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Police seizes heroin...**

the Jammu region, besides 500 kilogram of cannabis and 2,500 kilograms of poppy. He said 1,500 persons have been arrested in connection with narcotics smuggling and 1,200 cases have been registered during the period.



Some people looking...

operations were carried out and over 20 militants have been neutralized. He said that the Police have killed all the militants who were involved in the targeted killings of civilians and that is a commendable work.

Singh said that only one terrorist namely Basit involved in civilian killings is still alive, but soon he will also be neutralized. Singh also said that the investigation is in progress and it has been found that there is a terror network around Basit who are supporting him in militant activities. He said that SIT has been constituted to probe the facts about Hyderpora encounter but I can say with authority that the Police is doing their work professionally and every officer knows how to handle anti-militancy operations.

DGP also said that narco-terrorist network is being run by Pakistan to sell contraband substances and use the money for pumping more militancy in the region. He said that the narco trade money is being sent to Kashmir for carrying out militant activities.

Singh said that there have been some reports coming that drones are being used by Pakistan to smuggle narcotics to J&K. "During investigation, a huge inter-state drug mafia has been unearthed, following which the Jammu and Kashmir police geared up and foiled all the smuggling bids," he said.

He also said that for entire year total supply of narcotics from Pakistan was run on a large scale.

"Huge consignment of drugs have been recovered from Karnah, Kupwara and Baramulla routes. In the same way smuggling bids have been foiled in Rajouri, Poonch and Kathua sector of Jammu by the efforts of Jammu police," he said.

PM lays foundation...

Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the Noida International Airport will become one of the largest airports in Asia.

It will be the fourth largest international airport in the world and the project would create more than one lakh job opportunities, according to the Uttar Pradesh government. The first phase of the aerodrome is being done at a cost of more than Rs 10,050 crore, and the ground work regarding land acquisition and rehabilitation of the affected families has been completed, an official release said on Tuesday.

The airport at Jewar will help decongest the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport in the national capital. It is strategically located and will serve the people of cities including Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Agra, Faridabad and neighbouring areas, the release said.

The airport will also be the country's "first net zero emissions airport". According to the Union government, the airport will be the logistics gateway of northern India, and with its scale and capacity, the aerodrome will be a "gamechanger" for Uttar Pradesh.

For the first time, an airport has been conceptualised with an integrated multi-modal cargo hub, with a focus on reducing the total cost and time for logistics. The dedicated cargo terminal will have a capacity of 20 lakh metric tonnes, which will be expanded to 80 lakh metric tonnes.

The airport will also develop a Ground Transportation Centre that will feature a multi-modal transit hub, housing metro and high-speed rail stations, taxi, bus services and private parking.

Among other aspects, the airport will be linked to the planned Delhi-Varanasi high speed rail, enabling the journey between Delhi and airport in only 21 minutes, the release said.

There will also be a state-of-art MRO (maintenance, repair and overhauling) service. The airport will introduce a swing aircraft stand concept, providing flexibility

for airlines to operate an aircraft for both domestic and international flights from the same contact stand, without having to re-position the aircraft.

In poll-bound Uttar Pradesh, various development projects have been inaugurated in recent months. On October 20, Modi inaugurated the Kushinagar international airport.

Currently, there are nine operational airports in Uttar Pradesh, including three international aerodromes at Lucknow, Varanasi and Kushinagar. Eight more airports, including the one at Jewar, will be coming up in three years.

The six other operational airports in the state are at Agra, Gorakhpur, Kanpur, Prayagraj, Hindon and Bareilly.

On Wednesday, Civil Aviation Secretary Rajiv Bansal said five aerodromes are expected to be ready at Aligarh, Chitrakoot, Azamgarh, Mordabad and Shravasti in 2022. In 2023, two more are expected to come up at Ayodhya and Muirpur.

Centre issues fresh...

travel. "It is therefore imperative that all international travellers travelling from and transiting through these countries, (they are part of the "at risk" country category of international travellers coming to India) and also including all other at risk countries indicated in the revised Guidelines for International Arrivals issued by this Ministry dated November 11, 2021, are subjected to rigorous screening and testing, as per MoHFV Guidelines," Bhushan said.

The contacts of these international travellers must also be closely tracked and tested as per MoHFV guidelines.

J&K reports 182...

followed by 32 cases in Baramulla district, they said. There are 1,706 active cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recovered patients was 3,29,891, officials said.

The death toll due to the pandemic stands at 4,466, they said. There were 49 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory as no fresh case was reported, the official said.

Meanwhile, one person died of COVID-19 while 28 fresh cases were registered in Ladakh, officials said. All of these 28 cases were reported in Leh, they said.

With this, the overall cases registered in the Union Territory have shot up to 21,397 while the overall death toll has climbed to 213. The active cases have come down to 225, of which 210 are in Leh and 15 in Kargil, the officials said.

The latest death was reported from Leh. Of the total COVID-19-related deaths in the Union Territory since the outbreak of the pandemic, 155 were reported in Leh and 58 in Kargil, they said. Another 28 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Leh, taking the total number of recoveries to 20,959, the officials said.

A total of 1,253 fresh sample reports in Ladakh showed negative results, they said.

Rambagh encounter Mobile...

they added. The officials said mobile internet was suspended in several areas of the city as a precautionary measure.

Police on Wednesday said security forces killed three militants in a brief encounter in the Rambagh area of the city.

The slain included self-styled commander of TRF Mehran Shalla, a resident of the Jamalata area in Nawakadal here.

The other two militants were identified as Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Arafat Sheikh, both residents of Pulwama.

Police said the three were affiliated with TRF, an offshoot of the Lashkar-e-Toiba. Shalla was wanted by security forces in connection with several civilian killings including the shooting of two teachers belonging to minority communities inside a school in the Eidgah area of the city last month, they said.

NIA carries out...

with other accused persons, had been radicalising and recruiting vulnerable persons for Al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and trying to raise Ansaar Gajwatul Hind' (AGH) to carry out terrorist acts, for which they had already arranged arms and explosive substances, the spokesperson said. Further investigation in the case is continuing, the NIA said.

DB seeks details...

/A-Type Kothis and there seems to be no logic in allowing such Ex-ministers / Ex-legislators to remain in occupation of Govt. accommodation. The Division Bench headed by Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur while taking serious note of the submissions made by Advocate S S Ahmed observed directed that details of all such persons be furnished to the Court before the next date of hearing.

LG announces scholarships...

communities who were deprived of the same for the last 3 decades. "In 1991, the Gaddi, Sippi community was declared tribal but their children were denied scholarship. For three decades they kept approaching governments but no decision was taken..

In his address, the Lt Governor congratulated the Tribal communities and the

concerned administrative departments for the historic beginning of the new era of educational empowerment of Tribals in J&K.

"Our priority is to secure the future of tribal children. Smart schools in tribal & remote areas equipped with modern facilities will develop scientific temper in children and make them future ready, besides arresting the drop-out rate", said the Lt Governor

The UT government has formulated a visionary framework for the functioning of the Smart Schools. Members of the Tribal communities, PRI representatives, and the people associated with voluntary organizations will be involved in the management so that these schools could perform the role of 'changemakers' in our society, observed the Lt Governor.

"Lives are changed when people connect. Life is changed when everything is connected. Tribal Education Plan, Scholarships, Smart Schools will do justice to tribal communities in J&K who were neglected for decades", the Lt Governor noted.

These groundbreaking initiatives will also ensure that the members of the tribal communities can keep pace with the revolutionary and rapid changes happening around them and connect themselves to the world, he added.

The Lt Governor expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for awakening the self-confidence of the tribal community.

The Lt Governor highlighted that J&K administration is collectively spending around Rs 104 crore to strengthen school infrastructure in tribal areas and establish a strong educational eco-system for the tribal community. Besides Smart schools, we are also spending Rs 8.50 crore on the modernization of hostels of the Tribal Department and Rs 04 crore will be given for the new hostels being built. In July, the UT administration had decided that two Eklavya Model Schools would be opened in Rajouri, one each in Anantnag, Poonch, Kulgam and Bandipora and Rs 21.25 crore is being given for this. Apart from this, Rs 30 crore is being given for scholarship, he added.

The Lt Governor observed that educational reforms catering to the needs of the future have the power to change the socio-economic situation.

By developing a better infrastructure, and through training and capacity building programs for teachers and students especially in tribal areas, I am certain that we will address the issues of Gross Enrollment Ratio and Drop-out rate, the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also appealed the parents to make it a priority to send their children to school. It is our moral responsibility to provide the best opportunities and means to make our children educated and skilled, he added.

Farooq Khan, Advisor to the Lt Governor while addressing the gathering, congratulated the School Education Department and the members of Tribal Communities on the launch of smart schools. He also highlighted several activities being undertaken in various sectors including education, health and others for the socio-economic development of tribal population.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, while speaking on the occasion termed the launch of transformation of smart schools for tribal children as a great step and impressed upon the teachers for adopting innovative methods to kindle the spark of curiosity among children. He also stressed on making a complete database of tribal children, besides sustained capacity building of teachers.

Earlier, Sh. B K Singh, Administrative Secretary, School Education, said that the Smart Schools will mark the beginning of the digital revolution for the tribal population. He also gave a brief overview about the overall education scenario in J&K to the gathering.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor for announcing the scholarship for children of tribal communities. He also informed about the workshop being organized on the occasion for awareness on various schemes of the government.

Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Deputy Commissioners; HoDs, Chief Education Officers, besides a large number of students, parents, teachers and members from tribal communities were present on the occasion at Convention Centre.

Active COVID cases...

ministry said. A decrease of 1,541 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

The daily positivity rate was recorded at 0.79 per cent. It has been less than two per cent for last 52 days. The weekly positivity rate was also recorded at 0.90 per cent. It has been below two per cent for the last 62 days, according to the ministry. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 3,39,67,962, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.35 per cent.

The cumulative doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide COVID-19 vaccination drive has exceeded 119.38 crore.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23.

The 396 new fatalities include 41 from Maharashtra.

CRIME REPORT

JPDCL disconnects 11 illegal connections; penalty of Rs 37,000 imposed on defaulters

STATE TIMES NEWS
VIJAYPUR: On directives of higher authorities of JPDCL, an inspection drive by Electric Sub Division Vijaypur was carried out in Chamni Manhasa and Swankha Morh area. The drive was supervised by AEE Yashpal and was aimed to disconnect electricity connection of habitual violators having huge arrears. Total 55 installations were checked and around 11 connections having huge arrears were disconnected. Apart from this, load of 21 KW was regularised and enhanced. Heaters were also confiscated which are main cause of pilferage and damage of transformers. A penalty of Rs 37,000 will be incorporated in ensuing electricity bills of violators. The team was accompanied by AE, JE Ravi, Ankush, MRs Satdev Slathia, Rajiv, Ramesh, LM staff Premal, Desraj, Bansi and Sushil.

Smuggler arrested; illicit timber seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
GANDERBAL: Police on Thursday arrested a timber smuggler and seized illicit timber in Waniarm Wangath area of Ganderbal.

As per details, acting on specific input about timber smuggling at Waniarm Wangath, a party of Police Station Kangan under the close supervision of SDPO Kangan Syed Yasir Qadri raided a particular spot and seized illicit timber from a person identified as Gh Mohd Khan, son of Mohd Akbar Khan, resident of Waniarm Wangath, Kangan. He was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 139/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Kangan and investigation started. Moreover, efforts are on to nab other persons involved in the crime.

Man held with intoxicants

STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police on Thursday arrested a drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered psychotropic substance from his possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Baramulla under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla Sajjad Bukhari established a check-point at Farooqi point and intercepted a suspect, identified as Iftikhar Ahmad Malik, son of Saif-ud-Din Malik, resident of Achabal Sopore. During search, officers recovered 456 tablets of banned drug (Spasmodoxyvon Plus) from his possession. He was arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remained in custody. A case under relevant section of law was registered at Police Station Baramulla and further investigation is under progress.

1,706 fined for violating COVID-19 guidelines

STATE TIMES NEWS
GANDERBAL: To enhance sense of community and to restrain further spread of Coronavirus, Police distributed face masks among the general public throughout the district Ganderbal. Besides, while acting tough against violators of COVID-19 guidelines, 1,706 violators were fined across the district.

The drive was initiated on directions of SSP Ganderbal Nikhil Borkar. During the drive, Police distributed face masks among the general public throughout the district Ganderbal. Police realized fine to the tune of Rs 2,52,840/- from 1,706 persons

for violating various guidelines/rules/SoPs regarding COVID-19 within one week. General public were informed about the necessity of COVID-19 guidelines/instructions. They were sensitized about maintaining proper hygiene, social distancing and wearing of face masks. Besides, they were also advised to follow COVID-19 SoPs to avoid surge in COVID cases. Community members have appreciated and applauded the role of Police in rendering such services to general public.

Drug peddler arrested; 21 Kg poppy husk recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police on Thursday arrested a drug peddler in Pulwama and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances.

As per details, Police Station Pulwama received a specific information that a person namely Farooq Ahmad Mir, son of Ab Ahad Mir, resident of Arihal Pulwama has indulged in drug peddling and has hoarded a huge quantity of narcotic substance in his house. A Police Party from PS Pulwama conducted raid at specific location and recovered 18 Kg of Bhang Patri from the spot. Accordingly, FIR No. 321/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Pulwama and investigation started.

Meanwhile in another incident, on a tip-off, officers from Police Station Pulwama conducted checking at Prihoo Fruit Mandi Pulwama. During search 3 Kg Bhukki was recovered from a vehicle (PB03AC-6284) and accused driver, identified as Narinder Kumar, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Haryana was arrested. He was shifted to Police Station where he remained in custody. The vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, FIR No. 320/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation started.

Pakistani balloon written PIA found in Hiranagar sector

STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Panic prevailed in the area after a Pakistani balloon was found in the fields in Bhagwane Chak, a border village in Hiranagar sector. According to information, Kishore Kumar, son of Prakash Chand saw a Pakistani balloon in his fields in morning with PIA (Pakistan International Airways) written on it. The farmer informed the police which rushed to fields and took possession of the balloon, which is of shape of a aeroplane.



Rs 24,900 fine recovered from SoPs violators in Ramban & Kathua

STATE TIMES NEWS
RAMBAN/KATHUA: Continuing enforcement drive to implement COVID protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Thursday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance. The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 14,900 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 67,39,500.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh informed that as many as 1,044 persons were administered first and second COVID vaccine doses across Ramban district on Thursday. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr Mohammad Fared Bhat, the Health Department has collected 1,682 samples including 361 RT-PCR and 1,321 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 1,044 persons at dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

KATHUA: To ensure strict implementation of guidelines issued by District Administration, Kathua Police also fined 30 violators and imposed fine of Rs 10,000 for not obeying COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) and defying guidelines.

Ramban Admn retrieves over 12,200 Kanals State land

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: District Administration Ramban has retrieved over 12,200 Kanals State land and Roshni land after a massive anti-encroachment drive was launched on November 15, 2021 across the district. The Revenue department carried out drive and retrieved 283 Kanals land in tehsil Ramsoo; 3,353 Kanals in Gool; 477 Kanals in Rajgarh; 922 Kanals in Banihal; 496 Kanals in Batote; 1,923 Kanals in Ukhral and 3,640 Kanals in tehsil Ramban.



The Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam informed that anti-encroachment drives have been intensified in all tehsil of the district to remove all illegal encroachments as per rules.

790 Kanals State, Roshni land retrieved across Doda in last 2 days

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Revenue Department has recovered 790 Kanals State and Roshni land across Doda district in last two days.

Going tough on encroachers, a mega anti-encroachment drive has been launched in the district on directions of District Magistrate Doda Vikas Sharma.

As per Revenue Department, officials retrieved about 790 Kanals State and Roshni land in last two days which is the biggest drive ever launched in the district. A team of Revenue Department, under supervision of Tehsildar, retrieved 16 Kanals and 1 Marla at village Kondhra under Khasra No-252. The retrieved land was handed over to Lambardar and Chowkidar with instructions to prohibit people from any further attempt of encroachment and inform the Department immediately, if case of any such attempt. Similarly, 150 kanals State land and 4 Kanals 17 Marlas Roshni land under Khasra No-1050 was retrieved at village Mundhar of Tehsil Kastigarh.

Likewise 131 Kanals Roshni land and 279 Kanals 10 Marlas State land was retrieved from unlawful possession in village Mothi, while 90 Kanals and 6 Marlas of State land including 46 Kanals 12 Marlas Roshni land under survey no. 28 min was retrieved at village Gadi of Tehsil Bhagwah.

Moreover, 49 Kanals and 1 Marla government land including 13 Kanals 1 Marla vested under Roshni Act under Khasra Nos 539 & 564 were vacated at Tehsil Bhella. At Tehsil Chiralla, Revenue team vacated 91 Kanals 1 Marlas state land, including 15 Kanals 9 Marlas Roshni land was vacated at village Hrajka.

Absconder nabbed after 11 years

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: Police on Thursday nabbed an absconder who was evading arrest since 11 years.

As per details, an absconder namely Manzoor Ahmed Ganig, son of Abdul Gani, resident of Karanpur Tehsil Pampur District Anantnag, who was booked in FIR No 90/2005 under sections 279/337 of RPC and 3/181 of MV Act but was absconding since registration of FIR, has finally been arrested.

Jammu Police was looking for accused and finally intelligence was generated and acting on a tip off, dedicated police team of Police Station Nagrota under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Parupkar Singh and led by SHO Nagrota Inspr Mohd Showkat assisted by PSI Manoj Kumar, after strenuous efforts, arrested the accused. A warrant under sections 512 CrPC was issued against him by the Court and finally accused was produced before Court of Sub-Judge, Jammu.