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Don't kill or...

cent of the salt produced in the country. "It can be said that all countrymen eat Gujarat's salt," she had said.

Reacting to this, Udit Raj posted a strongly worded tweet saying, "No country should get a president like Droupadi Murmu. This is height of sycophancy. She says 70 per cent of people eat Gujarat's salt. Spend your life eating salt, then you will know the truth."



Union Minister Ramdas Athawale addressing a press conference at Srinagar on Thursday.

Athawale said, "This is not an issue of Chamchagiri' (sycophancy), Modi discussed this thoroughly. It had not happened for 70 years. Modi ji and the B-JP high command proposed her name after thinking it through. It was also discussed with the NDA and we supported it. So, it is not good (Udit Raj's statement) and I oppose that statement.

Replying to a question on the Dussehra rallies by two Shiv Sena factions in Maharashtra, Athawale said Eknath Shinde's party was the real Shiv Sena.

Both the rallies were huge, but Shinde's rally was much bigger. Shinde's Shiv Sena is the real one, they have two-third majority and so they will get the party symbol. I am of the belief that the Election Commission will decide in their favour, he said.

On Jammu and Kashmir, the Union Minister said that development and peace in the Union Territory is the top priority of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led government which is evident now with the visit of lakhs of tourists this year and the beginning of investment processes in thousands of crores in different sectors in Jammu and Kashmir for the welfare of the people.

Ramdas Athawale said that the peaceful atmosphere, which is now prevalent in J&K under the present government, has been able to attract lakhs of tourists which is a positive sign and will create job opportunities for the youth of J&K besides infrastructure development in the tourism sector.

Athawale said that the government wants to create more employment opportunities for the youth of J&K by attracting private sector investment. Many private sector investors have come to Jammu and Kashmir and will invest thousands of crores of rupees for the welfare of the Union Territory, the minister added.

Asserting that J&K is and was the integral part of India, Athawale said that it is in the interest of Pakistan to improve relations with India for peace to prevail and for its own development.

Ramdas Athawale said that from last many years, the gates of development have opened for J&K which is evident from the fact that all the centrally sponsored schemes and programmes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Jan Dhan Yojana, MUDRA, PM Ujjwala Yojana, Scholarship Schemes for Students, Welfare Schemes for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are now implemented in J&K.

Athawale further said that hundred percent implementation of many central schemes in J&K is witness to the fact that Govt. of India is steadfast to provide social stability at all fronts be that housing, livelihood etc. to the people of J&K.

The Minister Informed that under PM Narendra Modi implementation of the social welfare schemes has picked up pace in Jammu and Kashmir which is evident from the fact that under PM Jan Dhan Yojana, between 2014-2022 (September), 26 lakh accounts have been opened in J&K, under PM Ujjwala Yojana between 2016-22 (September), 12 lakh 43 thousand gas connections have been allotted to the beneficiaries, under PM Awas Yojana (Urban) between 2015-22 (September), 15 thousand houses have been constructed in J&K, under PM Awas Yojana (Rural), ninety thousand houses have been constructed, under PM Jan Arogya Yojana, 05 lakh 09 thousand have been benefited in J&K and under Ujala Yojana, 85 lakh LED bulbs have been issued in J&K. The Minister informed that between 2019-22 (September), 1720 De-addiction centers have been either funded or established under Financial Assistance for the establishment of De-addiction centers out of which 12 have

been either funded or established in Jammu and Kashmir.

Union Minister Athawale..

Lt Governor and discussed various issues pertaining to public welfare, the spokesperson said. Sinha, while interacting with the newly-elected, MP observed the Union Territory administration is working on all fronts to make every section of the society an equal stakeholder in the development process of Jammu and Kashmir.

We are reaching out to the last person in the queue with all benefits of government schemes and the rapid socio-economic growth taking place in the Union Territory for ensuring inclusive and equitable development for all, Sinha said.

Modernization of J&K...

Director General of Police Crime Branch J&K and Administrative Secretary Planning, Development and Monitoring Department as Members.

Govt directs construction...

ensure traffic was not disrupted.

Ramban Deputy Commissioner Mussarat Islam apprised the Kumar about progress of the four-laning work, including the Nashri-Ramban and Ramban-Banihal sections.

J&K first among...

Sarovars before 15th August,2022 and 1500 Amrit Sarovars by 15th August, 2023. However, the UT completed 1490 Amrit Sarovars on 15th of August, 2022 and hoisted National Flags over them on the occasion of Independence Day. It was informed that at present the UT has completed the work on 1953 Amrit Sarovars.

The UT is endeavoring to create and beautify more Amrit Sarovars and the Finance Department has released Rs 50 crore for the rejuvenation /creation of these Amrit Sarovars.

It is pertinent to mention here that the Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched by Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th of April this year in Pali Gram Panchayat in District Samba of J&K itself and at the national level, the UT figures at no. 2 in terms of completion of Amrit Sarovars featuring just after the much bigger State of Uttar Pradesh.

Will have no...

on Wednesday have boosted the party's morale as it prepares for the polls, which is likely to be announced by the Election Commission after its exercise to prepare the electoral rolls is over:

Rejecting any dialogue with Pakistan on Kashmir, Shah on Wednesday said his government was more interested in talking to the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and assured them that the assembly polls will be held with "full transparency".

At his first public rally in the Valley after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019, Shah, in his 27-minute speech at Shovkat Ali stadium in Baramulla district, trained his guns at leaders from opposition parties NC, PDP and Congress with frequent references to the "three families", "Mufti and company" and "Abdullah and sons". "Those people who ruled here for 70 years advise me to talk to Pakistan. I have a clear intention that I don't want to talk to Pakistan, but I want to talk to my Gujjar, Pahari and Bakerwal brothers of Baramulla," he said.

Anticipatory bail pleas...

We are clearly of the view that in essence, the petitions seeking relief of pre-arrest bail are not money recovery proceedings and, ordinarily, there is no justification for adopting such a course that for the purpose of being given the concession of pre-arrest bail, the person concerned apprehending arrest has to make payment, it said in the order passed on September 29.

The bench said the condition of depositing a sum of Rs 7.5 lakh for the purpose of granting the relief of pre-arrest bail cannot be approved.

For what has been observed and discussed ..., the order impugned is modified in the manner that while other directions and requirements of the order i.e., of releasing the appellants on bail in the event of arrest on furnishing bond of Rs. 25,000/-, shall remain intact but the other part of the order, requiring the appellants to deposit a sum of Rs. 7,50,000/-, shall stand annulled, it said.

Lawyer Amit Kumar appeared in the case for one of the parties.

Azad-led DAP...

deputy chief minister Tara Chand will cover Jammu (urban and rural), Kathua, Samba and Udhampur districts, nine-member Chenab valley zone under the leadership of G M Saroori will cover Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar and Reasi districts and six-member Pir Panjal Zone headed by Ashok Sharma will cover Rajouri and Poonch

districts in Jammu province, the party leader said quoting a communication from Azad. In Kashmir valley, Taj Mohi-ud-din led north Kashmir Zone will cover Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora districts, Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed-led south Kashmir zone will cover Anantnag, Kulgam, Pulwama and Shopian districts, while the members of central Kashmir zone comprising Srinagar, Budgam and Ganderbal districts are being finalised.

On criteria for the selection of president and office bearers of the zonal committees and district committees, the leader said Azad had made it clear that each office bearer, particularly the president of the zone and district, should be able to dedicate minimum 20 days per month for the party, especially till the elections are over.

The office bearers, particularly the presidents of zonal and district committees, must have their own transport to visit their respective areas. The president and office bearers should be educated enough to receive and pass on messages in English, Hindi and Urdu, he said quoting the guidelines issued by Azad.

He said the youth representation in committees has been set at a minimum 50 percent, both as office bearers and members, while a minimum 20 percent of office bearers and members shall be women.

All regions and castes should be given due representation in respective committees, the leader said.

Two criminals detained...

"Keeping in view their repeated involvement in criminal activities, dossiers were prepared by Senior Superintendent of Police (Samba) and forwarded to district magistrate who formally issued the order of their detention under the PSA," they added. The detention warrants were executed by special teams of Ramgarh and Vijaypur police stations. Slathia is lodged in the Kathua district jail and Sharma in the Jammu district jail, they said.

SI recruitment scam...

Rs 33 lakh from them; that he also arranged stay of co-accused Yatin Yadav and Anil at a Hotel in Jammu on April 13-14, 2022 using his own identity card; that petitioner was in regular touch with Haryana-based members of the gang involved in leakage of aforesaid paper; that during search of the residential premises of petitioner, handwritten documents mentioning names/parentage and addresses of candidates pertaining to various examinations including Sub-Inspector exams were allegedly seized from the residence of the petitioner; that petitioner has destroyed his mobile phone in an attempt to frustrate the investigation; that petitioner is a habitual offender as is also part of criminal conspiracy in the leakage of question papers of the other exams conducted by JK service selection board for the posts of Accounts Assistant (Finance) and Junior Engineer (Civil) etc. etc. "Petitioner seems to have been arrested on 13.09.2022 in aforesaid FIR for offence under section 420 read with section 120-B of IPC. Further, investigating agency is in the process of gathering more evidence and thus is intensely focusing on further investigation of the case, given the range of interstate manifestations - it has. Investigation also reveals that petitioner was presently posted in security wing of JK Police, Jammu since November 2019. He is Selection Grade Constable and was earlier posted in the office of Director General of Police J&K," the Court observed.

CJM Jammu further observed that kind of alliance that petitioner has (as per investigation) with the Kingpins of an interstate gang that indulges in leakage of examination paper for various examinations for recruitment to public services - only displays and that too egregiously, the scale of resources, courage and influence that petitioner has to make such an intrusion. "Against this backdrop, the apprehension of prosecution/investigating agency that petitioner may intimidate the witnesses and tamper with evidence in the event of grant of bail - is plainly sound and persuasive. On this score also, application of petitioner is liable to be rejected at this stage. The kind of revelations made and evidence gathered during investigation only amplifies that rot is much deeper. Also, the larger interest of public and state is yet another circumstance which cannot be side stepped while considering a bail application. In the case in hand, the grant of bail to petitioner; on facts - would only have the impact of eroding public faith in the credibility of fairness in the working of the system and institutions. This is yet another circumstance which warrants refusal of bail to petitioner; particularly when petitioner is also alleged to be involved in leakage of paper for the posts of Account Assistants (Finance) and Junior Engineer (Civil)," the Court observed and rejected the bail application.

CRPF Jawan laid..

the early hours of Thursday where a wreath-laying ceremony was organised by the CRPF to pay homage to him before the burial, the officials said. They said hundreds of villagers joined the last rites of the jawan which were performed with full honours. Altaf Hussain, a cousin of the deceased jawan, said the family is in a shock over the sudden death of Afzal.



Hizbul terrorist arrested in Awantipora; arms & ammunition recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Army and Police in a joint operation arrested a terrorist affiliated with Hizb-ul-Mujahideen outfit Awantipora on Thursday. The police have also recovered arms and ammunition from the terrorist. In a statement, the police said that based on specific input Awantipora Police along with Army 42 RR and CRPF 130 BN laid a special Naka at Chandrigam and during Naka checking one person who was moving in suspicious circumstances was apprehended, during search a Pistol along with a magazine was recovered from him. "The arrested terrorist has been identified as Danish Mohiuddin Ganie, a resident of Dadsara Awantipora," said a police spokesperson. "On preliminary questioning, the apprehended terrorist admitted that he is a terrorist of the proscribed terrorist outfit Hizb-ul-Mujahideen," he said. The police have registered a case under relevant sections of law at the Awantipora Police Station. Further investigation is going on in this matter, the statement stated.

3 arrested, 4 vehicles seized for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against elements involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police on Thursday arrested 3 persons & seized 4 vehicles in Budgam.

As per details, Police Station Beerwah received information about illegal extraction and transportation of soil/boulders from Govt land at Budgam and Nalla Shuknag Rathsum. Accordingly, police parties of Police Station Beerwah raided specific locations and seized 3 tip-pers (JK02AG-7905, JK01AG-5006, JK04B-7611) and a tractor. Three accused drivers were arrested on the spot who were identified as Manzoor Ahmed Wani, son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani, resident of Arpanthan; Sahil Ahmed Lone, son of Abdul Salaam Lone, resident of Pethmakahama and Abdul Hameed Reshi, son of Ghulam Mohammad Reshi, resident of Pariswani. They wrer shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR Nos. 144/2022 and 145/2022 under relevant sections of law were registered at Police Station Beerwah and investigation started.

Youth injured in attack; drunken auto-driver injured two

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: A youth was injured in Arli village adjoining Katra when another youth suddenly attacked him with a knife. The blood-ridden youth was shifted to Katra hospital for treatment. The injured youth was identified as Sandeep Sharma, son Ashwani Sharma, resident of village Arli, Katra. He stated that he when he was standing at a shop in village Arli, Ajit Kumar alias Golu, son of Shambhurnath, resident of same village suddenly attacked him with a knife. On receiving information, police rushed to the spot and arrested the accused.

On the other hand, two people got injured by a drunken auto driver on Katra-Jammu road. The auto driver fled from the spot. Locals shifted the injured to Katra hospital for treatment, who were identified as Ajay Kumar (26), son of Mohan Lal, resident of village Sadal, Chowki Chaura, Akhnoor, who suffered a serious head injury while Atul (23), son of Yashpal, resident of Kanjali, Reasi suffered minor injuries. Police has registered a case and seized auto-rickshaw (JK20-0878) while search has been launched for auto-driver.

Rider injured as bike skidded-off

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A biker got injured as his bike skidded off the road at Truta Morh, adjacent to Ramgarh town. The injured bike rider was identified as 42-year-old Ganesh Verma, son Suchet Ram, resident of Dhunne Chak, Ramgarh. After accident, the injured was taken to CHC Ramgarh by locals and after first aid, doctors referred him to GMC Jammu for advanced treatment.

Man consumes poison, dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man died after he consumed poison in his house at Pallanwala area on Thursday. As per details, one Moti Lal, son of Charan Dass, resident of Panjtut consumed poison in his house and was shifted to hospital, where he was declared as brought dead by doctors. Police is

investigating the matter:

Theft reported in Narsingh Temple Ghagwal, house burgled at Talab Tillo

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/JAMMU: Thieves on Thursday targeted a temple in Ghagwal and decamped with 6 bells.

As per details, thieves decamped with 6 bells from famous Shri Narsingh temple of Ghagwal in district Samba, on Mahashtami. Even before this, few months back thieves had stolen bells from the temple and it is the second time, when thieves have stolen bells. There is a lot of resentment among local people against temple and police administration regarding the incident.

In another instance, thieves targeted a house in Talab Tillo and decamped with cash and other household items. The owner of house, located in Kabir Colony has lodged a written complaint with police in this regard.

4 narco-smugglers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR/RAJOURI: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Thursday arrested four narco smugglers in three different cases and recovered 42 gm Heroin like narcotic substance from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Post Tikri led by PSI Abdul Satar InCharge Police Post Tikri and assisted by Insp Rajesh Sharma SHO Udhampur under the supervision of Addl SP Udhampur Anwaar Ul Haq, while performing patrolling on NHW, intercepted a suspect. On frisking, 9 gm Heroin like narcotic substance was recovered from accused namely Ajay Sharma, son of Kulbushan Sharma, resident of Ward-4, Gujiru Nagrota. He was arrested on the spot and FIR under relevant sections of NDPS Act was registered against him in Police Station Rehambal.

In another case, same police party while performing patrolling duty on Tikri-Katra road intercepted another suspect namely Roofis Hussain, son of Iqbal Hussain, resident of Ward - 7 Reasi and recovered 15 gm contraband Heroin like substance from him. He was arrested and another FIR under relevant sections of law was registered against him at Police Station Rehambal.

Rajouri Police also arrested two notorious drug peddlers and recovered 18 gm heroin like substance from their possession. During routine checking and frisking at Salani Bridge, Rajouri, a team of Police Station Rajouri headed by PSI Rajat Sharma under Supervision of SHO Rajouri Fareed Ahmed stopped a car (JK11F9121) for checking. Driven by Aziz Ahmed, son of Mohd Sharief, resident of Ward 10, Rajouri with co-passenger Satish Kumar, son of Narsi Lal, resident of Chapprian, on checking of car, a total of 18 gm Heroin was recovered from accused. FIR No. 527/2022 under sections 8(a)/21/22/25/29 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Rajouri and investigations started.

Mother-son among three die in twin mishaps

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

VIJAYPUR: A mother-son among three persons died in twin mishaps at Vijaypur area on Thursday.

As per details, a car (JK21-8653), on its way from Vijaypur to Bri Kamila got hit by another car (JK21F-6342) coming from Jammu side due to which three persons got injured. They were shifted to hospital but on way an injured woman namely Usha Devi, wife of Rajkumar Thappa died enroute and her son Prikshait Parth died in hospital while her husband is still under treatment.

In another incident, one Devender, son of Nanak Chand, resident of Bandral, Ramgar, posted with Finance Department got injured after a bike (JK21H-3473) hit him while he was walking along roadside near his house. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

Man arrested with illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMNAGAR: Continuing drive against illicit liquor, a police party led by Incharge Police Post Ghordhi PSI Rythm Sharma and assisted by Insp Pushpinder Singh SHO Ramnagar under supervision of Dr Bhishm Dubey SDPO Ramnagar while performing patrolling duty and Naka checking at Ghordhi Bazar intercepted a suspect, who on seeing police tried to escape but was apprehended by patrolling party. On frisking, 65 quarters of illicit liquor were recovered from accused, identified as Joginder Kumar, son of Ishar Das, resident of Nagrota. He was carrying the bottles illegally for selling purpose in Ghordhi. Accused was arrested and FIR No. 128/2022 under sections 48 (A) Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Ramnagar.

Baru presses for early macadamization, repair of lanes



JMC Councilor Sanjay Baru interacting with locals.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP Senior Leader and JMC Councilor Sanjay Baru pressed for the early macadamization and repair of lanes and roads at Talab Tillo.

Sanjay Kumar Baru during the ward tour instructed PWD Assistant Executive Engineer Division-III Amit Sharma and Junior Engineer Salim Malik to macadamize and repair lanes at Anand Nagar, Surya Vihar, Uttam Vihar and adjoining lanes to improve the dilapidated condition of lanes and roads in ward-41.

While interacting with the locals, Sanjay Kumar Baru pressed the department officials that the lanes and roads have suffered extensive damage in the rains. He said that

the broken roads are creating nuisance for the commuters and giving rise to road accidents. He said that while the JMC is working day and night to upgrade the city infrastructure and the beautification projects are being taken up, the broken roads have become an eye sore to everyone. He said that PM Narendra Modi is ensuring that the Indian roads become the number one in the world and asked the department officials to contribute to the noble task. Department officials patiently listened to the senior leader and assured him that the repair work for all the roads will be completed soon. He also said that the department is going to upgrade the whole road network.

Yudhvir listens to public grievances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Yudhvir Sethi, Vice President Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday asked the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) Department to address the problems being faced by the people of Jammu city who are applying for new ration card.

He was speaking during the public grievances camp held at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni here.

During the camp, Yudhvir Sethi along with Parveen Kermi Mandal President, Arun Sethi Vice President Mandal, Keshav Chopra and Ranju Sharma listened to grievances of the people.

Dozens of people attended the public grievances camp at the party office and put forth their woes pertaining to basic amenities.

After getting some of the issues resolved instantaneously by talking to the authorities concerned on phone, Yudhvir Sethi assured to take up the rest of their issues with the concerned authorities and get the same resolved at the earliest.

Raising serious concern over the problems being faced by the general public applying for new ration card, Sethi, on the spot, called telephonically a senior functionary of FCS&CA Department and asked him to look into the matter.