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The vote of thanks was presented by IGP CID M N Tiwari. SSP SIA Jammu Shiv Kumar also spoke on the occasion and gave detailed insight about the coming into existence of SIA and its working. In the beginning of the function one minute of silence was observed in order to pay homage to the brave martyrs of J&K Police.

On his arrival the DGP was received by Spl DG CID J&K R R Swain and other senior officers and was presented guard of honour.

People lending ideological support to terrorism are "more dangerous" than gun-toting men, said a top police official of Jammu and Kashmir while battling for the need to address the ideology "working as the operating software" for terrorism.

He claimed that militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is at a record low.

"We need to address the ideology which is working as the operating software to the entire campaign of terrorism. It is a hard task but not impossible," Special Director General of CID R R Swain said.

Swain, who is the Intelligence chief of Jammu and Kashmir police, claimed some people are more dangerous than men holding guns as they as provide logistic, financial and ideological support to terrorism.

"The proposal of highlighting and underlining the good work of SIA is an initiative to remind ourselves about our responsibilities and reach to the wider family of Jammu and Kashmir Police to boost the morale and energy of the organization," Swain said.

He said that the spirit behind the entire exercise was to underline the extremely hard work, valour, courage and energy which the Jammu and Kashmir Police displayed over the last 30 years where the military ability of the enemy has been degraded.

Connectivity projects should...

said it should be built around the centrality of "interests of Central Asian states". "Represented India at the meeting of SCO Council of Heads of Government which has just concluded. Underlined that we need better connectivity in the SCO region built on the centrality of interests of Central Asian states," he tweeted.

The external affairs minister said better connectivity will unlock the economic potential of the region in which Chabahar port and the International North South Transport Corridor could become enablers.

"Connectivity projects should respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Member States and respect international law," he added.

India has been severely critical of the BRI as the USD 50 billion project includes the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The CPEC passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Jaishankar also underlined the potential of Chabahar port for the economic future of the SCO region.

Located in the Sistan-Balochistan province on the energy-rich Iran's southern coast, the Chabahar port is being developed by India, Iran and Afghanistan to boost connectivity and trade ties.

At a connectivity conference in Tashkent in July last year, Jaishankar projected Iran's Chabahar Port as a key regional transit hub including Afghanistan.

The International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is a 7,200-km-long multi-mode transport project for moving freight among India, Iran, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Central Asia and Europe. India has been supporting the project.

"Highlighted that in 2023, the UN International Year of Millets, India intends to foster greater cooperation with SCO Member States on countering the food crisis," Jaishankar tweeted.

"Appreciate condolences expressed at the loss of lives in the Morbi tragedy. Look forward to India's ongoing chairship of the SCO," he said in another tweet.

The CHG meeting is held annually and focuses on the trade and economic agenda of the bloc and to approve its annual budget.

On BRI, the joint declaration said the heads of delegations emphasised the SCO member states' position in favour of encouraging regional economic cooperation in various forms, promoting the creation of favourable conditions for trade and investment in order to gradually implement the free movement of goods, capital, services and technologies.

"Reaffirming their support for China's 'Belt and Road Initiative' initiative, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Russian Federation, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Uzbekistan noted the ongoing work to jointly implement this project, including efforts to link the construction of the Eurasian Economic Union and BRI," it added.

In his address, Jaishankar highlighted India's strong cultural and historical connect with the SCO region and reiterated the country's firm commitment towards deepening multilateral cooperation in the areas of food and energy security, climate change, trade and culture.

He also spoke about the launch of the global Mission 'LIFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month, and its relevance to ensuring food and energy security.

Jaishankar drew attention to India's commitment in fighting the challenge of climate change and also achievements made in this direction.

He also emphasised India's strong recovery on the economic front after the pandemic.

The external affairs ministry said Jaishankar also expressed interest in expanding India-SCO trade on the basis of fair market access.

Gram Panchayat Development..

Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Industries & Commerce, Floriculture, Education, Skill Development, Youth, Services & Sports etc shall meet on first Monday of every month for discussing preparation, implementation, execution and review of Gram Panchayat Development Plan of the respective Panchayat. If first Monday is a holiday, they shall meet on following working day."

It was further ordered that the Secretary Panchayat concerned shall be the Member Secretary of the said meeting and all Departments shall ensure presence of their representative/front line workers/grass root functionaries in the said meeting without fail. "Report of the monthly meetings shall be sent to Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj and shall also be uploaded at specified portal," it added.

4 arrested, 4...

of Nambla Baramulla; Nazir Ahmad Sofi, son of Mohd Abdullah, resident of Hushroo; Reyaz Ahmad Bhat, son of Abdul Rehman Bhat, resident of Hushroo and Showkat Ahmad Bhat, son of Fayaz Ahmad Bhat, resident of Yarikalan Chadoora involved in crime. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Chadoora and further investigation started.

Dynasty driven Congress...

its due share and makes its due contribution in the making of India at 100, it is important to have a government which translates the Central schemes at ground level in the State to a maximum extent. This is possible only when we repeat the BJP government in the State, he said.

Citing several instances, Dr Jitendra Singh said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started a series of reforms for the different sections of society soon after he took over in 2014, but Himachal Pradesh had to wait for three years before the BJP government took over in the State in 2017 and only then it was possible to effectively implement all these schemes in the State.

Citing the example of "Double Engine" working, Dr Jitendra Singh said the Jairam Thakur government carried forward Modi's scheme Ayushman Bharat in the State for which over 4 lakh people have got registered while the State government supplemented it with 'Him Care' scheme which has so far registered 5 lakh people. Similarly, Modi's Ujjwala scheme reached 1.37 lakh people in the State while Mukhyamantri Grahni Yojana supplemented it by reaching 3 lakh households, he said. The Minister said, in the next 25 years of Amrta-Kal, Himalayan States like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and the North-Eastern States are going to make a significant value addition to build India's future economy and only BJP govt can ensure an optimum contribution of Himachal Pradesh.

Making Panchayati Raj Institutions robust, successful; Government's prime focus: Mandeep Kaur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Mandeep Kaur on Tuesday visited Poonch and convened a joint meeting of officers and PRIs to review progress on development works being taken up under UT and District CAPEX budget besides assessing progress on deliverables.

Commissioner Secretary is on a three day visit to the district as Visiting Officer under 'Back to Village' phase IV programme (B2V4) for Panchayat Seri Khawaja, Lasanna block. She is also the Mentor Secretary for Poonch district.

Deputy Commissioner, Poonch, Inder Jeet, Director RDD, Jammu, Mohammad Muntaz Ali, SSP Poonch, Rohit Baskotra and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner presented the district and Panchayat wise status of works taken up under various schemes of RDD and highlighted various achievements and activities being carried out in the district.

Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Secretary said that B2V4 is a flagship programme of UT government for strengthening grassroots democracy. She urged upon the PRIs to take



Commissioner Secretary, RDD and PR, Mandeep Kaur chairing a meeting at Poonch.

full initiative in leading the developmental scenario in the border district of Poonch. She said that GPDP is part of the programme and every member of Gram Sabha should participate in the same.

While highlighting the objectives of B2V4 campaign, Commissioner Secretary revealed that purpose of the current phase of B2V is to prioritize the list of works with detailed planning of works for further approval at the level of administrative department. She added that PRIs and Visiting Officers shall give rating to government programmes during the current phase of the programme.

Meanwhile, Mandeep Kaur also had a detailed department wise review of progress on deliverables in the district wherein all the departments presented the status of various development works undertaken in different sec-

tors including Social Welfare, Forest, Health, Education, Rural Development, PDD and Jal Shakti by the concerned executing agencies.

After taking a detailed department wise review of deliverables allocated to each line department in the district, Commissioner Secretary stressed on stronger coordination among the departments for enhanced outcome. She emphasized on proper monitoring and follow up for cent percent achievement of set targets by all the departments. Mandeep Kaur specifically took a detailed review of SBM in the district and instructed the field officers including ACD to swiftly implement the scheme objectives within a period of one month. Further, she took stock of MGNREGA, PMAY, JJM, and other development schemes. She further instructed that lack

of communication should not be a barrier at the implementation level and instructed field officers to be thorough with scheme guidelines.

Speaking to PRIs, Commissioner Secretary asked them to take full advantage of government training programmes and adopt best practices, successful models from other states like Kerala. She also listened to their grievances and assured of timely redressal of all their genuine issues. Furthermore, Commissioner Secretary complemented the district administration for achieving the targets under various schemes and emphasized that endeavor must be to achieve targets in full. She asked the officers of RDD to work expeditiously so that all taken up works are physically and financially completed in current fiscal with no spillovers into next Financial Year.

Women Kabaddi team of GDC Akhnoor wins District Police Trophy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: The women kabaddi team of GDC Akhnoor wins District police trophy on October 31, 2022 beating District Police Line team by 44-31 held at police line Jammu. The Men kabaddi team finished as runner up by losing final match to District Police team with score 60-57. The tournament was organized by District police Line Jammu in which five women teams and eight men teams had participated. The principal of GDC Akhnoor Prof. Surinder Singh Parihar appreciated the performance of both teams and motivated them to work hard in future for successes full career.

Congress seeks probe in Morbi bridge mishap, takes out candle light march



Congress workers taking out candle light march.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Pradesh Youth Congress, J&K today sought a probe headed by a retired Supreme Court or High Court judge into the Morbi suspension bridge collapse in Gujarat.

In this context, Uday Bhanu Chib, President J&K Pradesh

Youth Congress along with Hari Singh Chib, President DCC Jammu Rural and dozens of party activists today took out a candle light march to pay homage to the people who were killed in this tragedy in Gujarat. The candle light march was organised by Sunny

Jatt, President DYC Jammu Rural. While paying homage to those killed in the tragedy, Uday Chib prayed to God to give the strength to the bereaved families who have lost their loved ones to bear the irreparable loss. Pertinent to mention here that over 130 people have died in the bridge collapse. The more than a century-old bridge, which had reopened five days back after extensive repairs and renovation, was crammed with people when it collapsed Sunday evening.

Talking to reporters, Uday Chib said the reasons for the collapse of the bridge that reopened five days ago ought to be known. "Why were so many people allowed in? There should be an inquiry headed by a retired Supreme Court or High Court judge," he said. Uday demanded that the bereaved families and those affected should be provided all sorts of assistance and given compensation by the government and those injured should be provided all assistance in medical treatment by the government.

Hari Singh Chib, in his address, said this is not an accident. "This is the killing of people by the BJP's corruption, asking why the bridge's repair and maintenance work was awarded to a watchmaker company without floating any tender to select the most suitable firm for the job," he said.

KC College of Education observes World Vegan Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Environmental Club of K.C. College of Education observed world vegan day by organizing a slogan writing activity on the theme "Vegetarianism" on Tuesday . World Vegan Day, the day dedicated to the practice of abstaining from use of animal products and exploitation of animal.

The environmental club of the college organized the activity to raise awareness regarding the terms vegan and veganism. Nine members (students) of club namely Priya Kalsi, Richa Sharma, Prachi Sharma, Falguni Gupta, Neha Devi, Vandana Verma, Diksha Khajuria, Anushka Jasrotia and Pallavi Sharma participated in the activity and showcased their creativity. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjay Tickoo, principal, K.C. College of Education advocated the benefits of avoiding and banning the exploitation of animals, extending our love and care to other species and natural environment. The whole programme was convened by Dr. Puja Sharma Convenor, Environmental Club of K.C. College of Education.



The accused, identified as Tanveer Ahmed, son of Mohd Iqbal Bhat, resident of Zalla Chatroo, was arrested and FIR No. 88/2022 under section 8/20 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Chatroo.

Two brothers among three attacked, injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: Two brothers and a woman were injured after they were attacked in Bishnah and Miran Sahib on Tuesday.

According to the information, Sunny Gupta and his brother Sheetal Gupta were attacked outside village with sharp-edged weapons, due to which they got injured. The accused fled from the spot after attack. Police immediately rushed to the spot and shifted both to hospital for treatment. During investigation, it was found that both have been attacked over a dispute.

Meanwhile, a complaint was lodged with Miran Sahib Police by one Kuldeep Kaur, wife of Gurmeet Singh, resident of Khour, wherein she alleged that when she was going towards her house, three accused Manjit Singh, Surendra Singh and Lovely Singh blocked his way and assaulted her. Acting on complaint, the police has registered a case and started investigation.

3 tractor-trolleys seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Acting sternly against illegal mining within district, Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua R C Kotwal on Tuesday seized 3 tractor along with trolleys found indulged in illegal transportation of construction material in jurisdictional area of Police Station Billawar.

As per details, a police team headed by Insp. Sunil Kumar Sharma SHO Billawar under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Arvind Kumar seized 3 tractor-trolleys, one bearing registration number JK08H-6207 & other two without registration numbers, indulged in illegal transportation of construction material. All the vehicles were seized & immediately handed over to officials of Geological and Mining Department Kathua for further legal proceedings.



4 bovines rescued, smuggler arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Police on Tuesday successfully foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines by rescuing 4 bovines and arrested a bovine smuggler in jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh. As per details, a party of Police Station Ramgarh during vehicle checking at Swankha Morh, intercepted a Mahindra pick-up (JK02AX/6247) for check-

ing. During checking, 4 bovines were found laden inside vehicle in a cruel manner, which were rescued. The driver of vehicle namely Amit Kumar, son of Raj Kumar, resident of Badyal Qazian was arrested and vehicle was seized.

One dies, another injured in accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A dumper rammed a car in Ramkot area of Kathua district due to which a person died while another got injured.

According to information, two people, boarding in a car got hit by a dumper in Ramkot area, due to which both were seriously injured. They were taken to the hospital where one of them was declared as brought dead by doctors. The deceased was identified as Bishan Lal, resident of Majalta while other is undergoing treatment. A case has been registered in this regard.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

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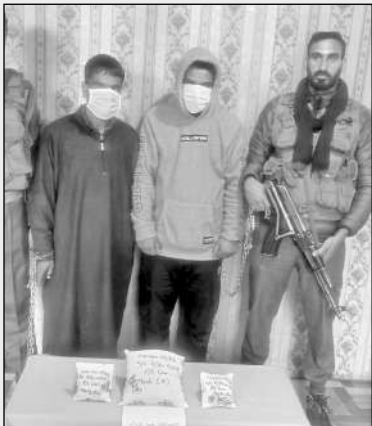
KATHUA: Kathua Police under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal on Tuesday traced out a missing woman and reunited her with family members.

As per details, on October 25, 2022 a missing report was lodged at Police Station Bani by a person, resident of Barmota, Tehsil Bani stating therein that his wife went missing from house. Acting on complaint, a missing report was registered and search was started to trace her. With strenuous efforts, coupled with technical assistance, a team of Police Station Bani traced the woman, who was handed-over to her legal heirs after completion of all legal formalities.

2 notorious drug-peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police on Tuesday arrested two notorious drug peddlers and recovered contraband substance from their possession. As per details, a party of Police Station Lar at a checkpoint established at Tehsilbagh Khraanihama arrested two notorious drug peddlers identified as Aqib Nazir Wani, son of Nazir Ahmad Wani and Shanamin Ahmad Bhat, son of Ghulam Nabi, both residents of Tullamulla, Ganderbal. During search, 700 gm Bhang Patri was recovered from their possession. Accordingly, FIR No. 64/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Lar and investigation started.



CRIME REPORT

Notorious drug peddler booked under PIT NDPSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Working on multipronged strategy to deal with drug abuse, Kishtwar Police booked another notorious drug peddler of Kishtwar, under PIT NDPSA and lodged him in District Jail Kishtwar. In view of his continuous involvement in drug peddling and criminal cases and to save younger generations from indulging drug menace, it was necessary to book him under the stringent law.

The accused, identified as Tousif Qayoom alias Chadda, son of Ab Qayoom, resident of Sarkoot Kishtwar was found involved in various drug peddling cases, during investigation. After obtaining PIT NDPSA orders from higher authorities, he was lodged at District Jail Kishtwar by SHO Kishtwar Insp Abid Bukhari. SSP Kishtwar Shafqat Hussain Batt, while sharing details, conveyed that Kishtwar Police is committed to eradicate menace of drug abuse from the society and to save youth of District Kishtwar from menace of drug abuse.



Drug-peddler arrested with Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Police on Tuesday arrested a drug-peddler and recovered approximately 90 gm Cannabis (Charas) like substance from his possession.

As per details, a special Naka led by SHO Police Station Chatroo Insp Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday laid at Zalla Chatroo under supervision of DySP DAR Kishtwar Zia-Ul-Haq. During extensive checking, police noticed a suspect who was trying to escape from Naka party. Subsequently, acting swiftly, the Naka party intercepted him and on search, recovered Cannabis (Charas) like substance weighing about 90 gm from his possession,

