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Heroin airdropped by drone seized

CHANDIGARH, June 3:

Security forces today recovered more than 12 kilograms of heroin that was airdropped by a Pakistani drone near the International Border in Punjab's Amritsar.

The seizure was made by a joint team of the Border Security Force and the Punjab Police, a BSF spokesperson said.

Around 2:50 am, the joint team heard the buzzing of the unmanned aerial vehicle and dropping of the consignment on the outskirts of Rai village in Amritsar, he said.

During a search of the area, they recovered five packets of heroin from a field. An iron ring was also found attached to the consignment, he said.

The recovered consignment weighs around 5.50 kilograms. (PTI)

AC Panchayat Kupwara attached

Excelsior Correspondent

SRINAGAR, June 3: The Government today attached the Assistant Commissioner (Panchayat) Kupwara for poor performance in the Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin Scheme in the district.

As per an order issued here by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, the concerned officer shall remain attached to the Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara till further orders.

"In view of the poor performance in SBM (G) and the interest of administration, it is hereby ordered that Parvaiz Rahim, Assistant Commissioner (Panchayat) Kupwara is divested of his responsibilities of the implementation of schemes of

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Quadcopter crashes in Udhampur

Excelsior Correspondent

UDHAMPUR, June 3: A quadcopter crashed at Neeli Nallah in Rhembal area of Udhampur district this evening.

The quadcopter belonged to the Army and was on routine

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exercise mission when it crashed and fell into a Nallah.

The incident took place around 7 pm

Police and officials of security agencies rushed to the spot to investigate the matter, the sources said.

Parts of quadcopter were seen lying in the Nallah after the crash which have been recovered to ascertain reasons behind the crash.

PM visits spot, promises stringent action against guilty

Odisha train crash: death toll mounts to 288

**Signal was given, taken off: Prelim Report*

BALASORE/ BHUBANESWAR, June 3:

Investigators were on Saturday looking into any human error, signal failure and other possible causes behind the three-train crash in Odisha's Balasore district as officials submitted a preliminary inquiry report into one of the worst accidents that left at

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least 288 people dead and over 800 injured.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the accident site and was briefed by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw as well as officers of the disaster management teams. He also met some of the injured at the hospital.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting the site of the accident involving Coromandel Express, Bengaluru-Howrah Express and a goods train in Balasore on Saturday. Union Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw is also seen. (UNI)

"I do not have words to express the pain... Stringent action will be taken against those found guilty... No one will be spared," Modi said.

The crash involving Bengaluru-Howrah Superfast Express and Shalimar-Chennai Central Coromandel Express, which were carrying around 2,000 passengers, and a goods train occurred around 7 pm on Friday near the Bahanaga Bazar station in Balasore, about 250 km south of Kolkata and 170 km north of Bhubaneswar.

Seventeen coaches were derailed and severely damaged

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Locals, security personnel and NDRF during the search and rescue operation at the site where Coromandel and Bengaluru-Howrah Express trains derailed in Balasore district on Saturday. (UNI)

Increasing road accidents on Batote-Doda-Kishtwar Highway

Reckless driving, use of life expired vehicles among main causes: Committee of Experts

**Several recommendations made to prevent loss of lives*

Mohinder Verma

JAMMU, June 3: A Committee of Experts constituted on the directions of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has held reckless driving, use of life expired vehicles and fatigue of drivers responsible for increasing road accidents on Batote-Doda-Kishtwar National Highway. Moreover, it has made several recommendations to prevent loss of lives.

In compliance to the directions of the High Court in a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) titled Intakhab Ahmed Qasi Versus J&K and Others, Government constituted a Committee of Experts vide Order No.247-JK(GAD) dated February 20, 2003 headed by Engineer-in-Chief (Secretary Technical) PWD (R&B) Department.

The committee in its report submitted to the Government has mentioned that majority of the road accidents in the belt were due to over-speeding, reckless overtaking and driving under the influence of liquor.

"The accidents are not limited to road alignment only but also have broader co-relation with driver's state of mind, fatigue, condition of vehicle and weather conditions", read the report of the committee, the copy of which is available with EXCELSIOR. It has also pointed out use of life expired vehicles on this highway as a cause of accidents.

The Committee of Experts has suggested strict enforcement of speed limit by installation of cameras and speed trackers/

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'Kishtwar to be North India's major power hub'

Previous Govts lacked seriousness to utilize Chenab resources: Dr Jitendra

Nishikant Khajuria

KISHTWAR, June 3: Alleging that the previous Governments in Jammu and Kashmir lacked seriousness to fully utilize rich natural resources of Chenab, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh today said that Kishtwar would soon become North India's major power hub generating around 6,000 MW of power after completion of the ongoing projects.

"The previous Governments, which ruled Jammu and Kashmir for 60-65 years, failed to fully utilize the rich natural resources of Chenab because of their lackluster approach to benefit people of the erstwhile Doda region," he said after taking review of the progress of various hydroelectric power projects in Kishtwar and Doda districts, here today.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh meeting with people during his visit to Kishtwar on Saturday.

Dr Jitendra Singh lamented that despite representation of

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Doda region in the Union as well as State Cabinets during the earlier regimes, no sincere efforts were made for adequate development of the area and upliftment of the locals.

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'30,000 given jobs, none through backdoor'

Shri Amarnath pilgrimage will benefit locals, boost economy: LG

**Elections will be held in transparent manner*

Sanjeev Pargal

JAMMU, June 3: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today said the pilgrims visiting holy cave shrine of Shri Amarnath Ji in South Kashmir Himalayas this year will return with good experience and added that the pilgrimage will benefit local people and give boost to economy.

LG Manoj Sinha attending 'Pratham Puja' of Shri Amarnath Ji through video conferencing in Srinagar on Saturday.

He was speaking after attending 'Pratham Puja' to mark ceremonial beginning of Shri Amarnath Ji yatra, through video conferencing in Srinagar, today.

"There was heavy snowfall this year but the Border Roads Organisation has done commendable work. I hope in the days to come, the tracks will be fully cleared," Sinha said.

He said Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) has been taking all steps and the administration is also working to ensure smooth pilgrimage which will start on July 1 and culminate on August 31 this year.

Seeking help of local people in making yatra successful this year too like previous years, the Lieutenant Governor expressed confidence that the yatris will return with good experience.

"When pilgrims visit, the locals get benefited. The economy will also get a boost," Sinha said.

At a separate function, Sinha said elections in J&K will be

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held in a transparent manner first time and nobody will be allowed to "hijack democracy" as seen in the past.

"Gone are the days when elections were rigged and democracy hijacked in J&K. Everything is taking place in a transparent manner. Whenever elections are held in J&K, the process will be conducted in a transparent manner. Nobody will be allowed to hijack democracy as seen in the past," he said.

Taking a jibe at the previous Governments, Sinha said that people were made hollow promises and tall claims in the past. "Things changed immensely after 2019. Our motive has been to serve people and to come up to the expectations of the masses. Every challenge has been turned into opportunities," he said, adding that before 2019, development was confined to few families. Lot of promises were made but they were never fulfilled," the LG said.

Sinha said that before 2019, jobs were given to only influential people and the poor were left alone. "Impression was given to the people that there was nothing beyond Government jobs. Backdoor appointments were the first priority of previous regimes," he said. "In the past three years, 30,000 people were given jobs. Not a single person got the job through a backdoor, he added.

He said peace will lead to development in Jammu and Kashmir though some forces are trying to disrupt peace.

However, he added, there have been clear directions to police and security forces that no innocent person should be harassed.

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'Work going on 24x7 on yatra routes'

India matching China's infra capabilities on LAC: DG BRO

PAHALGAM, June 3:

India is matching up its infrastructure to China's projects at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and there is no need for concern, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) chief Lieutenant General Rajiv Chaudhry said today.

Chaudhry was here to review works on the routes of the Amarnath Yatra. The annual pilgrimage to the cave shrine, located at a height of 3,880 metres in the south Kashmir Himalayas, will begin on July 1 and end on August 31.

"We are competing much better than what you think China is making. So, there is no need of any concern or overly concern that we are somewhere behind. We are matching up to the capabilities of infrastructure development on the borders," Lt Gen Chaudhry said here.

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BSF alert to foil any infiltration attempt along LoC: IG

Fayaz Bukhari

SRINAGAR, June 3: Inspector General of Border Security Force (BSF) Kashmir frontier Ashok Yadav today said that the troops along the Line of Control (LoC) are alert to foil any infiltration

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attempt.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a walkathon event organized by the BSF, Yadav said that while melting of snow may open traditional infiltration routes along the LoC, the BSF along with other security agencies will ensure all possible infiltration bids are foiled.

The IG BSF said that past data shows that once the snow starts to melt, some traditional infiltration routes are opened up which pave the way for the infiltrators to sneak in. "BSF along with the army will ensure that no one enters into this side from across," he said. "BSF will do the mapping of vulnerable routes and accordingly plan its deployment."

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