

Pump guns to hit low-flying drones

NEW DELHI, Sept 19:

Security forces that guard vital installations, airports and even their own camps have been directed to use rubber bullets bearing pump action guns to neutralise low-flying drones till an appropriate technology is found to thwart such aerial attacks, official sources said.

Also, forces like the Border Security Force (BSF) have recently installed an improvised iron pole mounted Light Machine Gun (LMG) observation post at some

of its border deployments against Pakistan to take a 360 degree aim and shoot down drones or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) flying at a high altitude, they said.

A latest blueprint prepared by Central security agencies to counter the emerging drone threat has been reviewed by PTI and it directs security forces to use PAGs (Pump Action Guns) that are already available in their armoury for "neutralising any low-flying UAV".

Following the directive, the Central forces deployed for inter-

nal security have begun allocating PAGs to their units vulnerable to drone threats, including those deployed for anti-Naxal operations.

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solution is found for effectively checking and neutralising a drone attack, the security forces have been asked to use what is available with them, like the PAGs.

"Those who do not have adequate numbers of these non-lethal weapons have been asked to procure them," a senior Union Home Ministry officer said.

He said the security units deployed for counter-terrorist duties in Kashmir and those guarding airport boundaries have also been asked to provide these arms to their Sentries deployed for observation and protection of the campus.

"It has been found that rubber pellets fired by the PAGs can effectively bring down a drone that is flying low at about 60-100

meters from the ground and attempting to either drop bombs or to conduct reconnaissance of the camp area or the installation," an officer from a Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) said.

For example, he said, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) guards a number of airports and facilities in the power and nuclear domain where there are either people living close to the boundary or there is vehicular movement, and hence using a lethal weapon like an INSAS rifle can cause collateral damage and injure a person.

Hence, the officer said it has been advised that if low-flying drones are detected, they should be shot using the PAGs and save larger damage to the facility and those present there.

"Various CAPFs like the CRPF, ITBP, SSB and the CISF have their camps in risk-prone areas and hence they have been advised to use pump action guns to protect their camps from drone bombings or surveillance sorties," a third officer said. (PTI)

Blind hit & run case solved, accused driver arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: Domana Police solved a blind hit and run case with the arrest of accused driver.

As per police sources, on September 14 this year an information was received at Police Station Domana from reliable sources that a motorcyclist namely Kewal Krishan, son of Chuni Lal of Gurha Keran was hit by one unknown vehicle at Gajay Singh Pura. The driver of the unknown vehicle fled away from the spot along with the vehicle after hitting the motorcyclist. Some locals shifted the victim to GMC Jammu where he succumbed to his injuries.

On the information, a case under FIR Number 259/2021 under Sections 279 and 304-A IPC was registered at Police

Station Domana and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, a team from Police Station Domana led by SHO Inspector Mahesh Sharma was constituted under the supervision of SDPO Domana Kosheen Koul.

The team did strenuous efforts and with the help of analysis of CCTV footages of different locations along with technical assistance and timely human intervention, identified the driver of the said unknown vehicle and arrested him.

The accused driver has been identified as Rakesh Singh, son of Gopal Singh of Doha Thara Dansal, District Jammu. The vehicle involved in the accident has been also recovered and seized accordingly.

Further investigation into the case is going on.

Guru Gyagi's idol installed

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: J&K Batwal Welfare Association organized a programme at Trimurti Bhawan in village Garhi here today and installed the idol of Guru Gyagi there after performing all the rituals.

Tarlok Motan was the chief guest while Association's Election Commissioner, R.L Kaith described Guru Gyagi as one of the greatest humanists.

On this occasion Association president, Ramesh Sargotra felicitated eminent persons of Batwal community and also awarded students, wrestlers, others from the community for their achievements.

Among those awarded were Saniya Kaith of Smailpur, she got 94 per cent marks in matric-

ulation examination 2021; Ankit Motan of Garhi for scoring 76 per cent marks in Mechanical Engineering; Janvi Chanjotro of Ghou-Manhassan for qualifying JEE (Main)-2021 with 71 per cent marks; Uday Motan of Bane Chack for breaking Guinness Record by identifying 40 country calling codes in 55 seconds and wrestlers Lovejeet Kaith and Bipin Kaith for bringing laurels.

Association general secretary, Ram Lal Lakhotra conducted proceedings of the programme and prominent among those who attended the programme were Sansar Singh Motan, Dr Ramesh Kumar Kaith, Raghubir Lakhotra, Om Parkash Tugga, Ram Lal Sargotra and others.

Painting, Drawing Competitions held

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: Inter-School painting and drawing competitions were organised by Live For Others-Being Helpful Organisation in collaboration with office of the Sarpanch, Panchayat Garmai in Panchayat Garmai at Government Middle School, Upper Garmai based on the themes "Swachh Bharat" and "Say No to Drugs".

Winners of above 5th class category were Jagreet Kaur of Prinston English Academy, first runner up was Deepika Somboria of Bright Career High School, while second runner ups were Bhumika Anthal of Prinston English Academy and Chetan of Bright Career High School.

Discussing the artworks of students, Vivek Parihar, CEO/Founder of LFO-BH said, "The way students play with colours is remarkable, and it was marvellous to see the incredible painting strategies." The children were provided stationary kits to further encourage them in their studies and taking painting and drawing as a hobby and provide them avenues to develop and express their creativity. Trophies and Certificates were provided for first three winners of each category. Certificates were also provided for all the participants.

Sharing his opinion, Vishal Singh COO/Founder of LFO-BH said, "Children are the eyes of our future and we need to provide them a green and safe platform."

Abhinandan Sharma General Secretary of LFO-BH said, "I see a better future for art in our world, as even senior students are truly interested in art and did an impressive job".

NC leaders join BJP at Mandi

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Sept 19: Pardeep Sharma, Ex MLC BJP today visited Mandi block and attended a programme along with other senior leaders including Paramjeet Singh, general secretary, Captain (retired) Ashok Kumar, district vice president, Captain (retired) Bansil Lal, Ex President, Mohd Ashraf, Mandal Pardhan, Mandi, Mohd Sharief, Mandal Pardhan, Loran, Abdul Hamid, senior Party Leader, Manjeet Singh spokesperson, Bansil Lal, senior party leaders, Mohd Javid Panch

and Pir Layaqaat. During the programme some prominent leaders and workers of National Conference (NC) left their party and joined the BJP in front of Pardeep Sharma and other leaders.

Those who joined BJP included Mohd Akram Lone (NC block president), Mohammad Tariq Hussain Pir, Mohammad Iqbal, Abdul Ghani Lone, Ghulam Ahmed Lone, Mohd Afzal Lone and Ghulam Qadir. About 150 to 200 youth of the area also joined the BJP on the occasion.

Drug peddler arrested with cannabis

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: Sainik Colony arrested a drug peddler along with 388 grams of cannabis.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Police Post Sainik Colony led by SI Rahul Dogra under the supervision of SHO Channi Himmat Inspector Karan Chalotra laid a naka and intercepted a person, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police team recovered 388 grams ganja from the possession of the person and arrested him.

The arrested person was identified as Manoj Kumar, son of Bagh Chand Bansal of Madhya Pradesh, at present Sector D Sainik Colony District Jammu.

A case FIR Number 150/21 under Section 8/20 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and investigation started.

'Allow small Super Store Markets in various JMC Wards'

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: Citizen's Forum president, R.K Chadha and senior vice president, Daman Bhasin have urged upon the LG, Manoj Sinha, that instead of issuing licenses to Reliance to open general stores, it will be a great service to the Jammu people to allow small Super Store Markets in various JMC Wards giving jobs

to the educated unemployed youth by getting them financial help from J&K Bank to run the stores under ownership rights.

In a handout, Forum said that there is lot of space available in the form of Government buildings which after vacating can be used as stores on first and second floors with ground floor for parking.

Forum leaders asked the Government that what special help it has provided to the ailing small businesses and MSME to rehabilitate the closed units in last two years.

They claimed that RBI has cheated MSME and small units in the name of COVID-19 pandemic while the bankers selected only favourites for help with loans.

Lane needs blacktopping

We would like to draw attention of the Jammu Municipal Corporation towards extremely bad condition of our lane 19C (A).



This lane has not been repaired since long with the result there are several potholes in the stretch causing dirt. Besides, there is an adjoining Nallah which is rarely cleaned by the Municipal authorities with the result foul smell emanates from it.

Because of no blacktopping, sweepers also avoid cleaning this lane and hence filth and garbage are seen lying here and thereby mocking at the claims of Jammu being developed as a Smart City.

We the residents of this 'posh' locality, appeal to the JMC authorities for immediate blacktopping of this lane besides its regular cleanliness so that there may be no dirt in the area.

Subhash Gupta
Gandhi Nagar Jammu.

Blacktop Dori-Ghan Poda Chandali road

This is to draw the attention of the District Administration Kishtwar towards the deplorable condition of Dori-Ghan-Poda Chandali road.



This road nearly 20 Kms in length has not been black topped yet. The top surface is paved with only crushed stones and gravel which creates impediment in smooth vehicular traffic. Usually motorists do not wish to ply on this Kachha road fearing wear and tear to their vehicles.

In absence of transport service, people of this remote part of the district encounter many problems particularly in fetching ration and other goods from the town. Patients who want to seek medical aid also are the worst hit. Almost every section of society faces one or the other problem.

As such it is requested that the road be blacktopped at the earliest.

Veer Singh
Sarthal Kishtwar

Stop damaging public property

The people are rightly agitated at the way the Government is behaving with the general public with regard to the expansion of the national highway for creating a six lane expressway.

Certain issues baffling the public are the way the Government authorities are going around damaging private property without any legal notice. Another issue causing a lot of heartburn amongst the public is the way the authorities are not damaging private property of the rich and well connected but being very harsh with the poor people.

There is no logic in the urgency being shown by the authorities in damaging private property without any notice when the work on the national highway can not start till at least for

Rajeshwar Raju's book 'Of Art & Artists' released

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: Dogri Sansha Jammu today released a collection of articles in English by well known writer, Rajeshwar Singh 'Raju'.

In an online programme in this regard, Prof R D Sharma, former Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu was the chief guest while Prof Lalit Magotra presided over the function.

The released book contains a collection of twenty seven write-ups of the author which appeared in various newspapers from time to time. Eighteen of the articles are on the achievements and credentials of prominent writers and artists of Jammu, majority of them Dogri writers and a few of Hindi and Punjabi. The remaining nine articles of the collection are on varied subjects covering themes related to Art and Literature.

The programme of the release of book had, in addition to the usual elements, an innovative feature that included an academic discussion and exchange of thoughts on the released book by two prominent intellectuals; namely Prof Veena Gupta and Jagdeep Dubej.

Veteran NC leader joins PC

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 19: Veteran National Conference leader, Nazirudin Ahmad Baba today joined Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Conference. The incumbent was associated with NC for the past more than 45 years.

Baba was affiliated with NC since 1975 and has worked as Block president Youth JKNC 1978, Zone Srinagar District president 1983, 1986; as Halka secretary, Block joint secretary, Srinagar Zone Secretary.

According to the party spokesman, Baba was welcomed to the party fold by PC Chairman, Sajad Gani Lone who termed his entry as a major step towards strengthening of the party will not only be benefited from his immense experience but also find an able mentor in him to 'steer the ship' to the shore.

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Man drowns in Chenab

Excelsior Correspondent

30773 new cases, 309 deaths

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: With 30,773 people testing positive for Coronavirus infection in a single day, India's total tally of COVID-19 cases rose to 3,34,48,163, while the active cases declined to 3,32,158, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated today.

The death toll climbed to 4,44,838 with 309 fresh fatalities, according to the data updated at 8 am.

The active cases comprise 0.99 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 97.68 per cent, the Ministry said.

A reduction of 8,481 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

As many as 15,59,895 tests were conducted on Saturday taking the total cumulative tests conducted so far for detection of COVID-19 in the country to 55,23,40,168.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.97 per cent. It has been less than three per cent for last 20 days.

The weekly positivity rate was recorded at 2.04 per cent. It has been below three per cent for the last 86 days, according to the Health Ministry. (PTI)

Minor boy drowns in river

Excelsior Correspondent

POONCH, Sept 19: A 16-year-old boy was drowned in river near stone crusher at Ari in Mendhar area of Poonch district today.

Official sources said that the incident took place when the boy had gone for bathing to the river. He slipped into deep water and drowned. They said body of the boy, Sahir Ahmed (16), son of Abdul Quyum of Ari, was shifted to SDH Mendhar.

BMO Mendhar, Dr P A Khan confirmed and said that the boy was brought dead to the hospital. The police has taken cognizance of the matter.

Forest produce smuggler arrested

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Sept 19: Forest produce 'Nagchatri' smuggler has been arrested here today.

As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Police Station Chatroo led by SHO Inspector Sandeep Parihar and accompanied by Incharge Police Post Mughalmaidan PSI Imran Khan laid a surprise naka at Mughalmaidan market and intercepted a pedestrian.

During checking, police team recovered 4 sacks of forest produce 'Nagchatri' weighing about 80 kilograms and arrested the pedestrian, who was identified as Mohammad Yousof, son of Abdul Rehman, of Drubel Mughalmaidan Chatroo.

A case FIR Number 58/2021 under Sections 379 IPC and 6 Forest Act has been registered at Police Station Chatroo and investigation started.

another year as there are power cables and transformers on the alignment of the expressway and it is a Herculean task for the Power Development Corporation to shift the power cables and transformers to an alternate alignment. Till such time the power development corporation does so, the public could very conveniently have been given notice to remove their structures.

Considering the issues raised above, it is expected that the Government would explain as to why they are showing such urgency in damaging private property that too in a very partisan manner, after all, the Government is meant for the people and not to harass them.

Col Vikram Bhasin
Kunjwani

Repair Surinsar-Mansar road

The serpentine Surinsar-Mansar road which connects two beautiful lakes of Jammu province Surinsar and Mansar needs to be wholly widened and blacktopped to allow smooth vehicular traffic on it. This road has assumed great importance in view of tourists thronging these beautiful lakes and providing connectivity to a number of villages located all along it. The recent rains have damaged it at various places as such it needs to be repaired.

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Besides, curbs and signage need to be erected at blind curves to avoid any accident there.

The view points that have been constructed also need to be repaired to make them aesthetically attractive for tourists visiting the two lakes.

Hope the concerned authorities especially the Tourism Department takes cognizance of the matter at the earliest.

Ajit Singh
Mansar

Plea to Jal Shakti Deptt

We the resident of Upper Dehri-Ralyote, tehsil Manjakote Distt Rajouri again want to bring in the kind notice of authorities of the Jal Shakti Deptt that we are facing acute shortage of drinking water for the last many years. We have to fetch water from far off areas for which women have to suffer a lot. We have brought this issue into the notice of the concerned authorities many times but of no avail. We again request to the concerned authorities to look into the matter and issue orders for supply of drinking water to our area as soon as possible.

An early action in this regard shall be highly solicited.
Abrar Bhatti
Upper Dehri Ralyote, Rajouri

Appeal to JK Housing Corp

It is pertinent to draw the attention of Jammu and Kashmir Housing Corporation (Ltd) towards the specific problems that the residents of Swaran Vihar Colony confront since long. Since the Colony stand largely expanded now the present water supply does not fulfill the genuine aspirations of the residents particularly in Summer. This needs to be increased by constructing additional tubewell or by any other via media to cater the demand of the Colony people.

Secondly, large number of plots in the Colony are vacant and as such have become sites for dumping of garbage, and harbouring venomous snakes and scorpions that pose threat to the life both to human and animal kingdom. It needs immediate proper action against such plot holders who keep their plots open.

Thirdly, sign boards need to be raised at the entry point of every street in the colony for the guidance of the outsiders who visit the Colony for one purpose or the other so that they will not face any inconvenience or trouble in their task.

N M Gadroo
Swarn Vihar
Jammu

Anant Chaturdashi celebrated with religious fervour, gaiety

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, Sept 19: Anant Chaturdashi was celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety today. In this connection a Maha Yagya was performed at Nagbal Anantnag by Nagbal Prabhndak Committee led by M K Bambruo.

A large number of devotees drawn from different parts of Kashmir Valley and Jammu attended the function and paid obeisance at the holy shrine. They also participated in Pooja - Archana. The devotees were served Prashad after Puraan Ahuti.

The Hawan was performed under the supervision of Babloo Ji Jad.

The people went in a procession to Devi Bal and Reshmol Sahib on the occasion and paid obeisance there too.

At Devibal Sanjay Saraf donated a Mata Raginiya Bhagwati idol which was installed there after performing the Pooja in a traditional way. The other members who were president on the occasion included councillor Sheela Handoo, B K Wantoo, Ramesh Bhat, Bitu Jad, Jigan Goja, Kaka Ji, I K Kandaroo and Krishan Lal.

Former MP and Minister, Dr Mehboob Beg and chairman Municipal Council Anantnag also visited the shrine on the occasion. Meanwhile, in connection with

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City Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

Anant Chaturdashi a function was held at Mata Roop Bhawani temple, Sharda Colony, Patoli Brahmana today in which a large number of devotees participated by maintaining the COVID SOPs. They participated in the pooja - archana and paid obeisance to Mata Roop Bhawani on the occasion. Bhajan Kirtan was also held in the temple premises.

On the occasion, the holy relic of Mata was displayed for darshan of devotees by the temple head Avtar Krishan Dhar. The holy relic of Mata is displayed for the darshan once in a year on this day. The devotees were served with Prashad after the culmination of Pooja - Archana.

Absconder arrested after 6 yrs

Excelsior Correspondent

KISHTWAR, Sept 19: Javalapur Police arrested an absconder, who was evading his arrest from the past 6 years.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Police Post Javalapur led by PSI Moim Khan raided suspected locations and arrested absconder, who was at large since 2015.

The arrested absconder was identified as Mohammad Ayub, son of Mohammad Sharif, a resident of Malikpura, Chilli Pingal District Doda.

He was wanted in a case registered under FIR Number 138/2015 under Sections 379 and 411 RPC with Police Station Kishtwar.

Further investigation into the case is going on.

Unidentified man found dead

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Sept 19: Unidentified man found dead under mysterious circumstances outside h w a r

Temple police sources said.

The body of the deceased has been shifted to mortuary of Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) for identification.

City Police has taken cognizance in this regard.

