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'Smart Borders' ...

personnel at border outposts -- such as electricity supply, green energy initiatives, and safe drinking water -- have not only been initiated but also completed.

Shah said in New Delhi in May that the government will launch a tech-enabled "smart border" project by next year to make the 6,000-km front with Pakistan and Bangladesh impenetrable, and ensure that the "conspiracy" to change the demography of the country is defeated.

"The government of India has decided that not only will we stop infiltration, but we will find each and every infiltrator and send them out of the country," he had said.

The "smart border" will use technology, drones, radars and smart cameras to help create an impenetrable border, he told the gathering.

On Friday, Shah who also joined a tree plantation programme at the BOP stated that from 2019 to date, personnel from all Central Armed Police Forces have planted more than 7.5 crore trees.

He said that this year, between 40 lakh and 60 lakh trees will be planted, and the CAPF personnel will plant 2 crore trees next year, contributing both to environmental protection and service to the nation.

Later, the Union Home Minister held a high-level security meeting at the BSF's Tripura Frontier headquarters, which was also attended by Chief Minister Manik Saha, Chief Secretary JK Sinha, DGP Anurag Dhankar and senior security officials.

Chisoti to ...

facilities. "I spoke to the Deputy Commissioner of Kishtwar only yesterday. He informed me that he had already approved the land, so we can proceed further. We had requested the administration to provide suitable land for the project," Singh said.

Emphasising the initiative's urgency, Singh said the project was pursued proactively without waiting for lengthy formal procedures.

"Such initiatives move forward when pursued with dedication and passion. We did not wait for formalities or protocol. Instead, we followed up professionally to ensure progress. I am pleased to note that the required land has now been identified," he said.

LG opens ...

in 2024. The project will enhance the capacity of the shrine to host pilgrims visiting from India and abroad. My goal has been to provide the Kashmiri Pandit community visiting the shrine with excellent facilities and a serene spiritual experience," Sinha said.

The facility constructed within the temple premises at a cost of Rs 3.85 crore comprises a ground-plus-two reinforced cement concrete (RCC) framed structure with a plinth area of 3,885 square feet and is designed to accommodate approximately 800-900 pilgrims through floor bedding arrangements, the spokesperson said.

Earlier, the LG paid obeisance at the temple and prayed for peace, prosperity and the well-being of all.

Meanwhile, LG Sinha also inaugurated District Emergency Operations Centre and Shri Amarnathji Yatra Control Room at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Ganderbal. The Lieutenant Governor said that these facilities will ensure a smooth and seamless pilgrimage experience for the upcoming Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

Jatin Kishore, Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the key features of the new facility.

The centre pools CCTV feeds from across Ganderbal district installed by District Administration, Police and other Security forces, for real-time monitoring at a single centralized location.

The facility is backed by a round-the-clock emergency citizen helpline to provide immediate assistance and crisis mitigation.

In order to ensure a safe and seamless pilgrimage, the Emergency Operations Centre also integrates CCTV Feeds from Baltal Base Camp, approach roads leading upto Baltal Base Camp, Parking Areas in Baltal Base Camp, Sonamarg and Manigam Transit Camp.

It will be instrumental in planning and decision-making during the annual Shri Amarnathji Yatra.

Narco-terrorists ...

been attached, nearly 700 driving licenses have been cancelled, and recommendations have been made to cancel passports of 130 drug smugglers.

"Fifty-five days ago, from the soil of Jammu, I declared that enough is enough. What began as a war against drugs and narco-terrorism has now ignited into a true people's movement, a movement born of courage, sustained by spirit, and driven by the collective will of ordinary citizens. Today, that resolve stands stronger than ever," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor assured proper rehabilitation of those who have fallen into drug addic-

tion. "With compassion and dignity, we will help them return to the mainstream of society. Through treatment, counselling, and new employment opportunities, we are opening new doors. People must remember that this is not simply a government programme, but it is a social revolution. Together, we will ensure that no drug smugglers or peddlers ever find a place in Jammu Kashmir.

Fifty-five days ago, I stood on Jammu's soil and declared that we would free our children from the poison of drugs, protect our families from being torn apart by drug addiction, and refuse to let our people become hostages to narco-terrorists who profit from suffering and funding terrorism with their black money. We have launched a war against narco-terrorists, who seek to destroy the future of our youth," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that in every march across Jammu Kashmir, he spoke about how drugs are destroying the future of people, robbing them of their ability, their dreams, and their dignity and how the proceeds from drug smuggling is used in buying weapons, and spreading terrorism in Jammu Kashmir.

The Lieutenant Governor further observed that the administration will ensure that those who have harmed our youth face justice so severe that the world will remember their punishment.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon mothers, sisters, and daughters to rise as protectors of our villages, cities and neighbourhoods. He also called upon youth of Jammu Kashmir to stand as guardians of their schools and colleges.

"I promise to the people that narco-terrorists will no longer find refuge. We will hunt them down. Narco-Terrorists days are numbered. Their networks will be dismantled, one by one. This is my oath, my solemn promise that every narco-terrorist will answer for their crimes and their sins," the Lieutenant Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor launched Sindh Samvad, a podcast series and also felicitated the winners of various competitions organised under the Nasha Mukht Jammu Kashmir Abhiyaan.

Rs 4 Cr assets ..

Abhiyaan', a police spokesman said. In one case, a double-storey residential house built on nine marlas of land and owned by Aadil Ahmad Dhobi of Sikh Bagh in Lal Bazar was attached under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act, he said.

A vehicle linked to Dhobi was also attached during the proceedings, he added.

In another action by Lal Bazar police station, a vehicle belonging to Arshid Ahmad Sheikh of Haka Bazar was attached under Section 68-F of the NDPS Act.

Separately, Khanayar police station attached a double-storey residential house along with 12 marlas of land, valued at around Rs 2 crore, belonging to Owais Hussain of Tangbagh, Khanayar, the spokesman said.

Hussain is an accused under Sections 8, 20, and 29 of the NDPS Act at the Khanayar police station, he said.

During investigation, the property was identified as an asset allegedly acquired through proceeds of drug trafficking and was attached after completion of legal formalities.

The cumulative value of the attached properties and vehicles exceeds Rs 4 crore, marking a significant step in efforts to dismantle the financial infrastructure of narcotics networks operating in the district, the spokesman added.

Shrine Board ...

outreach programmes organized across its various establishments.

The initiatives were aimed at promoting a drug-free society, encouraging healthy lifestyles and fostering environmental consciousness. The day's activities also included yoga sessions, a health awareness talk and a CPR awareness programme, focusing on physical well-being, preventive healthcare and emergency response preparedness.

As part of the programme, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB along with other dignitaries flagged off an Anti-Drug Awareness Rally which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty from SMVDCoN and DPS, healthcare professionals, Shrine Board officials and representatives of law enforcement agencies to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and promote healthy living.

Carrying banners and placards bearing impactful anti-drug messages, participants sensitized the public about the adverse effects of substance abuse and advocated the adoption of healthy and responsible lifestyles. The rally served as a powerful platform for community engagement and collective action, reinforcing the message of the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and encouraging citizens, particularly the youth, to shun drugs and actively contribute towards building a healthier, safer and more responsible society.

An awareness exhibition and felicitation ceremony were also organized at the Atrium of SMVDNSH, highlighting the importance of collabora-

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India lodges ...

accession" of Jammu and Kashmir to India in 1947.

"The government of India further emphasised that such endeavours by Pakistan cannot mask the underlying issues of grave human rights violations, political repression, economic exploitation and denial of freedom in territories illegally occupied by Pakistan," it said in a statement.

"The government of India categorically rejects any attempts by Pakistan to bring material change to areas under Pakistan's illegal occupation, and underlines that such actions cannot hide the fact that Pakistan illegally remains in possession of Indian territories, which it must vacate," it said.

LG, CM stress ...

generations," Sinha said in his message on the World Environment Day.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in his message said his government is committed to environmental conservation, and called upon every citizen to join the collective mission.

"On World Environment Day, the chief minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development," the chief minister's office said in a post on X.

Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed growing concern over environmental degradation caused by unplanned urbanisation, shrinking water bodies, forest depletion and the impacts of climate change. Authorities have recently intensified plantation drives, waste-management initiatives and conservation programmes, while urging public participation to safeguard natural resources and ecological balance.

Timely rains, ...

initiative launched under the Aroma Mission by the union ministry of science and technology, in collaboration with the CSIR-Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (IIIM), has transformed the economic prospects of farmers in remote areas.

"The efforts of Union Minister Jitendra Singh and CSIR-IIIM have yielded significant benefits for farmers. Their continued support has helped the purple revolution reach even far-flung villages like Raie," Bagban said.

The success of lavender cultivation has also brought national recognition to Baderwah, often referred to as 'Chhota Kashmir'.

To further promote the region's lavender industry on the global stage, the fourth edition of the two-day Lavender festival will be held on June 6 and 7 under the theme, "Lavender Goes Global".

Meena Katoch, a 29-year-old lavender farmer from Hud village in Marmat, said the crop has provided local farmers with a unique identity and new livelihood opportunities. Lavender cultivation was introduced in Baderwah in 2010 under the Aroma Mission of CSIR-IIIM, aimed at improving farm incomes and encouraging entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector.

The region's temperate climate is well suited for lavender cultivation. The drought-resistant crop requires relatively low maintenance, begins yielding flowers from the second year of plantation and can continue production for up to 15 years.

Recognising its growing economic importance, lavender has been designated as the official product of Doda district under the Centre's 'One District, One Product' initiative.

The fourth edition of the famous lavender festival will be organised in the Baderwah valley of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on June 6 and 7, celebrating the success of the "Purple Revolution" and lavender-based rural entrepreneurship in the Union territory.

NC to join ...

special status alive "till eternity". "The day all of us get buried in Kashmir, it (Article 370) will also be buried that day," the former

Jammu and Kashmir chief minister asserted.

The National Conference on Wednesday announced that its legislators will protest in Delhi to press for the restoration of statehood and special status.

The INDIA bloc, comprising several opposition parties, has been holding periodic meetings to coordinate its strategy on key national issues, including federalism, electoral reforms and governance. The upcoming meeting in New Delhi is expected to deliberate on political developments and formulate a common approach on issues concerning opposition-ruled states.

Omar meets ...

of The Hindu Huddle. I'm sure his term in office will be hugely beneficial to the people of Karnataka," Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said after the meeting.

D.K. Shivakumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka on June 3, 2026.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah planted a sapling at Jammu & Kashmir House, New Delhi, on the occasion of World Environment Day, marking the Government's continued commitment to environmental sustainability and green development.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that every tree planted today is an investment in cleaner air, healthier communities, and a more resilient tomorrow. He emphasized that such efforts, though symbolic, carry long-term significance in addressing the challenges of climate change and environmental degradation.

Reaffirming the Government's commitment on World Environment Day, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable development as key priorities of governance.

He called upon all citizens to actively participate in the collective mission of preserving natural heritage and building a greener, cleaner, healthier, and more climate-resilient Jammu and Kashmir for future generations.

CS reviews ...

NTA-designated City Coordinators. He stressed that examination centres should, as far as possible, be established in government educational institutions and be thoroughly inspected well in advance of the examination date.

The Chief Secretary further directed the district administrations to ensure the availability and functionality of CCTV surveillance systems, mobile jammers, uninterrupted power supply with backup arrangements, drinking water facilities and other essential amenities at every examination centre.

He also reviewed district-wise preparedness and sought detailed inputs from the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners regarding the number of examination centres, candidates appearing and the arrangements being put in place within their jurisdictions.

Earlier, Director General, NTA, Abhishek Singh, briefed the meeting about the comprehensive and technology-driven measures being adopted to ensure the conduct of the examination in an exceptionally fair, transparent and efficient manner.

He stressed the need to effectively curb rumour-mongering on social media and other platforms, directing the concerned authorities to take proactive measures against the dissemination of any misleading or unverified information that could adversely impact the interests and morale of the aspirants.

The DG further informed that the inspection of all examination centres is scheduled to be completed by June 14. He also highlighted the constitution of State Level Coordination Committees (SLCCs) headed by senior officers and District Level Coordination Committees under the respective District Magistrates for effective monitoring and coordination.

Singh also revealed that question papers would be airlifted to the designated examination cities and answer sheets transported after the examination with the support of the Indian Air Force to maintain the highest standards of security and confidentiality. He added that mock drills would be conducted on June 20, a day before the examination, to assess preparedness and ensure smooth conduct of the examination.

The meeting was informed that each examination centre would be assigned a Magistrate by the district administration and a designated police officer for close monitoring. Flying squads would undertake surprise inspections, particularly at sensitive centres, while independent observers deployed by the NTA would also oversee the conduct of the examination.

It was further informed that all centres would be equipped with biometric verification teams, CCTV surveillance systems, mobile jammers, seating plans, generator sets and other necessary infrastructure. Adequate arrangements, including orientation of invigilators, establishment of frisking kiosks, candidate enclosures and verification desks, would also be put in place to ensure a secure, transparent and hassle-free examination process across the Union Territory.

The Chief Secretary reiterated that all departments must work in close coordination to uphold the integrity of the examination process and provide a conducive environment for candidates appearing in the prestigious national-level examination.