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4 held with narco consignment in Kupwara



Narco smugglers in police custody with consignment.

trict at a pre-decided location to take a consignment of narcotics, a joint search operation by Kupwara Police along with a local Army unit was launched in Zurhama area of PS Trehgam.

"During the operation, four persons identified as Yousuf Bokra son of Suba Bokra, resident of Rashedpora Kralpora, Showkat Ahmad Khatana son of Abdul Rashid Khatana, resident of Meliyal Kupwara, Maroof Ahmad Mir son of Mohd Rafiq Mir, resident of Jumagad, at present Zurhama Kupwara and Laba Masih son of Sadiq Masih, a resident of Awaan Ramdas Ajnala, District Amritsar Punjab, have been arrested, when they were in the process of exchanging smuggled narcotics and cash among themselves," he said.

He added that during the preliminary investigations, it has transpired that the narcotic consignment has been sent by two PoJK based terrorist handlers of

Mehbooba sees ray of hope in poll results

"I hope people across the country will also reject communal politics and vote for the country's development and prosperity," she said.

She said the people of Karnataka have sent a good message that they do not want to get into the Hindu-Muslim debate and vote in the name of gods, but over issues of unemployment, price rise and other developmental concerns.

Mehbooba said that the BJP tried its best to communalise the situation as is their habit. "They even brought Bajrangbali, religion, Hindu-Muslim to the discourse. The Prime Minister tried to take the discourse on religious lines. Despite that, people kept these issues on the sidelines and chose the issue of development on which the Congress ran its campaign," she said.

She said it is Rahul or Priyanka Gandhi or other Congress leaders, they built a narrative around development, employment and welfare schemes, and people voted for that. "It is good news because the general elections are to take place the next year," she added.

Mehbooba on recent developments in Pakistan said the situa-

Karnataka people rejected those trying to divide nation: Farooq

Abdullah appealed to the Centre to provide assistance to GoFirst airline so that it runs its operations again.

"GoAir (as it was previously known) needs help. About eight flights of the airline used to fly here and the airfare was also in check. Since it shut operations, the airfare has touched the sky. So, I appeal to the Centre to provide some assistance to the airline so that it runs its operations," he said.

Meanwhile, National Conference (NC) leader Omar Abdullah today said there is "no way" the BJP will have the courage to "allow" Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir after its performance in the Karnataka polls.

"Now there is no way BJP will have the courage to allow Assembly elections to take place in Jammu and Kashmir any time soon," he said.

Gulmarg set for massive transformation ahead of G20 delegation meeting

G20 delegation visit fills them with pride and anticipation. He referred to it as a historic day for the region.

Known for its hospitality, natural beauty, and cultural diversity, he said J&K sees the delegation's visit as a golden opportunity to showcase these inherent qualities to the world.

To ensure the event's success, Zargar revealed that a series of projects have been initiated to revitalize and present Gulmarg at its finest. He emphasized that the utmost priority is to provide the visiting delegates with an unparalleled experience that meets international standards in terms of facilities and comfort.

Zargar disclosed that several crucial projects have already been completed, including civil works and logistical arrangements for the grand presentation scheduled during the visit. However, he said, minor tasks such as macadamization and road development are still in progress and expected to be finalized in the coming days.

Regarding the renowned Gulmarg Gondola, one of the world's highest and longest ropeways, Zargar highlighted the enhancements made to improve visitors' experience.

"Upgrades include enhanced lighting, newly adorned mural paintings, and an improved illumination system. Furthermore, a VIP lounge has been established to cater to the needs of distin-

J&K Admn seeks extension in deputation of two local IAS officers; MHA, DoPT to take call soon

In addition, several IAS officers, who were earlier posted in Jammu and Kashmir, have also been transferred to Ladakh. Besides, the officers of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services (JKAS) and Jammu and Kashmir Police Services (JKPS) have also been posted on deputation to the Union Territory of Ladakh in view of shortage of officers there.

A number of officers including natives of the two Union Territories, who were posted in other States and UTs, have also opted for the postings in J&K.

Methamphetamine worth Rs 12,000 crore seized

detained in connection with it. Giving details of the seizure at a press conference held here, NCB Deputy Director General (Ops) Sanjay Kumar Singh said it was carried out as part of 'Operation Samudragupt' which targeted maritime trafficking of drugs originating from Afghanistan.

This is the third major seizure by NCB of maritime trafficking of drugs through the southern route in the last one and a half years, the agency said.

As part of the operation, so far around 3,200 kg of methamphetamine, 500 kg of heroin and 529 kg of hashish has been seized, it said.

The first seizure in the operation was made in February 2022 when a joint team of NCB and Indian Navy seized 529 kg of hashish, 221 kg of methamphetamine and 13 kg of heroin from the high seas off the coast of Gujarat, all sourced from Baluchistan (a region in Pakistan) and Afghanistan, the agency said.

Subsequently, an Iranian boat was intercepted off the coast of Kerala in a joint operation by NCB and Indian Navy in October 2022 and a total of 200 kg of high-grade heroin, also sourced from Afghanistan, was seized

LG discusses strategies to attract more investments into J&K

formed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 24 last year. However, total proposals for investments received by J&K Government were close to Rs 70,000 crore.

The private investment proposals, which are pending before the Government, will be cleared after development of

Cong makes stunning comeback in Karnataka, gains comfortable majority

stride and try to reorganise the party for next year's Lok Sabha elections," said Bommai who won from Shiggaon.

As many as 14 ministers tasted defeat at the hustings.

They are Govinda Karjol, J C Madhuswamy, B C Patil, Shankar Patil Munena Koppa, Halappa Achar, B Sriramul, Dr K Sudhakar, B C Nagesh, Murugesha Nirani, B C Patil and MT B Nagaraj. V Somanna lost from Varuna and Chamarajanagar, the two segments where he contested. R Ashoka who too contested from two constituencies was re-elected from Padmanabhanagar but lost in Kanakapura.

The JD-S, which had hoped to be kingmaker, won 19 seats, down from 37 last time with its vote share decreasing to 13.32 per cent from 18 per cent in the previous elections. The Congress made huge inroads into the JD(S) Vokkaliga stronghold in Old Mysuru region.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Congress for its win and wished the party best in its endeavour to fulfilling people's aspirations.

With a much-needed victory in the crucial southern state in the Congress bag, celebrations broke out at its offices across the country, from Bengaluru to Bikaner and Ranchi to Ahmedabad, as party workers danced to drumbeats and burst firecrackers.

The Congress also hailed the Bharat Jodo Yatra for the party's success in the home state of party president Mallikarjun Kharge having won 15 of the 20 assembly constituencies in the state the Rahul Gandhi-led foot march passed through.

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra was the Sanjeevini for the party," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told PTI.

A campaign against corruption, guarantees of dole and consolidation of Muslim votes appear to have underpinned the Congress victory that was also aided by anti-incumbency against the BJP Government.

Congress party's hyper-localised campaign, a bold gambit of a proposed Bajrang Dal ban, a promise of five guarantees, prominence to state leadership and deft caste and class combinations in Karnataka could, going forward, serve as a template to counter the hitherto successful blend of BJP's "welfare outreach" and Hindutva politics. Assembly elections are due in the next one year in Telangana and Madhya Pradesh as well as Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, where it is in power.

"I am happy we contested the Karnataka polls without using hate, bad language. We fought the polls with love. In Karnataka, the market of hate (nafirak ba bazaar) has closed down and shops of love (mohabhat ki dukanein) opened," said former party chief Rahul Gandhi, who has been disqualified as Lok Sabha MP after he was sentenced by a Gujarat court to two years in prison in a defamation case.

The strength of the poor has defeated the power of crony capitalists and this will happen in all states, he added amid loud cheers by party workers at the Congress' headquarters in Delhi.

AAP wins Jalandhar LS seat

In Jalandhar, AAP candidate Sushil Rinku defeated his Congress rival Karamjit Kaur Chaudhary by 58,691 votes. The win gave the ruling party in Punjab and Delhi its only member in Lok Sabha.

In the Assembly bypolls, the ruling BJP-led coalition in Uttar Pradesh ended Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan's over four-decade dominance in Rampur as Apna Dal (S) won the Suar seat. Shafeeq Ahmed Ansari defeated SP's Anuradha Chauri by a margin of 8,724 votes.

Apna Dal (S) got its second success when Rinku Kol defeated SP's Kirti Kol by 9,587 votes to win the Chhanbey (SC) Assembly seat.

In Odisha, the ruling BJD retained the Jharsuguda assembly seat with its candidate Dipali Das defeating her BJP rival Tankadhar Tripathy by 48,721 votes. Synshar Kupar Roy Lyngdoh Thabab of the UDP beat Samlin Malngiang of the NPP by 3422 votes to win the Sohiong by-election in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills.

The Jalandhar seat fell vacant following the death of Kaur's husband and Congress MP Santokh Singh Chaudhary in January. Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal hailed Rinku's "unprecedented victory," saying it is an outcome of the Bhagwant Mann government's good work in Punjab.

"We do politics of work and seek votes from people for our work, and people have put a stamp on Bhagwant Mann government's work saying 'we are with you'... This is a big message," Kejriwal said in Delhi.

3 shortlisted for CBI chief's post

them for the post." Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said over phone.

Sources said that names of senior IPS officers from Karnataka, Delhi and other States were discussed during the meeting.

CBI Director Subodh Kumar Jaiswal's fixed tenure of two years is coming to an end on May 25.

The name of Karnataka DGP Praveen Sood, a 1986-batch IPS officer from the state cadre, is doing the rounds as the frontrunner for the post, the sources said. Former Mumbai Police

Navy Commando cremated with full military honours

His body was first brought to his home and later taken to Purmandal area of Samba for last rites as per the family tradition, officials said.

The body of the soldier reached Bishnah tehsil from the Jammu airport after it was flown from Uttar Pradesh as thousands of villagers turned up to bid a tearful adieu to the son of the soil.

After the wreath-laying ceremony, body of the Commando was shifted to Purmandal where he was cremated with full military honours, including a gun salute, the officials said.

Senior officers of the Navy, Army, Air Force and police besides civil officials attended the last rites, they added.

As the body reached his native village, a pall of gloom descended in the entire area. The people were in shock and grief as the para commando who was very social and a caring youth not only for his parents and relatives but his co-villagers also had commanded a good respect among the people of the area.

Not only his native village but the pall of gloom descended in entire area after the people came to know about the death of Commando Ankur Sharma and they rushed to his residence as the news spread in the area that Commando's body has reached the village.

Emotional scenes were witnessed as the wailing relatives, including his parents and siblings, tried to reach the coffin wrapped in the tricolour to have a last glimpse of the fallen hero.

The mourners were unable to console the mother and other family members of Ankur who were totally in shock and were unable to understand what has happened.

The shell shocked villagers said words fall short to console the wailing parents of Ankur who had met a sudden tragedy as they had never expected that their young son will met such a quick end.

This dare devil Navy Commando was always ready to face any challenge in the life and while joining as para commando

Bones found in chamber of Electrical Crematorium after 25 yrs

cleared," he further said when informed about the presence of human bones in the chamber of electrical crematorium.

An office bearer of Sewa Samiti who had left the organisation some years back informed that the electrical crematorium was closed for the last 25 years after it developed some technical snag.

He also said that only 20-25 cremations had taken place in the electrical crematorium.

Mayor of Jammu city, Rajinder Sharma during a surprise check at Jogi Gate—oldest cremation ground in J&K today detected some human bones in the chamber of electrical crematorium which was closed decades back.

He ordered to collect these bones and then proceeded to the store room of the cremation ground to find ashes of about 100

LG condoles SSF jawan's demise

Lt Governor said: "I am deeply grieved to learn the passing away of HC Abdul Qayoom. I convey my deepest condolences to the family members and pray that the Almighty will grant them the strength to bear this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of grief."

India adds 1223 new Corona cases

NEW DELHI, May 13:

India has recorded 1,223 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, as per the Health Ministry today.

With this, the active caseload stood at 16,498 which is 0.04 per cent of the total cases, as per the Health Ministry.

The death toll has risen to 5,31,767 with 11 new deaths reported in the last 24 hours in various parts of the country.

As many as 2,720 patients recovered from the disease in the last 24 hours. The total number of people who have recuperated from the disease is 4.44 crore (4,44,31,137)

The COVID-19 recovery rate stood at 98.78 per cent, whereas the fatality rate was recorded at 1.18 per cent.

Meanwhile, the daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.86 per cent while the weekly positivity rate was pegged at 1.30 per cent.

WEATHER
JAMMU: Partly cloudy
TEMPERATURE
Max: 38.1 Degree C
Min: 23.5 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 50.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 84.0 per cent
Sunset on Sunday: 07.22 a.m.
Sunrise on Monday: 05.34 a.m.
SRINAGAR:
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers
TEMPERATURE
Max: 22.4 Degree C
Min: 10.9 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 68.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 54.0 per cent
LEH:
TEMPERATURE
Max: 17.5 Degree C
Min: 3.0 Degree C

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