

Youth's Vision is Government's Mission : PM Modi BRIEF *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 Jojra 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 C M Handwara have attached a

Y B 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

Wednesday underscored the transformative impact of technological developed during past edi-tions of the Smart India

Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on solutions



Hackathon (SIH), praising them for addressing realworld challenges and benefiting people across the country. Addressing the participants of the 7th edition of ŜIH 2024 via video conferencing, the Prime Minister reiterated his government's commitment to empowering youth and fostering innovation.

ment and industry stake-"For me, the vision of holders in solving pressing the vouth is the mission of issues through technology. the government," said PM PM Modi acknowledged Modi. "We are working tirethat many innovations from

TT Correspondent

Srinagar : A major tragedy was averted as

security forces successfully

detected and destroyed two

early in the day. Acting

ways on Wednesday.

lessly 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

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 govern-

Security Forces defuse 2 IEDs in last 72

Srinagar, Dec 11 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with young innovators during the 7th edition of Grand Finale of the 7th ediof Smart India tion

> including the SIH team at NIT Srinagar, via video conferencing mode. For the first time, NIT

Hackathon (SIH) 2024,

proving to be highly useful. During the hour-long

interaction with participants, the Prime Minister encouraged young innovators to continue their problem-solving endeavors. He also highlighted the importance of the recently approved One Nation One Subscription scheme, which aims to provide nationwide access to scholarly research articles and journals. "This

the past seven editions are initiative ensures no vouth actively improving lives in India is deprived of across the country. These important information. With hackathons have solved an allocation of Rs. 6,000 many big problems and are crore for 2025, 2026, and

PM Modi interacts with innovators via video conferencing at NIT Srinagar

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

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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.

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Darbar move will be restored, won't allow Jammu's uniqueness to shrink : CM Omar

TT Correspondent Jammu, Dec 11: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Abdullah on Omar Wednesday said Jammu's uniqueness will not be allowed to diminish and

citing administration's complete transition to e-office which could help save Rs 200 crore per year. The practice, introduced by Dogra rulers nearly 150 years ago, was stopped by

stand why it was not projected during campaigning for assembly polls. The issue gained momentum only after the election result although we have mentioned it in our manifesto



asserted that his government will restore Darbar move. Darbar move an ageold practice under which the civil secretariat and other government offices used to function six months each in Srinagar and Jammu during summer and winter, respectively. The practice, introduced by Dogra rulers nearly 150 years ago, was stopped by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in June 2021,

Lt Governor Manoj Sinha in June 2021, citing administration's complete transition to e-office which could help save Rs 200 crore per year. However, the decision came up for sharp criticism from various quarters including Jammu business community and politicians who termed the exercise as a bond between the two regions. "Darbar move is an issue which I fail to underand meetings," Abdullah said."We assure you that the Darbar move will be restored. Jammu has its own importance and we will not allow its uniqueness to diminish," he told reporters after chairing over a three-hour long meeting with representatives of civil society at his official residence here.Abdullah said the government takes its

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Two-member UN team meets Rohingya Muslims in Jammu

Jammu, Dec 11: A twomember team of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) met Rohingya Muslims at a slum here amid a heated debate whether the illegally settled immigrants be provided water and electricity.

Senior Protection Officer Muslims and some local resarea of Narwal, an official

On December 7, Jammu and Kashmir Jal Shakti Minister Javed Ahmed Rana said the water supply would not be snapped to the slums housing the immigrants, pending a call from the Centre on their deportation. Rana's statement came after Rohingyas living on three plots of land in the Narwal area of Jammu claimed that their power and water supply were snapped recently despite being registered with the UNHCR. Two days later, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said the Centre should decide the fate of the Rohingya population settled in Jammu, asserting that they could not be allowed to die of starvation or cold."It

is a humanitarian issue. The central government should decide about them (Rohingyas). If they are to be sent

back, do that. If you can,

send them back. If you can-

in policy at the Centre, take them back. As long as they are here, we cannot treat them like animals. They are humans and they should be treated as such," he said.

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not send them back, we can-The BJP, however, called not starve them to death. the settlement of Rohingyas They cannot be allowed to and Bangladeshi nationals in die of cold," Abdullah had Jammu a major "political conspiracy" and demanded a CBI probe to identify those C "The Government of India should tell us what we involved in bringing and settling them in the city.Hitting have to do with them. As long as they are here, we out at the National Conference government need to take care of them," over granting water and he added.Abdullah, the National Conference vice power connections to the president, also asserted that settlers, the BJP alleged it they did not bring the was being done to protect Rohingyas to Jammu."They them as they belonged to a

"particular community".

Police arrests o8 drug peddlers; Contraband substance recovered

drawing significant num- ple locations, and hot air bers of domestic and inter-

told reporters.

Srinagar : A police team in Kalaroos, a police team from Police Station Pattan, from Police Post Kalaroos led by the SHO, intercepted

have been brought and set-

Improvised Explosive defused the IED and Devices (IEDs) within the destroyed it in a controlled last 72 hours along the explosion using sandbags. Srinagar-Baramulla and Following the successful Baramulla-Kupwara highoperation, the highway was reopened for normal traffic, The latest incident restoring calm in the region. This was the second IED occurred on the Baramulla-Handwara stretch, where a detected and neutralized in road-opening party from the the past three days. The first 30 Rashtriya Rifles (RR) device was found near spotted a suspicious object Palpora Pattan in Baramulla

swiftly, a Bomb Disposal located in the Langate area J&K to get its maiden Govt Homeopathy Medical College in Kathua, Jammu

Jammu, Dec 11 : Jammu and Kashmir is set begin from the current acato achieve a significant demic session, 2024-25. milestone in health and This new institution is This new institution is medical education with the expected to mark a turning point for students in the establishment of its first government homeopathy region, as they will no longer need to travel to medical college. The Ayush Ministry has other states for homeopathy education. The process to approved the project, which will be built in Kathua disestablish the homeopathy trict at an estimated cost of college began five years ago. (Cont. on Page-11) Rs 80 crore.



Classes are scheduled to

district, while the latest was

Squad (BDS) was called to of Kupwara district. Both the scene, and traffic along highways are vital corridors the highway was temporarifrequently used by security ly halted to ensure public forces for convoy movesafety. The BDS team ment. 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

officer said

Hours in Baramulla-Kupwara region

Tomoko Fukumura along with Protection Associate Ragini Trakroo Zutushi on Monday met the Rohingya idents in the Kiryani Talab said on Wednesday. He said the head of the team would return to Delhi on Wednesday evening as their attempt to meet some police officials failed.

MHA, Tourism Ministry in advance stage

talks to allow satellite phones for trekkers

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.

obtained through illicit

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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Administration cracks down on ultrasound centres, inspects 2 dozen facilities

Jammu, Dec 11: Acting ered nearly two dozen cenon the directives of Deputy tres in different areas of Commissioner Jammu, Jammu district. SDM Sachin Kumar Vaishya, a Nitish North, Jammu district-wide inspection Rajora, spearheaded the drive targeting ultrasound drive in his sub-division, where notices were issued and imaging centres across various sub-divisions was to two centres for deficienconducted today. The cies found during inspec-tion of seven facilities. At Deputy Commissioner, who also serves as Chairman of Bakshi Nagar, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, the District Advisory Committee for the Pre-Dr. Rajesh Kumar, along Conception & Pre-Natal with his team, inspected eight ultrasound and imag-Diagnostic Techniques ing centres. One facility (PCPNDT) Act, has called was found operating with for a zero-tolerance approach towards violaan expired registration. The tions of the Act. The camcentre was sealed on the spot and the proprietors paign, led by Sub-Divisional Magistrates and were instructed to renew (Cont. on Page-11) other senior officers, cov-

Governor said

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In the next 4 days during

the Hackathon, participants

from across the country will

work on critical problem

statements to develop suc-

Highlighting the transforma-

tion in innovation landscape

of the country in the past 10

years, under the leadership of

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri

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

growth. On the occasion, the

Lieutenant Governor called

upon the youth to translate

their ideas into socially use-

ful and commercially viable

nation's economic

innovation.

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Srillagar, Dec 11 Director Tourism Kashmir, Yaqoob, has Raja 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.

are a testament to our vigi-

lance and commitment to

safeguarding lives," the

TT Correspondent

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

Park. Additionally, Yaqoob national tourists. Raja Yaqoob also expressed optirevealed that the region hosted its first international mism about this year's tourism season, noting, marathon this year, featur-"Every day, we have 200ing participants from 13



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-

countries and 59 international tourists. The government is now working to bring global recognition to Kashmir's adventure tourism by engaging with the World Rafting Federation to organize an international rafting championship. To support the growing demand for adventure activities, the tourism department has made significant investments in infrastructure and equipment. (Cont. on Page-11)

a vehicle (Ertiga) near the Railway Crossing in Pattan. The vehicle, bearing regis-tration 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

apprenended Javid Anmed Lone, son of Abdul Khaliq Lone, a resident of Lashtiyal Kalaroos. 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

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downtime," the Lieutenant

Governor said. He further

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

Uttar Pradesh, Dec 11 Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today addressed the young innovators participatin 'Smart India ing 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

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

inventions and at the same time we need environmentfriendly innovations for sustainable development. То

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



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Developed Nation by 2047,

we need knowledge, capabil-

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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

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, preernance, 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

cision agriculture and e-gov-

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

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. 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 Artificial Computing, Intelligence, Advanced Robotics, additive manufacturing and Simulation will (Cont. on Page-11)