. During the event, the SIH team from BMS Institute of Technology, Bangalore, led by Syeeda Aiemen D Saleem, shared their project ideas with PM Modi. (Cont. on Page-11)

initiative ensures no youth in India is deprived of important information. With an allocation of Rs. 6,000 crore for 2025, 2026, and

2027, this unique scheme will support young innovators and researchers," PM Modi stated. The Prime Minister also lauded the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 for nurturing a scientific mindset among students and promoting innovation. "Today, the world recognizes India's strength as our youth power, our tech power. (Cont. on Page-11)

Security Forces defuse 2 IEDs in last 72 Hours in Baramulla-Kupwara region

TT Correspondent Srinagar : A major tragedy was averted as security forces successfully detected and destroyed two Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) within the last 72 hours along the Srinagar-Baramulla and Baramulla-Kupwara highways on Wednesday.

The latest incident occurred on the Baramulla-Handwara stretch, where a road-opening party from the 30 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) spotted a suspicious object early in the day. Acting swiftly, a Bomb Disposal

Squad (BDS) was called to the scene, and traffic along the highway was temporarily halted to ensure public safety. The BDS team defused the IED and destroyed it in a controlled explosion using sandbags. Following the successful operation, the highway was reopened for normal traffic, restoring calm in the region. This was the second IED detected and neutralized in the past three days. The first device was found near Palpora Pattan in Baramulla district, while the latest was located in the Langate area

of Kupwara district. Both highways are vital corridors frequently used by security forces for convoy movement. A senior security officer confirmed that the explosives were planted by terrorists aiming to target security convoys. "Both IEDs were strategically placed along these busy highways to cause maximum damage, but our alert teams managed to foil these plans. Such timely actions are a testament to our vigilance and commitment to safeguarding lives," the officer said.

J&K to get its maiden Govt Homeopathy Medical College in Kathua, Jammu

Jammu, Dec 11 : Jammu and Kashmir is set to achieve a significant milestone in health and medical education with the establishment of its first government homeopathy medical college.

The Ayush Ministry has approved the project, which will be built in Kathua district at an estimated cost of Rs 80 crore.

Classes are scheduled to begin from the current academic session, 2024-25. This new institution is expected to mark a turning point for students in the region, as they will no longer need to travel to other states for homeopathy education. The process to establish the homeopathy college began five years ago. (Cont. on Page-11)

Administration cracks down on ultrasound centres, inspects 2 dozen facilities

Jammu, Dec 11 : Acting on the directives of Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, a district-wide inspection drive targeting ultrasound and imaging centres across various sub-divisions was conducted today. The Deputy Commissioner, who also serves as Chairman of the District Advisory Committee for the Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, has called for a zero-tolerance approach towards violations of the Act. The campaign, led by Sub-Divisional Magistrates and other senior officers, covered

ered nearly two dozen centres in different areas of Jammu district. SDM Jammu North, Nitish Rajora, spearheaded the drive in his sub-division, where notices were issued to two centres for deficiencies found during inspection of seven facilities. At Bakshi Nagar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, along with his team, inspected eight ultrasound and imaging centres. One facility was found operating with an expired registration. The centre was sealed on the spot and the proprietors were instructed to renew (Cont. on Page-11)

MHA, Tourism Ministry in advance stage talks to allow satellite phones for trekkers

TT Correspondent Srinagar, Dec 11 : Director Tourism Kashmir, Raja Yaqoob, has announced that the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), is in advanced discussions to allow trekkers the use of satellite phones in remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

This initiative aims to address the lack of network connectivity in high-altitude and inaccessible regions, ensuring the safety of tourists and trekkers, he said. Speaking about the proposal, Raja Yaqoob stated, "The Ministry of Tourism has taken up with MHA across different states that tourists go there because the network is not available. Satellite phones should be allowed, and that is at the advanced stage of discussion. As it happens in Puducherry, we will get on with it." The move comes as Kashmir witnesses a surge in adventure tourism, with popular trekking routes such as the Kashmir Great Lakes and Tarsar Marsar

drawing significant numbers of domestic and international tourists. Raja Yaqoob also expressed optimism about this year's tourism season, noting, "Every day, we have 200-



500 foreign tourists arriving, which gives immense pleasure and encouragement despite the delayed snowfall." Kashmir's adventure tourism offerings have expanded significantly, with popular treks like the Kashmir Great Lakes and Tarsar Marsar becoming major attractions for domestic and international tourists. The government has also initiated activities such as rafting in Gurez Valley, paragliding at multi-

Police arrests 08 drug peddlers; Contraband substance recovered

Srinagar : A police team from Police Station Pattan, led by the SHO, intercepted a vehicle (Ertiga) near the Railway Crossing in Pattan. The vehicle, bearing registration number JK05M-8404, had three individuals on board. They were identified as Jhon Mohd Mir, son of Gh Mohd Mir, and Mohd Yaqoob Mir, son of Late Ab Aziz, both residents of Nillah Palpora, along with Faisal Ahmad Hajam, son of Gh Qadir, a resident of Pushwari Anantnag. During the search, 78 grams of contraband charas in powder form was recovered. The vehicle used in the crime has also been seized. In another operation, a police party from Police Station Baramulla, led by the DySP Hqrs Baramulla, intercepted a suspicious individual at a checkpoint near Cement Bridge in Baramulla. The person, identified as Ikhlas Noor, son of Noor Din Khan from Baghi Rehmat Sopore, was found in possession of 40 strips of banned tablets. Meanwhile, at a routine naka checking near the Higher Secondary School

in Kalaroo, a police team from Police Post Kalaroo apprehended Javid Ahmed Lone, son of Abdul Khaliq Lone, a resident of Lashiyal Kalaroo. During the search, 4 grams of a brown sugar-like substance were recovered from his possession. In another significant action, Police Station Awantipora, acting on reliable information, raided a residential house in Larkipora. Led by the SHO of Awantipora, along with the Tehsildar and under the supervision of the SDPO Awantipora, the raid resulted in the recovery of 20.5 kilograms of charas-like substance from the house of Fareeda Akhter, a resident of Larkipora. In Pulwama, a police party from Police Station Litter intercepted two suspicious persons at a checkpoint near Arihal Crossing. During the search, around 82 grams of a brown sugar-like substance was found. The individuals were identified as Nisar Ahmad Rather, son of Gulzar Ahmad Rather from Kanjipora Lajoora, and Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, son of (Cont. on Page-11)

India Must Contribute 25% to Global GDP to Become an Economic Powerhouse: LG

Uttar Pradesh, Dec 11 : Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today addressed the young innovators participating in 'Smart India Hackathon 2024 - Hardware Edition' Grand Finale at Galgotias University, Greater Noida.

In his keynote address, the Lieutenant Governor commended the pioneer initiative by Government of India, celebrating the spirit of innovation and collaboration, and providing a dynamic platform for brightest minds of the country to develop and showcase their creative solutions to real-world problems. "I see Smart India Hackathon as a powerful instrument to bridge the gap between educational institutions and industries," the Lieutenant

Governor said. In the next 4 days during the Hackathon, participants from across the country will work on critical problem statements to develop successful innovation.

Highlighting the transformation in innovation landscape of the country in the past 10 years, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Lieutenant Governor said, India has emerged as one of the global leaders in new inventions, which are seen as critical to the future well-being of society and to drive the nation's economic growth. On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor called upon the youth to translate their ideas into socially useful and commercially viable

applications and ensure that fruits of new inventions reach all sections. "Your courage, dedication, talent and zeal to



explore the unknown will give new impetus to the journey of Developed India," the Lieutenant Governor told the Youth. "We need cutting edge technologies to be the leading nation in technological

inventions and at the same time we need environment-friendly innovations for sustainable development. To



achieve the goal of Developed Nation by 2047, we need knowledge, capability and commitment of innovators, collaborations, support for new ideas, discoveries, marketing and commercial

ization of innovations," the Lieutenant Governor said. He said new innovations are touching the lives of



common man in ways that we cannot even fully imagine today. Our focus should also be on innovations that would benefit society at large like water and energy conservation, waste management, pre-

cision agriculture and e-governance, he added. He also asked the young innovators to explore diverse areas in Agriculture sector pertaining to soil health, pest infestation, climate change, real time data etc. The Lieutenant Governor emphasised that inclusive development and economic growth should be the main aim behind every innovation.

"Innovation should lead us to social change and drive India's economic growth. Augmented Reality (AR) in Industry 4.0 technology should contribute to design, product development, maintenance and quality control in different sectors and help our manufacturers and find solutions to their operational problems and production

downtime," the Lieutenant Governor said. He further highlighted that better system integration and smart factories will be the most dynamic aspect of Industry 4.0 involving physical equipment and digital tools and also it will be the best example of collaboration between human and technology. "For Industry 4.0 Factories and to mitigate the social challenges of food, water, environment and energy, we need intelligent and integrated devices. All the core components of Industry 4.0 technologies, Internet of Things, Big Data, Augmented Reality, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Robotics, additive manufacturing and Simulation will (Cont. on Page-11)

