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### Public participation brings...

Lt Governor. Promoting inclusive growth and creating employment opportunities in the Agriculture and allied sectors is our priority. Jan Abhiyan has brought together experts and farmers on a common platform to speed up the pace of development in this sector; the Lt Governor said.

'Adapt to Grow' is the new Mantra for Agriculture Sector. The efforts of the Progressive farmers of J&K like Baldev Raj from Simblawali village, Samba for promoting diversification in agriculture to improve agricultural productivity and boost sustainable growth are praiseworthy. Baldev Raj's decision for crop diversification proved to be extremely beneficial to his family and his experience is encouraging others to switch to high-value crop, the Lt Governor added.

Sharing the inspirational stories of young and promising entrepreneurs from across the UT, the Lt Governor called upon the youth, especially the women folks of J&K to draw inspiration from Pulwama's Hina Parray, Ridhima Arora, from Jammu and J&K's first women e-rickshaw driver, Seema Devi.

Determination, passion and self-confidence to face new challenges are significant to fulfill dreams and life's objective. Hina Parray's entrepreneurial journey is inspiration for budding entrepreneurs, the Lt Governor said.

Seema Devi from Nagrota is the epitome of women empowerment. As J&K's first women e-rickshaw driver, Seema Devi is setting examples for others.

Ridhima Arora is one of J&K's most promising young entrepreneurs. With passion, grit, innovation and ingenuity she has built her Startup that is making a difference in people's lives. She is a true inspiration for young entrepreneurs in India, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also mentioned about Kashmir's Sami-ullah who has started a door-to-door delivery start-up and delivering products from Jammu and Kashmir to other states and countries and is working with around 1200 MSMEs.

We are creating an enabling environment to harness the potential of the youth of J&K. Today our youth are being provided with all the resources and necessary hand-holding to fulfill their aspirations and convert ideas into business ventures, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also shared suggestions received from Bandipora's Mudasser Nazir Wani, Dilshad Matoo from Kishtwar, Pulwama's Saima Zargar, Ratan Prabha and Vijay Sharma from Jammu and Harjot Singh from Kathua pertaining to online dashboard for pension beneficiaries of Panchayats, pharmacy-related policy reforms and new initiatives, Mid-Day Meals in schools, for creating a Resource Center in the Tourism Department to accelerate the development of identified tourist destinations and seeking fortnightly status report from the Field Officers on the applications received on Kashmir Migrant Portal.

The Lt Governor passed explicit directions to the concerned departments to take appropriate actions on the suggestions and inputs received from various quarters.

### Heroin worth crores...

their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law. "Our consistent actions against drug peddlers should reassure the community members that we are making efforts to keep our society free from the scourge of drug menace", the spokesperson added.

### LeT 'hybrid' terrorist..

three 'hybrid' terrorists have been arrested in the summer capital of the Union Territory, police said.

"Army (2RR) and Srinagar Police arrested three hybrid terrorists along with a huge consignment of 03 AK rifles, 02 Pistols, 09 Magazines & 200 rounds from outskirts of Srinagar," Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter.

An investigation is going on in the matter; they said.

Meanwhile, security forces have seized a huge cache of arms and ammunition from a house in Kupwara district, police said.

The arms cache was recovered from the house of one Rafaqat Hussain Shah, a resident of Panjtaran in Karnah area of north Kashmir's Kupwara, in a cordon-and-search operation last night, a police spokesperson said.

During search, one pistol, two pistol magazines, 16 pistol rounds, two hand grenades, two detonators, and other incriminating materials were recovered from the said house, the spokesperson said.

In connection with the seizure, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation is in progress, he said.

### Army pays tributes...

bravehearts were air evacuated to 168 military hospital Kupwara, however, could not be revived and succumbed to their medical conditions, he said.

Naik Rao (41) had joined Army in 2002. He belonged to Village Chunchkkede, Post Dhule, Tehsil, Dhule District in Maharashtra. The braveheart is survived by his wife.

Lance Naik Kumar (22) had joined Army in 2018. He belonged to Village Sajwantgarh, Post Rodu, Tehsil Ladnun, District Nagaur in Rajasthan. The braveheart is survived by his mother.

Gunner Hazra (22) had joined Army in 2019. He belonged to Village Khamarberia, Post Onda, Tehsil Bankura Sadar, District Bankura in West Bengal. The braveheart is survived by his uncle.

The mortal remains will be taken for last rites to their native place, where they would be laid to rest with full military honours. In this hour of grief, the Army stands in solidarity with the bereaved families and remains committed to their dignity and well being, the spokesman said.

### Congress exploited tribals...

did not vote it to power for 32 years, it says its work speaks for it. You did nothing other than increasing poverty," he said.

He said that in its last budget, the Congress government had allocated Rs 1,000 crore for tribals in Gujarat, while Bhupendra Patel, the current chief minister, allocated Rs 1 lakh crore for this community in his last budget, he said.

"Congress does not know what tribal development means...It did nothing other than make each other fight. After BJP came to power, not a single curfew was imposed in any police station in the last 20 years," Shah said.

### Hurt by criticism...

But I have a lot of respect for them because of their contribution to the country," he said. Without naming BJP, Abdullah said those pointing fingers on them will face the same situation when they will be out of power. "This is the law of nature that as you sow, so shall you reap," he said.

### Court denies bail...

"During the course of the investigation, the statement of some witnesses have been recorded wherein it is established that both the accused persons were deceitfully trapping the people with a well-planned conspiracy while telling them to provide admission for their children and were demanding hefty and handsome amounts," the order read, quoting the police.

The police investigations revealed that Shukla had opened a college called 'Wisdom Institute of Special Studies' at Ghaziabad after changing the name of V V C Academy, and accordingly, a warrant was obtained from the court and the accused was arrested.

It is evident that there is a close nexus between the accused persons and after bail was granted to Jaiswal, he never appeared before the court and no effective proceeding could be conducted, the order said.

"... In case the discretion of bail is exercised in favour of the accused No 2 (Shukla), there is every apprehension he will also flee from the clutches of justice which would definitely create hurdles in deciding the matter on its own merit," the judge said in his order.

During the course of arguments, a protest petition was presented by another vic-

tered at Police Station Sopore and investigation started.

### Absconder arrested after 4 years

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police on Sunday apprehended an absconder, who was evading arrest since 2018. As per details, a Police team led by Insp. Om Parkash, SHO Police Station Chenani under supervision of Addl SP Udhampur Anwaar Ul Haq and SDPO Chenani Ahmed Shaafi raided suspected locations and arrested absconder namely Showkat Ali, son of Nazir Ahmed, resident of village Dhanari, Tehsil and District Udhampur, who was absconding since 2018 in FIR No. 40/2018 registered under sections 8/20/29 of NDPS Act at Police Station Chenani. An arrest warrant under section 512 CrPC was already issued by the Court of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Udhampur against accused.

### Two drug-peddlers arrested with poppy straw

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its campaign against narcotics, Udhampur Police achieved another success by recovering 13.130 Kg Poppy Straw at Jakheni checking point (NHW) under jurisdiction of Police Station Udhampur: As per details, a team of Police Station Udhampur headed by Insp Raghunir Singh under the supervision of Anwar Ul Haq Addl SP Udhampur and DySP Hqrs Udhampur Sahil Mahajan, while conducting routine vehicle checking at Jakheni naka point, intercepted a truck (PB08BW 9737) for checking purpose and recovered 13.130 Kg poppy straw. Two inter-state smugglers, identified as Swarn Singh, son of Satnam Singh, resident of Anritsar and Surjit Singh, son of Ram Singh, resident of Anritsar; were arrested and FIR No.486/2022 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Udhampur.

### Two snatchers arrested

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMANA: Police on Sunday arrested two snatchers within 24 hours of crime and recovered stolen wallet containing cash and ATM cards.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Bari-Brahmana by a resident of Kathua stating therein that 2 unknown persons snatched his wallet containing cash and 2 ATM cards near SIDCO Chowk, Bari-Brahmana. Acting over complaint, FIR No. 215/2022 under section 382 of IPC was registered and investigation started. Accordingly, a team of Police Station Bari-Brahmana after putting in strenuous efforts, arrested two accused namely Arif Ahmed Dar, son of Habib Ullah Dar, resident of Parinpora, Srinagar and Vikas Chouhan, son of Kaka Ram, resident of Bhagwati Nagar, Jammu. On their disclosure, stolen wallet with cash and 2 ATM cards was recovered. Further investigation is going on.

### SPO among four die in mishaps

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An SPO among four persons were killed in road mishaps on Sunday.

As per details, SPO Manohar Lal, posted as SPO at Jhajjar Kotli Police Station who was returning from Naka Duty at Domail on his bike, got hit by a car (JK14A-6372) and got injured. He was shifted to GMC hospital where he succumbed to injuries. The car driver namely Anil Sharma, son of Gyan Sharma, resident of Udhampur has been booked in this regard.

In another instance, a scooter (JK02CW-8303) was hit by Oil-tanker (PB08EC-8303) due to which scooter rider, identified as Vinay Pandita, son of Hari Krishan, resident of Jagti Nagrota, died on the spot. Meanwhile, a bus hit a bike near Jhajjar Kotli area and two bike-born youth got injured. They were taken to hospital where doctors declared one of them as brought dead. The deceased was identified as Sher Hussain, resident of Gujjar Nagar, Jammu while injured revealed his identity as Sher Baaz, who is presently under treatment. At Kathua, a man was died in a road mishap. The deceased was identified as Ganga Ram, son of Anand Prasad, resident of Uttarakhand, presently staying in Shaheedi Chowk area.

### Son attacks father

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A son attacked his father with a sharp-edged weapon in R S Pura area on Sunday.

According to information, a dispute arisen between a father and son late night in Baga Channa area of village R S Pura. The matter escalated so much that youth attacked his father with a sharp-edged weapon, due to which he got injured. The relatives took him to the hospital for treatment where he is presently undergoing treatment. The police is investigating the matter.

### Dog kills 3-month old child

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A three-month-old child was killed by a dog in Sarwal area on Sunday.

According to information, Kartak, son of Shankar, resident of Chhattigarh, was left on a side of construction site by his parents, where they were working as labourers. Meanwhile, a stray dog came there and started scratching child. When parents heard cries of child, they went to the spot and saw that dog has bitten child badly. He was immediately taken to hospital for treatment, but the child died during treatment.

### Cop's husband found hanging

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Husband of a lady cop was found hanging in a park at Bagh-e-Bahu area on Sunday.

According to information, Manzoor Wani, son of Ghulam Qadir, resident of Pulwama was found hanging with a tree in a park near Balidan Stambh on Saturday night. Soon after getting information, Police reached the spot and took body into custody, which was identified and accordingly, family members were informed. The relatives of deceased told police that he had left home a few days back for some work. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

tim Mir Naveed Gul of Tral-Payeen in Pulwama district, who also claimed to have been duped by the accused.

Gul sought dismissal of the bail application of Shukla, pleading that he was duped of Rs 13 lakhs by the accused in collaboration with his two associates.

The applicant said the accused not only deceived him by showing forged documents and letters from various universities but also destroyed his career and that of his friend Zuhaib Rasool and several other students in the Valley.

### Jammu to wear...

there. He called for completing the project within a period of 6 months only.

At Bhag-i-Bahu the Chief Secretary told the Divisional Commissioner to look into the possibility of combining the garden with the adjacent Aquarium. He stated that both the facilities are augmenting each other and should be offered to public as a package. He also went around the fort and temple area and called for taking measures to make it more appealing and developed.

The Chief Secretary visited other projects like Multi-level parking at Panjirthi and other ongoing developmental works in and around the city. He recalled that dozens of projects were completed in the past couple of years which along with the progressing ones are going to make Jammu one of the best places in the country.

The CS also asked for opening of Jambo Zoo to public in the month of January itself. He further mentioned that the Semi-Ring Road project would be taken to its final completion in the month of April. He observed that these would be a major step towards making Jammu city more vibrant, citizen-friendly and congestion-free.

He recounted that projects like newly developed General Bus stand, Multi-level Car Parking cum Commercial Complex, Vertical Garden from DograChowk to KC Chowk, Jammu-Akhnor Expressway having the longest flyover in J&K, Beautification of bridges, PRASAD Lighting of different religious complexes, introduction of electric buses, and other projects of city landscaping and beautification are going to make Jammu the most vibrant cities of the country.

The Chief Secretary was informed that the Tawi Riverfront phase-I is going to be completed soon followed by Phase-II. It includes construction of embankments/retaining wall with channelized section 250m wide and for a length of 3.5km on both sides. It was given out that raising of barrage height to achieve adequate water height (ponding) at Gujjar Nagar bridge is also part of it.

It was further revealed that the Library cum Cafeteria at Mubarak Mandi is being completed at a cost of ₹ 3.29 Cr by JSCL and is going to be completed by May, 2023. It includes developing the space on the heritage characteristics, developing building Interiors, Providing heritage furniture, proper illumination for exterior and interiors, upgradation of the front court as a sitting area, provision of firefighting, Air conditioning besides other facilities.

Pertinently, the JSCL is developing Tawi River front on the lines of the Sabarmati riverfront in Gujarat. The project is aimed to enhance the aesthetic value of the River Tawi by enhancing natural purifying capabilities, as well as promoting environmental and urban infrastructure sustainability.

The 7 KM long river front is proposed to be completed in 2 phases. The first phase starts from 4th bridge to Main Tawi Bridge and phase 2 from Main Tawi Bridge to Gujjar Nagar Bridge. Pathways would be constructed on both the sides (banks) of the river to provide easy access to the public, the CS was informed.

Initially work on 2.7 km from Bhagwati Nagar Barrage to VikramChowk Bridge has been taken up under the phase I and is going to be completed on time, as was given out on the occasion.

### Three abducted girls...

Looking into the sensitivity of the case, Poonch Senior Superintendent of Police Rohit Baskotra constituted a special team headed by Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Surankot Tanver Jeelani. During the further course of investigation, some more suspected persons were picked up and technical assistance of Cyber Cell of Poonch Police was sought and finally the kidnapped girls were recovered from Rajouri, the spokesman said. He said the recovered girls were handed over to the legal heirs after all legal formalities were fulfilled.

### Saroori visits GMC Jammu; enquires about wellbeing of patients



Former Minister J&K, G. M Saroori during visit to GMC&H Jammu on Sunday.

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Former Minister J&K, G. M Saroori visited Government Medical College hospital (GMC&H) Jammu to enquire about the health of various patients hailing from Erstwhile Doda District who are suffering from various diseases

Saroori interacted with the patients attended at

GMC&H Hospital, Jammu and assured them all help. He asked the doctors about the status of the patients and urged the Hospital authorities and doctors to provide every required medical facility to the patients so that they do not feel any inconvenience. Former Minister also wished for early recovery of the patients.

### ABMSS organises award ceremony

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Akhil Bhartiya Mahajan Shiromani Sabha (ABMSS) Jammu and Kashmir Zone on Sunday organized a special 'Award Ceremony' at Sarore, district Samba in which 67 organisations of Jammu Region were decorated with 'Duggar Shavak' award for their affections to Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hansraj Mahajan.

The programme started with three times recitation of Gaytri Mantra followed by lightening of lamps. Suman Kumar Gupta Patron ABMSS welcomed the special guests, office bearers and members of the organizations present in the Award Ceremony.

The participating organizations demanded to constitute a state level Confederation of all non-Government organizations who passionately admire son of the soil, Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hansraj Mahajan. This demand got overwhelming response and resultantly all participating organizations consented to be its member and it was named as 'MASAHARA'.

After the formal formation of MASAHARA, it was unanimously resolved that the confederation shall meet different organizations and forums to make them aware about the legendary personality

of Sher-e-Duggar. The MASAHARA shall take up with the Center and State Governments and impress the concerned authorities to give due recognition to pre independence leader of the Dogra community.

A charter of demands to be presented to the authorities includes, Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hansraj Mahajan must be posthumously conferred with Bharat Rattan award, life size statue of Lala Hansraj Mahajan be installed at any prominent chowk of Jammu, to add a chapter of Sher-e-Duggar in the primary school curriculum, a High level Award must be initiated on the name of Lala Hansraj Mahajan in the field of social work/journalism and all schools/colleges must display a framed picture of Sher-e-Duggar Lala Hansraj Mahajan at a prominent place.

The prominent personalities who graced the occasion were Rakesh Kumar Mahajan (Jeweller) Ranjan Gupta, Er. Ravinder Gupta, CA Krishan Gupta, Darshan Lal Chopra (Exchange Road), Darshan Gupta (Thada kalyal) Pawan Kumar Gupta (Sarore).

Ram Langar, Gen Secretary ABMSS who conducted the proceedings, presented the vote of thanks.



### Missing girl traced, reunited with family

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday traced a missing girl and reunited her with family-members.

As per details, information was received at Police Station Bishnah regarding missing of a girl on June 2, 2022 and accordingly investigation started. A team of Police Station Bishnah was formed under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Bishnah Insp Vikram Sharma, which after putting in hectic efforts, recovered missing girl. Subsequently, family of missing girl was informed and she was handed over to her family after completing all legal formalities.

### Narco smuggler nabbed with 650 gm Ganja

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing war against drugs, Kathua Police under the guidance of SSP R C Kotwal on Sunday nabbed a narco smuggler and recovered approximately 650 gm Ganja like narcotics from his possession at Sabzi Mandi Kathua area.

As per details, a team of Police Station Kathua led by PSI Riaz Ahmed under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Sukhdev Singh & Insp O P Chib SHO Kathua during patrolling/checking duty at Sabzi Mandi, Kathua area apprehended a suspect identified as Harn Raj Chouhan, son of Shiv Dhuluri Chouhan, resident of Sakrapali Baloda Bazar Gattih, Chhattisgarh. During checking, approximately 650 gm Ganja like narcotics was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 440/2022 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

### 5 drug-peddlers arrested; 190 Kg poppy straw, codeine recovered

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA/ SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs, Police in



a series of action have arrested five drug peddlers and recovered a huge quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

In Awantipora, a party headed by SHO PS Khrew during naka checking at village Mumpora Androosa intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration No. PB19H-0454 with three persons onboard. During search, 190 Kg Poppy

straw concealed in 22 apple boxes were recovered from vehicle. The two accused identified as Balraj Singh, son of Ruvinder Singh, resident of Jamalpora Leeli, Ludhiana and Danish Gaffar, son of Ab Gaffar Ganie, resident of Pahoo Pulwama were arrested, while third accused managed to escape from the spot and efforts are on to effect his arrest. The vehicle used in commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, FIR No.73/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Khrew and investigation started.

In Sopore, a party of Police Station Sopore during patrolling at Shalpora area Sopore arrested three suspects. During search, 12 bottles of Codeine were recovered from their possession. The accused, identified as Nazir Ahmad Shah alias Bedaan, son of Mohammad Yousuf Shah; Nasir Ahmad Shah alias Anta son of Mohammad Yousuf Shah, both residents of Neharpora, Sopore and Danish Yousuf Bhat, son of Mohammad Yousuf Bhat, resident of Neharpora, presently staying at Shalimar Colony Sopore, were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 258/2022 under relevant sections of law was regis-

