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Major breakthrough: AGuH...

42 RR and CRPF, recovered arms and ammunition from Avantipora area of Pulwama district.

The recovered arms and ammunition include 202 AK rounds, three detonators, 26 rounds of 7.62 mm and two rounds of INSAS rifle.

The cache of ammunition was wrapped in a polythene hidden under boulders at Bund Lalgam area of Avantipora, he added.

Congress Govt had...

voting, to be held on 89 seats, on December 1.

While canvassing for BJP candidates of the Kutch region, Modi accused Congress of being friends with those who had tried hard to stop Narmada waters from reaching the parched region of Kutch.

"The Congress is the enemy of Kutch. Its leaders were friends with those who tried every trick in the book to stop Narmada waters from reaching here. The then Congress government at the Centre had also created hurdles in raising the height of the dam," he alleged.

SC seeks SG's...

the provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution which accorded special status to the erstwhile state. The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on August 5, 2019 and passed the same day. The Lok Sabha cleared it the next day.

Over 1,000 youth...

benefit of the same," Kundal said.

He acknowledged that youth encounter numerous obstacles while looking for employment and said this massive job fair will provide them jobs based on their capabilities and educational background.

The district development commissioner said the administration was intending to hold similar events in remote areas and reaffirmed that the job fair will be made a recurring event.

He asked the participating businesses to hire as many young people as possible in order to increase the district's employment rate.

District Industries Centre, Handicraft Department, KVIB, Himayat, and Mission Youth, among the several other government agencies took part in the exhibition and provided information on different self-employment programmes offered by the government. Later, Kundal handed over the keys of commercial vehicles to beneficiaries under the Mumkin Scheme' of Mission Youth.

Delhi Court awards...

JeM but they have been supporting/harbouring terrorists/members of JeM by providing them arms/ammunition, logistic supports and explosives."

"The accused were also involved in enticing/ motivating locals of Jammu & Kashmir to go into militancy and arranging funds, etc. for carrying out terrorist acts and therefore they all are liable to be convicted for offence u/s 120B IPC as well as u/s 18 of UA(P)Act," the judge said.

The NIA lodged an FIR in March 2019 and started the investigation.

The probe agency said the convicts were trained by Pakistan-based JeM operatives to do reconnaissance of targets, arrange hideouts, and provide logistical support to

terrorists and to carry out terror attacks in India.

Hackers demand Rs...

The AIIMS server has stored data of several VIPs, including former prime ministers, ministers, bureaucrats and judges.

"Hackers have allegedly demanded around Rs 200 crore in cryptocurrency," one of the sources told PTI.

Meanwhile, the NIC e-hospital database and application servers for e-hospital have been restored. The NIC team is scanning and cleaning infection from other e-hospital servers located at AIIMS which are required for delivery of hospital services, an official source said.

Four physical servers arranged for restoring e-hospital services have been scanned and prepared for the databases and applications.

Also, the AIIMS network sanitisation is in progress. Antivirus solutions have been organised for servers and computers. It has been installed on nearly 1,200 out of 5,000 computers. Twenty out of 50 servers have been scanned and this activity is ongoing 24x7, the source said.

"The full sanitisation of the network is likely to continue for five more days. Thereafter, e-hospital services can be rolled out in a phased manner. Patient care services including emergency, outpatient, inpatient, laboratory etc services are being continued on manual mode," the source said.

The AIIMS-Delhi in a statement said, "'The data restoration and server cleaning is in progress and is taking some time due to the volume of data and large number of servers for the hospital services. Measures are being taken for cyber security."

All hospital services, including outpatient, in-patient and laboratories, continue to run on manual mode, it added.

P T Usha...

four medals and seven silvers at the Asian Games. Her timing of 55.42s in LA still holds as a national record. At the 1984 Olympics, she missed out on a podium finish in the women's 400m hurdles category by 1/100th of a second

In the 1985 Jakarta Asian Championships, P T Usha won 6 medals- five Gold and one Bronze. From 1983-1989, she bagged 13 gold medals at ATF meets. In 1986, in the 10th Asian Games held at Seoul, South Korea , she won 4 gold medals and 1 silver medal in the track and field events.

Earlier this year, she was elected as a Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha.

Religious freedom does...

but forced conversions, and asked the Centre to file a detailed affidavit on the issue after taking information from states.

"You file a detailed affidavit after obtaining the necessary information from the concerned States We are not against conversion. But there cannot be any forced conversion," the court observed.

The court deferred hearing on the petition as well as an impleadment application challenging its maintainability till December 5.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the court that forced conversion was a "serious menace" and a "national issue" and that in its affidavit the central government has mentioned about the relevant steps taken by certain states.

The affidavit informed that public order being a state subject, various states Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka and Haryana have passed laws seeking to curb forced conversions.

"The Petitioner has, in the present writ petition, highlighted a large number of

instances carried out in an organized, systematic and sophisticated manner of conversion of vulnerable citizens in the country through fraud, deception, coercion, allurement or other such means.

"It is submitted that the right to freedom of religion does not include a fundamental right to convert other people to a particular religion. The said right certainly does not include the right to convert an individual through fraud, deception, coercion, allurement or other such means," the affidavit said.

The Centre said the apex court has already held in a case that the word propagate under Article 25 of the Constitution does not envisage the right to convert a person but a right to spread ones religion by exposition of its tenets.

It said fraudulent or induced conversion impinges upon the right to freedom of conscience of an individual and hampers public order and therefore the state was well within its power to regulate or restrict it.

"Undoubtedly the right to freedom to religion, and more importantly, the right to conscience of all citizens of the country is an extremely cherished and valuable right which ought to be protected by the Executive and the Legislature," the Centre's response said.

"The meaning and purport of the word propagate falling under Article 25 of the Constitution was discussed and debated in great detail in the constituent assembly and the inclusion of the said word was passed by the constituent assembly only after the clarification that the fundamental right under Article 25 would not include the right to convert," it added.

Upadhyay told the court he has filed an additional affidavit in the matter. In the affidavit, he sought directions to review visa rules for religious preachers and foreign missionaries, review foreign contribution rules for NGOs and for taking steps to control hawala funding.

The top court had on September 23 sought responses from the Centre and others to the petition.

Earlier this month, terming forced religious conversion a "very serious" issue, the court had taken a serious note of proselytization through deception, allurement and intimidation, and asked the Centre to step in and make sincere efforts to check the practice.

Upadhyay has submitted in his plea that forced religious conversion is a nationwide problem which needs to be tackled immediately.

"The injury caused to the citizens is extremely large because there is not even one district which is free of religious conversion by 'hook and crook,'" the plea has submitted. "Incidents are reported every week throughout the country where conversion is done by intimidating, threatening, deceivingly luring through gifts and monetary benefits and also by using black magic, superstition, miracles but Centre and States have not taken stringent steps to stop this menace," said the plea filed through advocate Ashwani Kumar Dubey.

The plea has also sought directions to the Law Commission of India to prepare a report as well as a Bill to control religious conversion by intimidation and monetary benefits.

Villagers launch hunger...

government's decision from the first day, but they were sidelined.

"The villagers have decided to continue their protest and launch hunger strike to save environment and natural resources," he said. An official, however, claimed that mining has been suspended in view of the protests. "Sahar Khud mining block was allocated by following due legal process. We have suspended the operation after opposition from the villagers. We are trying to sort out the issue," district mining officer Rajinder Singh said.

BJP can't succeed through A,B,C parties: JKPCC Chief



JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani, Working President Raman Bhalla and others during a rally at Bhadarwah.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHADARWAH: JKPCC Chief Vikar Rasool Wani has said that BJP can't succeed to form government through A,B, C parties in Jammu and Kashmir and told people to be ready to reject opportunist forces in next elections.

Addressing a large Congress rally at Bhadarwah on Monday along with Working President Raman Bhalla organised by DCC under leadership of Sheikh Mujeeb, Vikar Rasool Wani

lashed out at the politics of hate and division for power and asked people to reject opportunist forces in the next elections. Vikar Rasool Wani lashed out at the opportunist forces and questioned the unholy alliance entered by BJP with PDP for the sake of power, when BJP had nothing common with the agenda of PDP. Some political parties seek votes by fooling people on their agenda but later enter into unholy alliance.

Working President Raman Bhalla lashed out at the

BJP for its politics of division and opportunism and said that it has shared power with all those political parties whom they always blamed for their philosophy and political slogans terming them anti national and what not and can't be trusted.

Meeting at Bhadawah was organized by District President Mujeeb Ali and Javed lone. In presence of JKPCC President Vikar Rasool Wani, JKPCC Working President Raman Bhalla Ex MLA Ashok Dogra, Pranav Shagotra and Latish Sharma. Those present on the occasion include Naveen Kotwal, Naresh Manhas, Vijay Hiteshi, Showkat Mir, Gh Nabi Fareedi, Sheikh Tariq, Irshad Ahmed, O P Bhagat, Kuldeep Kumar lucky, Shahid butt, Jaggu, Zaffrulla Batt Mohd. Hussain Chilly Riaz Zargar Ranjeet Manhas, Shafiq Sahab, Sajad, Asif, and others.

NHPC Director (Projects) on three days visit to Kishtwar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KISHTWAR: NHPC Director (Projects) Shri Bishwajit Basu reached Kishtwar on Monday on a three days visit. Bishwajit Basu, Director (Projects) was given a grand welcome by M K Kashyap, Group General Manager (In-Charge), Dulhasti Power Station and senior officers and employees of NHPC and CVPP-PL on his arrival at Chenab Bhawan guest house of Dulhasti Power Station. On this tour Deepak Sehgal, Regional Head, NHPC Regional Office Jammu, Hasan Nadeem, Managing Director, Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt. Ltd. (CVPPPL) and R. P. Sharma, Group General Manager (Civil), Corporate Office, NHPC Limited accompanied him. Bishwajit Basu, Director (Projects) visited and inspected the proposed and located hydro-electric projects of NHPC and CVPPPL in the district. During the visit, Director (Projects) reviewed the progress of construction of 850 MW Ratle Hydro Electric Project (Jammu and Kashmir), excavation work of power house, temporary field hostel, dispensary etc and interacted with the trainees of the skill development centre at Drabshala, J&K. In this sequence, a meeting was organized in the evening with Bishwajit Basu, Director (Projects) and the members of trade union (Join Action Committee) of the power station in a cordial atmosphere, in which positive discussions were held on various issues. During this, Dr Nihsa Sharma, General Manager (Medical), Mithilesh Prasad Dinkar, General Manager (Electrical), Surendra Kumar Mishra, General Manager (Electrical), Davinder Koundal, Senior Manager (HR), and other officers and employees were present.

DFO Nowshera chairs meeting of Biodiversity Management Committee of Talla Tanda

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: A meeting of Biodiversity management Committee Talla Tanda was held under the chairmanship of Neelima Shah, Divisional Forest officer Nowshera.

The meeting was attended by Mohan Singh Sarpanch, Talla Tanda, besides members of BMC and a number of locals.

At the outset, Rakesh Verma, Technical Officer J&K Biodiversity Council (Range Forest Officer Sunderbani) welcomed the participants and gave a brief overview of the Biodiversity Management Committee, its functions, responsibilities. He informed that the main function of BMC was to prepare a register of all the biological resources of BMC in a pre-designed format which is

known as Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR). He also informed that PBRs have already been prepared for all the local bodies, now 'we have to update the information registered in the PBRs.' "A set of PBR contains 31 formats- each format contains specific information about the biodiversity. Once the PBR is updated, it will aid in tracing how habitats are changing, and to understand and estimate parts of our forests," he added. The Divisional Forest Officer, while addressing the house, informed that PBR was an important document containing the information about the biodiversity of a BMC. "It needs to be carefully updated, all the information regarding flora and fauna should be properly documented" she added and threw light

on the importance and role of BMC in forest management as well as local resource management. The BMC meeting was organized by Block Forest Officer, Kangri Dildar Singh and Block Forest Officer Dharamsal Ved Parkash along with other Forest officials of Kangri Block. Mohan Singh Sarpanch Talla Tanda presented vote of thanks. He also assured that the Gram Panchayat was always ready to help the Forest department in all matters. The meeting of BMC are conducted under the direct supervision of Dr. Mohit Gera (Chairman J&K Bio Diversity council) PCCF (HOFF), Asaf Mehmood Sagar (Member Secretary J&K Bio Diversity council) APCCF Director J&K FRI, Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forest, West Circle Rajouri.

Anti Crime NGO distributes notebooks, stationery items at Govt School Bishnah



NGO members along with students during the programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

School Headmaster BISHNAH: Anti Crime NGO on Monday distributed notebooks among students of Government School Bishnah.

Chairman of Organization Sham Lal Gupta distributed notebooks, stationery items (Pencil, Eraser, Sharpener, Geometry Box, Scale, Pen) bisenits among the students. Gupta briefed the students that NGO, Anti Crime is distributing notebooks without any government help/funds and NGO is working for peace in the society.

School Headmaster Harmeet Kour, Corporator Municipal Committee Bishnah Sahil Gupta , School Teachers Pardeep Choudhary, Raman Sharma, Jyoti Samyal and Sunita Verma appreciated steps of NGO.

Head Master Harmeet Kour Motivated the Students of Govt School to focus on their Studies.

Members of NGO present include Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Rattan Lal, Tushar Digra, Ravi Kumar, Chander Shekhar, Rohit Kumar, Raman Sharma and others.

Woman drug-peddler arrested; brown sugar recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police arrested a woman drug-peddler and recovered brown sugar from her possession.

As per details, a party from Police Station Handwara arrested a woman drug peddler near ITI Gonipora and during search, recovered 6 gm Brown Sugar from her possession. She was identified as Haseena Begum, wife of Mushtaq Ahmad Wani, resident of Gonipora Handwara and FIR 300/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Handwara.

Kidnapped woman recovered from UP, accused arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: Police on Monday arrested an accused of kidnapping a woman, who was also rescued by team of Gursai Police Station of Sub division Mendhar. As per details, missing report of a woman was lodged at Police Station Gursai on November 21, after which a case of kidnapping under relevant sections of law was registered. After registration of case, special teams were constituted at sub division level and after hectic efforts; the woman was recovered from village Imiliya in Tehsil Gola of District Lakhimpur (UP). After completion of legal formalities, kidnapped woman was handed to legal heirs.

In this connection, FIR 139/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered against kidnapper namely Ayaz Ahmed, son of Abdul Hamid, resident of Chajil, Tehsil Mendhar.

Absonder nabbed after 6 years

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

MENDHAR: An absonder wanted in a case registered at Police Station Mendhar of District Poonch was arrested by a police team, led by SHO Mendhar inspector Niaz Ahmed. Absonder namely Mohd Ishaq, son of Ajwar Hussain, resident of Sarohti, Mendhar was nabbed. The accused was wanted in FIR 14/2016 registered under relevant sections of law and was absconding since 2016 whereas a general warrant of arrest under section 512 of CrPC was issued against him by the Court JMIC, Mendhar. The accused was produced in the court of law for further course of action.

Two missing persons traced, reunited with families

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Monday traced two missing persons and reunited them with their families.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Arnia regarding missing of a girl by her legal heirs stating that she went missing from her house. In this regard, a missing report was registered on November 23, 2022 and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Arnia under supervision of SPDO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Arnia Insprr Deepak Katoch, after putting in strenuous efforts and with help of CCTV footages of the area, traced the missing girl.

Another complaint was lodged at Police Post Parade by legal heirs of a girl stating that she went missing from her house. In this regard, a missing report on August 18, 2017 was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Post Parade under the supervision of SDPO North Sharad Kalu led by Incharge Police Post Parade PSI Arun Kumar, after putting in strenuous efforts, traced the missing girl. Subsequently families of both missing girls were informed and they were reunited with family-members after completing all the legal formalities.

Two drug-peddlers taken into detention

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

THANNAMANDI: Continuing action against people involved in unlawful activities and drugs smuggling, Thannamandi police has taken into detention two accused. Peddlers namely Intiyaz Ali, son of Ali Mohammad and Mohd Shafeeq son of Maneer Hussain, both residents of Thannamandi were detained under preventive mechanism for public safety. The detention order has been issued by competent authority Executive Magistrate First Class under relevant sections of law including under sections 107/110/151 of CrPC and both of them have been lodged in Dhangri jail.

The detention order was implemented by a police team headed by SHO Thannamandi Mohammad Shokat Choudhary under supervision of SDPO Thannamandi Dr Intiaz Ahmed. SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam said that many drug peddlers in Thannamandi sub-division have been put custody after orders issued by competent authorities.

Students of Ramban shine in Divisional Level Kala Utsav competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: District Ramban has shined at Divisional Level Kala Utsav competition held recently in Jammu to enable the students to show their talent in different art forms.

Students of district Ramban bagged first position in three of 10 categories of art competition. Earlier, as many as 160 students from different schools from across six zones of the

district participated in Zonal Level competition, 72 students were shortlisted for participating in the district Level competition, and 12 of them were screened for the Divisional Level competition which was held from 21st November, 2022 to 23rd November, 2022 at Jammu.

Out of 10 categories at the divisional Level competition, Kavita Devi of Government High School, Gam, Zone

Ramban bagged 1st position in the traditional Dance Competition, Balwant Raj of Government Higher Secondary School, Batote, Zone Batote bagged 1st position in traditional Instrumental Music competition and Mantasha of New Convent School, Banihal bagged 1st position in Visual Arts 2D competition.

All three position holder students are preparing to compete at a UT Level com-

petition likely to be held next week. Chief Education Ramban, Dev Anand has congratulated all the winners and participants on this success. He complimented the Education department for providing such a powerful platform to explore the hidden talent of students of remote areas of UT of J&K and expected such platforms would also be formed for providing more avenues to the students.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: District Administration Samba on Monday organised a series of activities across 4 Municipalities of the district under the week long Jan Abhiyan Shehri campaign, a prelude to the My Town My Pride program.

J&K Government's Jan Abhiyan Shehri programme aims to achieve transparent and effective delivery of public services in the urban

areas and to ensure 100% saturation of deliverables under various schemes.

The Jan Abhiyan Shehri Programme, a precursor to My town My pride programme, was carried out at Municipality Hall Bari-Brahmana, Municipality Hall Vijaypur; Municipality Hall Rangarh and Samba Fort where a large number of public, elected representatives and employees of various departments participat-

ed.

In Bari-Brahmana the event was inaugurated by Additional Deputy Commissioner Samba, Rakesh Dubey wherein street vendor licenses were distributed among beneficiaries. The ADC laid emphasis upon generating maximum awareness about online services among the public and for reaching out to eligible individuals for the saturation of beneficiary ori-

ented schemes.

During the Jan Abhiyan Shehri programme various cases under Mumkin Scheme, PMJAY (Golden Cards), self employment schemes and PMAY-U were sanctioned and disbursed on the spot.

Special Digital service camps were also organized in each Urban Local Bodies for awareness as well as public service delivery through online mode.