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centres. He also said that instructions have been given to closely monitor social media to prevent the spread of any rumours related to the counting.

Pertinently, the Jammu and Kashmir elections passed off peacefully on October 1, with 64 percent voter turnout. The national political parties, regional political parties have fielded candidates in all 90 seats besides record number of independents are also in fray.

Water security prime...

on Water Supply', authored by G.S Jha and Muzamil Raffiqui, at a function in Raj Bhawan.

The Lt Governor extended his felicitations to the authors for giving a detailed account on planning, operation and maintenance of water supply schemes, and suggesting steps for effective water management, through their book.

He said the 'Handbook on Water Supply' also reflected the new and innovative approaches adopted by the UT Administration to ensure the availability of tap water connections in remote and difficult terrain areas of Jammu Kashmir.

Observing that the aim of UT Administration is to develop cities and villages as centre of prosperity which provides adequate resources to fulfil the aspiration of common man, the Lt Governor said the administration has been successful in achieving these goals to a large extent.

"In the last four years, work has been done to generate new hope by ending discrimination and injustice. Everyone is provided with equal opportunity to live a joyful and prosperous life," the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon the people of Jammu Kashmir to complement government's efforts in realising the vision of 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' and also work together in protection and preservation of water resources. At a time when water resources are facing the challenges of climate change, it is the responsibility of every citizen to ensure that ponds, lakes, rivers and other water bodies are clean and safe, he said.

The Lt Governor entrusted upon the engineers and officials of Jal Shakti Department to pay special attention to water management through modern technological tools.

He also lauded the significant contribution of Ghanshyam Jha, author of the book and former Chairperson J&K Water Resources Regulatory Authority, in maintenance of water resources, flood control, irrigation, drinking water supply and providing new tools and guidance to the engineering community. Shaleen Kabra, Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department; Iftikhar Kakroo, Chairman, JKWRRA; other dignitaries including Prof. Barkat Hussain; authors and their family members, HoDs, and other senior officials were present.

Plea in SC...

Sabha polls were conducted in J-K peacefully without any incident of violence, disturbance or any security concerns being reported.

"Therefore, there is no impediment of security concerns, violence or any other disturbances which would hinder or prevent the grant/restoration of the status of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir as had been assured by the Union of India in the present proceedings," the plea said.

It said, "The non-restoration of the status of statehood of Jammu & Kashmir will result in Jammu & Kashmir being given a lesser form of elected democratic government, especially in light of the legislative assembly results being declared on October 8, 2024".

It submitted that despite the apex court's directions for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir "at the earliest and as soon as possible", no steps have been taken by the Centre to provide any timeline for the implementation of such directions.

"It is submitted that Jammu and Kashmir is being operated as a Union Territory for a period of almost five years now which has caused many impediments and grave losses to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and has affected the democratic rights of its citizens," it contended.

The application said that Jammu and Kashmir being an individual state having gone through many struggles and hardships requires a strong federal structure to help in developing the area and also celebrating its unique culture.

In its verdict in December last year, the apex court had held that Article 370, which was incorporated in the Indian Constitution in 1949 to grant special status to J-K, was a temporary provision and the President of India was empowered to revoke the measure in the absence of the Constituent Assembly of the erstwhile state whose term expired in 1957.

Total collapse of...

personal tragedy but a glaring example of a broken administrative system where the most vulnerable are left without protection.

The repeated incidents of harassment, suicides, and suppression of democratic voices point to the growing insecurity and dominance of the AAP. The AAP government's interference in the democratic process and stripping of autonomy from Panchayats demonstrates CM's hunger for power, leaving the state in chaos.

Tarun Chugh called for immediate action to restore law and order. He urged the State Election Commission to take stern action against AAP leaders and officials who are undermining democracy. A thorough investigation must be conducted into the intimidation of Panchayat candidates in Faridkot. The government must deliver justice to grieving families, fulfill its promises to the unemployed youth, and stop interfering with democratic processes. Chugh further said that Punjab deserves leadership that cares for its people, respects democracy, and ensures justice for all. The AAP government under CM Bhagwant Mann has failed in all these aspects, and we strongly condemn their inability to provide governance that is fair, transparent, and for the people.

'5 members to...

community of Kashmiri Migrants, to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly".

It also says, "15B. Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3) of section 14, the Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir may nominate one member from displaced persons from Pakistan occupied Jammu and Kashmir to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly."

These five nominated members will have the same powers and voting rights as other MLAs.

The Congress has already expressed its strong opposition to the nomination of five MLAs before the government formation in Jammu and Kashmir, dubbing any such move as an assault on democracy and the fundamental principles of the Constitution.

National Conference president Ferooz Abdullah said his party might go to the Supreme Court against any such move.

The sources said that for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir, five nominated members of the assembly may have a significant role in forming the new government.

The LG is expected to nominate these members based on the advice of the Union Home Ministry, the sources said.

If the five members are nominated before the formation of the government, the J&K assembly's strength will be 95, increasing the majority threshold to 48 seats to form a government. The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly is modelled on the Puducherry Assembly where three nominated members function at par with elected MLAs and have voting rights.

Former Puducherry LG Kiran Bedi's decision to nominate three members to the UT assembly without consulting the then Congress-led government was challenged in the Madras High Court, and later in the Supreme Court in 2017-2018.

The Puducherry government argued that the LG ought to have consulted the chief minister before nominating the MLAs, but the top court found no illegality in the LG nominating the member.

Rusted anti-tank...

shell was found lying in the garbage in Balole Khad in the Bari Brahmana area on Sunday evening and was subsequently defused by the bomb disposal squad of police, the officials said.

CS expresses concern...

While taking note of the admission process by the professional board, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the concerned to look into the causes that results in less uptake of certain courses being offered by the professional colleges here. He called for carrying out a detailed analysis of the reasons behind this phenomenon and addressing the same at an earliest. He also suggested to list out the courses and colleges facing this situation and look into the position of faculty, infrastructure and other ancillary facilities available for imparting training in these specific trades.

Dulloo urged the higher education department to make more efforts to create awareness among the students so that no seat remains vacant in these colleges. He said that the candidates are moving outside UT for seeking admission in professional courses, therefore it is time to introspect and take corrective measures wherever necessary.

The Chief Secretary also reviewed development of online counselling portal for the Board, which is expected to be made ready by the end of this month by the NIC. He directed for launching it at an earliest so that from next session the admissions are exclusively made through this portal only.

Regarding the admission process the Chairperson, JKBOPEE, Minu Mahajan, apprised the meeting that the timeline for filling of remaining seats as per the directions were issued and extended upto 31st of this month.

Giving details, it was added that out of the 1107 MBBS seats under UT quota 100% admissions had been made. Similarly, in the courses of BDS, MDS, BAMS, BUMS, BPF, B.Se Nursing, almost all seats had been filled by the Board through counselling process. Besides, the courses like B.E/B.Tech having around 600 seats in government colleges and B.Ed having 330 seats in government run institutions had got 410 and 229 seats filled till date.

It was further revealed that certain relaxations had been given in admission process besides extending the cut off date for easement of the students. It was added that vigorous information campaigns had also been launched so that the capacity of these institutions is utilized optimally and no seat remains vacant there.

Naxals will be...

the last person in society, Naxalism must be completely eliminated. The Naxal-affected states include Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Chief ministers of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana and Maharashtra attended the meeting while other states were represented by senior ministers and officials.

Shah said with a zero-tolerance approach towards left-wing extremism and 100 per cent implementation of the government schemes, the Centre wants to fully develop all such Maoist-hit areas. He said the government had laid down two rules of law to fight the Naxals -- first, to establish the rule of law in such violence-hit areas and the second is to quickly compensate for the loss in those areas which were deprived of development due to the long Naxalite movement.

The home minister said for the first time in 30 years, the number of casualties due to LWE was below 100 in 2022, which is a significant achievement.

He said the fight against the Naxals is in its final phase, and by March 2026, with everyone's cooperation, the country will be completely free from this decades-old menace. Shah said 16,463 incidents of violence occurred between 2004 and 2014. The number came down to 7,700, a reduction of about 53 per cent, in the last decade.

Similarly, the deaths of civilians and security forces have declined by 70 per cent and the number of districts reporting violence came down to 16 from 96, he said.

The number of police stations reporting violence has also come down to 171 from 465. Of these, 50 police stations are new and this success is the result of joint efforts of all states and the central government, he added. Complimenting the Chhattisgarh government for the success achieved in the fight against Naxals in recent months, Shah said the state is an inspiration for everyone. The Chhattisgarh government has launched a new campaign of development in all the districts affected by LWE.

According to the minister, 237 Naxalites have been killed, 812 arrested and 723 have surrendered in Chhattisgarh since January 2024. Shah said since 2019, the Modi government has implemented a multi-pronged strategy, under which vacuums were identified for the deployment of security forces. As a result, more than 194 camps were established in just one year, leading to significant success. He said filling of security vacuums through 45 police stations, strengthening state intelligence branches and the excellent performance of state special forces contributed to the success of the strategy. He said the provision of helicopters has drastically reduced the number of casualties among the troops. Earlier, there were only two helicopters deployed for the service of the forces, but now, 12 helicopters -- six each from the BSF and the Air Force -- are operational.

Suspected explosive material...

an improvised explosive device (IED), the officials said. Security forces have cordoned off the area, and a bomb disposal squad has been deployed to examine and safely neutralise the suspected device, they said.

Modi shares 'garba'...

Her power and grace. May Her blessings always remain upon us," he wrote on X. He thanked Purva Mantri, whom he lauded as a talented upcoming singer, for singing the garba song and presenting such a melodious rendition of it. Garba is a traditional Gujarati dance which is especially performed during the Navaratri festival.

Two notorious drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

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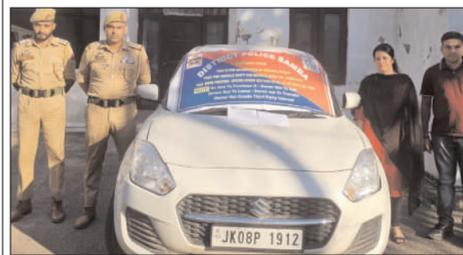
SOPORE: Acting tough against the drug peddlers/smugglers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested two notorious drug peddlers in Sopore and recovered Contraband substances from their possession.

A police party headed by SHO Police Station Tarzoo under the supervision of SDPO Sopore Shri. Sarfaraz Bashir-JKPS at a checkpoint established at Sofi Akbar Road Chankhan intercepted and apprehended 02 persons identified as Muzafar Ahmad Marazi @Muzz Marazi (notorious drug peddler) son of Mohammad Akbar Marazi resident of Sofi Hamam Sopore and Ishfaq Ahmad Lone son of Abdul Majeed Lone resident of Wangam Bandipora. During search, 5 grams of contraband Heroin like substance was recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to Police Station Tarzoo where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Tarzoo and investigation has been initiated. It's pertinent to mention here that Muzafar Ahmad Marazi is involved in many cases of NDPS Act at different police stations.

Police attaches movable property worth lakh of drug kingpin

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VIJAYPUR: As a part of its relentless effort against drug peddlers/smugglers, Police has executed another attachment operation by PS Vijaypur resulting in the freezing/seizure of Car Swift bearing Regd. No. JK08P-1912 worth rupees 8.0 lakhs approximately owned by drug Kingpin namely Mohd Aslam, son of Tug Ali, resident of Mathar Chak Tehsil Hirangar Kathua.

The action was taken by Police team headed by SHO PS Vijaypur under sections 68 A.2 (c), & E read with 68-F of the NDPS Act of 1985, dealing with provisions for attachment of properties of drug peddlers/smugglers.

The drug peddler Mohd Aslam is presently in Judicial custody in case FIR No. 99/2024 U/S 8/21/22/27-A/60

NDPS Act of Police Station Vijaypur and is also involved in multiple cases registered under NDPS Act at PS Vijaypur; district Reasi, NCB Jammu and Punjab which includes FIR No. 99/2024 U/S 8/21/22/27-A/60 NDPS Act of Police Station Vijaypur; FIR No. 73/2023 0/58/21/22/27-A/29 NDPS Act of Police Station Pouni, Reasi; FIR No. 173/2022 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act of Police Station Vijaypur; FIR No. 165/2022 U/S 21 (6)/25 NDPS Act of Police Station STF wing Punjab; FIR No. 170/2021 U/S 21/29 NDPS Act of Police Station ShahpurKandi Punjab and FIR No. 04/2023 U/S 8/21/25/29/60 NDPS Act of NCB Jammu.

The movable property (Car) was identified as illegally acquired property during the course of investigation/inquiry conducted by the police with the help of transport department. The property was prima facie acquired from illicit trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances by the drug peddler.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 6 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Police has foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued six bovines and seized vehicle.

A Police team of Police Station Ghagwal headed by SHO PS Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at NHW Tapyal, intercepted a Mahindra load carrier bearing registration No. JK021C-1503 for checking.

During checking of the vehicle, six bovines were found laden inside which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

A case FIR No. 135/2024 U/S 223 BNS 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Ghagwal and investigation started.

Murder mystery solved, accused arrested, body recovered from Chenab

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SSP Jammu Joginder Singh briefing media on Monday.

JAMMU: In a breakthrough, Jammu Police have solved a chilling murder mystery following a missing person report filed at PP Chowk Chabutra, Jammu, on 29th September 2024. Sandeep Singh, son of Sukhdev Singh, residing in Gali Khilona, Paeca Danga, Jammu, was reported missing after last being seen on 29th September 2024.

Briefing media, SSP Jammu Joginder Singh said Following an intense investigation, police uncovered that Sandeep Singh had been kidnapped and murdered by Pardeep Singh, son of Sher Singh, from Prem Nagar, Jammu. The accused lured Sandeep to Reasi on the pretense of repaying ₹1,30,000, which he had taken from the victim and lost while gambling in the Aviator game. Tragically, on 27th September, Pardeep pushed Sandeep into the Chenab River at Talwara, Reasi, resulting in his death.

Police, acting on Pardeep's confession, recovered Sandeep's body from the river. Further investigation revealed a conspiracy involving Rajinder Singh, another conspirator who owed ₹25,000 to the victim. Both Pardeep Singh and Rajinder Singh have been arrested, and a case (FIR No. 117/2024 U/S 140/49/103 BNS) has been registered.

Jammu Police continue their investigation, working to uncover further details surrounding the crime.

This swift action has been praised by the community, reinforcing faith in law enforcement's dedication to justice.

Blind murder of woman solved, accused arrested from Punjab within 48 hours

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JAMMU: Police solved blind murder of a lady & accused arrested from Punjab within 48 hours.



On September 4, 2024, at 0730 hours, an information through reliable sources was received at Police Station R.S.Pura that an unknown female dead body is lying at Badyal Brahmana in the field of Ramesh Kumar S/O Devi Dayal R/O Rammagar Basti Badyal Brahmana Tehsil R.S.Pura District Jammu, which was murdered by some unknown person(s).

Upon this, instant case FIR No. 216/2024 U/S 103 BNS was registered at P/S R.S.Pura and accordingly taken up.

During the course of investigation, a Police team of Police Station R.S.Pura headed by SHO P/S R.S.Pura Inspector Sh. Naveen Angral under the supervision of SDPO R.S.Pura was constituted and arrested the suspected person namely Parkash Paswan @Santosh S/o Dalip Paswan R/o Fulwari, Purnia Bihar on 06/10/2024 from Khanauri District Sangrur, Punjab with the help of technical assistance/ police of Police station Khanauri

Later on, the said person was brought to P/S R.S.Pura and thorough questioning he confessed his involvement in the murder case & he disclosed that his marriage was solemnized with one Neha at Sonipat. Now, he was residing with Neha at Badyal Brahmana for the last 03 months, as he was doing the labour work in Badyal Brahmana area. Initially, they (Parkash & Neha) were residing the house of Amar Nath R/O Badyal Brahmana and now, they were residing in the house of Parveen Kumar R/O Badyal Brahmana for the last 20 days. He (Parkash Paswan) further disclosed that he had doubt regarding the character of his wife Neha and on 03-10-2024, at about 2100 hrs, a scuffle occurred between Owner of the house Parveen and both of them (ie Parkash & Neha), due to which, they left the house of said Parveen Kumar and moved towards the cattle shed of Ramesh Chander S/O Devi Dayal R/O Badyal Brahmana (The said cattle shed is existing in the fields and no one is residing there during night hours), where they took shelter for night and when his wife was sleeping, he (Parkash Paswan) attacked upon her with a brick & then strangled her with her dupatta and murdered her. After committing the murder, he thrown the dead body in the paddy field at Badyal Brahmana and fled away from the spot.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 6 vehicles seized

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JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten



noose against the violators, especially during election period, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In an operation which was carried out at different locations in South Zone of District Jammu, PP Phallain Mandal under PSI Harish Chander detained 05 vehicles loaded with sand seized under illegal mining, while PP Belicharana under PSI Rajesh Chaudhary seized 01 vehicle. It is important to note that some vehicles had no registration number on them.

In all, 06 vehicles have been seized in jurisdiction of PS Satwari of South Zone by JKP.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 32 bovines rescued, 1 vehicle seized

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JAMMU: Jammu police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Post Sidhra has foiled one bovine smuggling attempt in which 32 bovines were rescued from a vehicle bearing registration number No. JK02CE/3344 at Naka Tawi Bridge. The driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot after leaving behind the vehicle on the road. 32 bovines were rescued and vehicle seized. In this regard, a case FIR No. 266/2024 U/S 223/BNS 11 PCA Act has been registered in Police Station Nagrota. Further investigation is underway.

Police recovers 50 missing mobile phones

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JAMMU: ESU team of SP Rural Office Jammu recovered 50 mobile phones, missing reports of these mobile phones were lodged by people in different Police Stations/Police Posts of Rural zone Jammu. As the report of missing mobile phones reached ESU unit through Concerned SHO/ICPPs. ESU unit of SP Rural office



Jammu were assigned the task of tracing out the missing mobile phones and with the sincere efforts of ESU team under the close guidance and supervision of SP Rural Jammu, 50 missing mobile phones were traced out from various Districts of UT of J&K with the help of concerned SDPOs, SHO and ICPPs. The estimated cost of these recovered mobile phones is approximately Rs 7.5-8 lakhs and with the recovery of these mobile phones many mobile missing reports has been closed. The people who received their lost mobile phones were very thankful to the Jammu Police and appreciated the sincere efforts of police.