

!! Continuations from Page 1 !! Cong, allies hatching...

"BJP-Mahayuti ahe, tar gati ahe, Maharashtrachi pragati ahe (If there is Mahayuti there is progress in Maharashtra)," Modi said. The people of Maharashtra and Marathwada had been demanding for decades to give classical language status to Marathi, Modi said. This work related to Marathi pride was completed by the BJP, he added. "Maharashtra has attracted the maximum FDI after the formation of the Mahayuti government. The people have benefited due to the investment," he said.

Fire breaks out...

brought the blaze under control with the assistance of police and CRPF personnel. All students and staff were safely evacuated and no one was injured but the three-storey school building was partially damaged, they said.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, officials said. Jammu and Kashmir Minister for Education Sakeena Masood visited the school after the fire incident. She inspected the affected areas, assessed the damage and spoke with school authorities and local officials about immediate needs and plans for recovery, a spokesperson said.

He said Masood emphasised the government's commitment to supporting the school's reconstruction efforts and asserted that efforts would be made so that students could resume classes at the earliest.

Modi put last...

Bokaro, Adityanath said, "The JMM, Congress, and RJD are helping Rohingyas and Bangladeshi infiltrators enter Jharkhand. They are grabbing land here by marrying tribal girls. The BJP under PM Modi is the only solution to this problem."

He also credited the BJP government for providing security to the nation's 140 crore citizens and emphasised the government's strong stance on terrorism.

"Under Modi, the Ayodhya issue was resolved in two years. The country has become so powerful under his leadership that neighbouring countries like Pakistan have stopped provoking us," Adityanath said. "The world's most powerful leadership is with you, no one who provokes India will be spared. PM Modi put the last nail in the coffin of terrorism and the government is set to eliminate the Maoists," he said, appealing people to vote for the BJP.

LG, CM greet...

we should continue to build a society based on mutual harmony, respect and inclusivity. The Chief Minister conveyed his best wishes to all celebrating on this occasion and expressed hope that the spirit of Guru Nanak Dev ji's teachings should continue to foster unity, peace, and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir.

GoC visits forward...

visited Khanetar, Poonch sector, and commended troops for their efforts," the White Knight Corps said on X. The General Officer Commanding (GOC) underscored the imperative of unwavering vigilance and readiness for all contingencies in the region.

The officer visited various areas along the borderline with Pakistan and hinterland to review operational preparedness and security situation in Jammu region.

Eight IPS officers...

AIG (Procurement) PHQ, as SO to DGP J&K; Naresh Singh Jamwal, Dy CO IRP 13 as Commandant, IRP 13; Sajad Ahmad Shah, Dy CO IRP 11, as SSP PD Awantipora; Suresh Kumar, Additional SP SB CID, Jammu as Joint Director SSS; Ajaz Ahmed Zargar, SSP PD Awantipora AIG (CT&I), PHQ; Mushtaq Ahmad, Joint Director SSS; as SSP Handwara.

Sanjay Kumar Parihar, SSP CI CID Jammu, has been posted as SSP SCW Jammu; Mubbasher Hussain, SP East Srinagar, as Commandant, IRP 9; Ifroz Ahmad, SSP PD Handwara, as Commandant, IRP 5; Mushim Ahmad, Addl. SP Poonch as Commandant, IRP 22; Parvez Ahmad Dar, Dy CO 2nd Women BN, as Addl. SP Ganderbal; Vivek Shekhar Sharma, Dy CO IRP 15, as SP North, Jammu.

Aijaz Ahmad Malik, Addl. SP Ganderbal has been posted as Dy. IRP 13; Raj Paul Singh, Dy CO IRP 22, as Addl. SP SB CID, Jammu; Madan Mohan Singh, Dy CO IRP 13, as Dy CO IRP 7; and Mohan Lal, SDPO Akhnoor (awaiting posting as I/C SP) has been posted as Addl. SP Poonch.

Security forces launch...

consisting of border police, while a third tier is made up of Village Defence Groups as part of a comprehensive anti-infiltration setup, officials said.

CS directs for...

clarifications. He stressed on the indenting departments to clarify the issues regarding experience and technical qualifications pointed out by the board forthwith so that the posts referred to it are advertised without any further delay.

The Chief Secretary further urged the concerned Departments to update their recruitment rules in consultation with the ARI & Trainings Department for the speedy culmination of the selection process. He also advised the Law Department and Board to make the indenting departments well-versed with the rules and formats for making clarification process swift and less cumbersome for them.

On the occasion the Chairperson, JKSSRB, Indu Kanwal Chib besides giving overview of the ongoing recruitment process of the board also detailed out few of the hiccups stalling advertisement of certain vacancies referred by different departments.

She made out that the board has sought certain clarifications from indenting departments regarding break-up of posts under horizontal/vertical reservations, availability/update of recruitment rules (RRs), recognition status of certain outside institutions, competent authority to issue experience certificates and in some cases the mandatory financial concurrence of the posts to be advertised.

It was given out that many of the posts are fit for advertisement and would be notified shortly and those against whom the clarifications had been sought would also be filled once the same are received by the board.

It was revealed that since 2019 the board had made 22,624 selections and is in a process of finalizing selections for another 874 posts. Besides it was added that the competitive examination for 4921 posts is going to be held in coming weeks.

Moreover the meeting was apprised that around 3299 posts are available with the Board for advertisement. It was given out that clarifications regarding many of them had been sought from the indenting departments while some are entangled in legal battles in the court of law.

Some of the posts yet to be advertised includes 1336 posts of Home Department, 415 of Health & Medical Education Department, 314 of Jal Shakti, 292 of PDD, 222 of Industries & Commerce, 177 of Public Works (R&B), 185 of Agriculture, 129 of Forest, 73 of Hr Education, 38 of Revenue, 61 of Transport and those of other Departments.

SC dismisses PIL...

Omanakuttan in his plea contended that the messaging platform had refused to comply with the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

The PIL alleged that WhatsApp was violating the fundamental rights of the citizens guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution and posing a potential threat to national interest and national security.

"If the app was not willing to change its technology and did not cooperate with the government, it should not be allowed to operate in the country. The Centre had banned many websites and mobile apps for acting against the interest of the country," the plea said.

Waheed Parra appointed...

several other important appointments were also made. "PDP President @MehboobaMufti chaired a crucial meeting in Srinagar today, where key appointments were made to strengthen the party's communication and legislative wings," the PDP said in a post on X. Accordingly, Mehboob Beg has been nominated as the chief PDP spokesperson, Rafiq Naik has been named deputy leader of the party, while Mir Riyaz has been made the chief whip, the PDP said in the

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Drug peddler held with 10.08 grams of heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Police continuing its drive War on Drugs putting concrete efforts to eradicate the drugs menace and in consequence J&K Police Kathua recovered/seized approx. 10.08 Grams of Heroin(Chitta) like narcotics at Chak Drab Khan area of PP Nagri Parole & one person was arrested in this connection.

A police team led by I/C PP Nagri Parole under the supervision of DySP Hqrs. Kathua and SHO PS Kathua laid down a routine naka/patrolling at Chak Drab Khan area, during naka checking they apprehended one suspect namely Gareeb Dass S/o Banarsi Dass R/o Ward No. 05 Chak Drab Khan Tehsil & District Kathua who was found roaming under suspicious circumstances. On Physical search, approximately 10.08 grams of heroin (chitta) like narcotics was recovered from his illegal possession. Thereafter all the recovered narcotics approx. 10.08 grams heroin was seized and one person was arrested on the spot. On this, a case FIR No. 370/2024 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act stands registered at P/S Kathua and further investigation is under process.

Police attaches property of terror associate

STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORA: In a significant crackdown on terrorist activities, Police in Sopore have attached a double storied residential house belonging to a terror associate Aamir Rashid Lone son of Abdul Rashid Lone resident of Rasheedabad, Machipora Bomai along with land measuring 15 Marlas falling under Khasara No. 433 in Rasheedabad Estate Machipora.

The attachment was executed under the provisions of Section 25 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, after receiving approval from the competent authority. The attachment has been made in case FIR No. 26/2024, registered under Sections 18, 20, 23, 38 and 39 of the UA(P) Act, 7/25 Arms Act, at Police Station Bomai. This action reaffirms the commitment of the J&K Police to combat terrorism and disrupt the support structures that enables these nefarious activities.

The attachment of the property is a part of the ongoing efforts to choke the financial and logistical support for terrorist organizations and their enablers. This operation sends a strong message that the law enforcement agencies will not relent in their pursuit of those who seek to undermine the peace and stability of the region.

3 drug peddlers arrested, Contraband substances recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police have arrested 03 drug peddlers in South Kashmir's Kulgam & Anantnag districts and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of PP Mirbazar at a checkpoint established in village Nipora Sadoora intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK14-4483 with two persons on board. They have been identified as Mohd Maroof son of Haseen Din resident of Reasi and Jaswant Raj son of Tej Ram resident of Reasi. During search, officers were able to recover 2.8 Kgs of Poppy Straw, 02 number plates and cash amount of ₹1,00,160/.

Meanwhile in Anantnag, a police team from Police Station Srigufwara, intercepted a suspicious person carrying a nylon bag. He has been identified as Mohd Altaf Bhat son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat resident of Gonda, Rajouri A/P Sirhama. During search, 5 Kgs of cannabis powder was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and investigations have been initiated.

Cyber Cell recovers 68 missing/stolen mobile-phones, solves online money/financial scam

STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Cyber Cell of J&K Police have recovered 68 missing/stolen mobile-phones worth lakhs of rupees and solved huge online money/financial scam fraud in Ganderbal.

During the current year, multiple applications and reports were received from the general public about missing/stolen of their mobile phones by Cyber Cell of J&K Police in Ganderbal. Acting upon these applications and reports, a special and dedicated team of Cyber Cell Ganderbal led by SI Gowhar Nazir

under the supervision of Addl. SP Ganderbal Shri Malik Aijaz-JKPS recovered 68 mobile phones from different places which were either lost or stolen. Out of which, 50 mobile phones were handed over to their legal owners and remaining 18 mobile phones are being handed over to their legal owners.

Moreover, Cyber Cell Ganderbal solved huge Online Financial Fraud Cases in which an amount of ₹1,63,449/= was recovered and has been refunded to the victim's account & amount of ₹11,45,669.08/= was put on hold on receipt of various complaints. Besides, more than 44 cases regarding blackmailing & social media account hackings have been solved.

Cyber Cell Ganderbal requests general public to use their mobile phones and other electronic gadgets with precaution to safeguard themselves from cyber related frauds and crimes. If anyone becomes the victim of Cyber Crime/Fraud, he/she should immediately register complaint on Online Portal cybercrime.gov.in & report matter at Cyber Cell Ganderbal immediately.

Police cracks down against drug peddlers, illegal miners, anti-social elements

STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Police in Bandipora during the current month have arrested 05 drug peddlers and recovered 3.5 Kgs of Charas Powder, 20 bottles of Codeine Phosphate from them, besides seized 07 vehicles carrying illegal mining material and also arrested 04 gamblers at different places in the district.

Moreover, three bank accounts of a notorious drug peddler were also frozen under NDPS Act having savings of more than 05 lakhs acquired through sale of narcotics substances in case FIR No.174/2024 of PS Sumbal.

Community members are requested to come forward with any information regarding any illegal activities in their neighbourhood to nearest police station.

Notorious bike lifter arrested, 7 stolen two wheelers recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has arrested a notorious bike lifter in the jurisdiction of Police Station BariBrahmana and recovered seven stolen two wheelers from his possession.

On Nov 04, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Bari Brahmana by one Asif Choudhary, son of Sarore Adda Meen Sarkar Bari Brahmana regarding theft of his motorcycle bearing registration No. JK21K-2989 from Sarore Adda Bari Brahmana when he went to his sister house.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 150/2024 U/S 303(2) BNS was registered at PS Bari Brahmana and investigation started. During the course of investigation, police arrested the accused namely Murad Ali alias Murad, son of Tegh Ali, resident of SaroreAdda, Bari Brahmana, who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case. On his disclosure, the stolen bike has been recovered from his possession.

Further on thorough interrogation, 2more stolen two wheelers have been recovered from the possession of said accused in two different theft cases registered at PS Bari Brahmana which includes Scooty bearing registration No. JK21E-4655 in Case FIR No. 142/2024 U/S 303(2) BNS and Motorcycle bearing registration No. JK21H-6346 in Case FIR No. 72/2024 U/S 454/380 IPC.

Besides this, 4 other two wheelers were also recovered and seized under section 106 BNSS which includes Motorcycle Passion No. JK02AS-4593, ScootyNo. JK02BN-6071, Motorcycle No. JK21H-7553 and Motorcycle SplendourChasisNo.MBLHAW098K4B05790.



Jhiri Mela showcases essence of Jammu's rich cultural heritage: Ranvijay Singh

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a grand display of Jammu's vibrant heritage and 700 hundred year-old traditions, Rajkumar of Dogra Royal Family Ranvijay Singh, the great-grandson of Maharaja Hari Singh, has welcomed the devotees on the commencement of much-anticipated ten-day-long Jhiri Mela today. The event, held annually in the honor of the Dogra folk hero Baba Jitnal (Baba Jitto) and Bua Koli, showcases the essence of Jammu's cultural heritage, bringing together devotees, artisans, and tourists from across the region and beyond.

In a statement issued here today, Ranvijay Singh expressed pride in his ancestral roots and the legacy of Dogra Maharajas, who championed the preservation of Jammu's diverse culture. "The Jhiri Mela is not only a celebration of our folk traditions but also a powerful reminder of the values of sacrifice, dedication, and unity that Baba Jitto stands for," he said. "It is heartening to witness people from all walks of life come together to honor our rich heritage and connect with the ethos of Jammu's folklore."

DCPU rescues 6 street children in Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Social Welfare Department conducted an anti-beggary drive in Jammu under Mission Vatsalya on Thursday rescuing

children from street situations and child labour. The drive was carried out in the Narwal, Bhatindi and Wave Mall areas, under the directions of Commissioner Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda and under the guidance of District Magistrate Jammu, Sachin Kumar Vaishya. District Child Protection Officer, Mamta Rajput, led the drive, which involved participation from various departments, including the Police, Health, Labour and Education departments, as well as officials from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and Child Helpline. During the drive, the team rescued 6 children engaged in child labour. The Labour Officer issued on-the-spot notices to the employers and necessary action will be taken against the violators. Mamta Rajput emphasised the department's commitment to addressing issues of child begging and street situations. She revealed that 108 children have been rescued this financial year, 78 of whom have been enrolled in schools and 63 children have been issued Aadhaar cards. The rescued children will be placed before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for rehabilitation and further care. Similar drives will be undertaken for the next two days in other hotspot areas.



ater that highlight Jammu's artistic diversity. For the next ten days, the Jhiri Mela will also host competitions, folk games, and exhibitions that celebrate the spirit of Jammu's rural life and cultural diversity.

Ranvijay Singh commended the efforts of the District Administration for their dedication to keeping this heritage alive, especially at a time when preserving cultural identity has become increasingly vital. He also expressed hope that the younger generation would take pride in these traditions, embrace their heritage, and pass it on to future generations.

Ranvijay Singh urged people from all communities to experience and honor the spirit of Jammu's folk heritage.

CD&OE, JU holds interactive SWAYAM session for students

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Centre for Distance & Online Education (CD&OE), University of Jammu (JU) held an engaging session for M.A. Education students on the SWAYAM platform, India's initiative for massive open online courses (MOOCs).

Dr. Anuradha Goswami, Coordinator, M.A. Education program, welcomed attendees and introduced the session's resource persons Prof. Sarika Manhas, University UGC SWAYAM Coordinator, and Dr. Suresh Rao, member SWAYAM Monitoring Cell and UGC SWAYAM Mentor. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Pankaj Srivastava, Director, CD&OE gave an overview of SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds).

He emphasized the program's importance in expanding learning opportunities through the Choice-Based Credit System, allowing stu-

Blind cricketers' trials for Nagesh Trophy on Nov 30

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Cricket Association for the Blind Jammu and Kashmir shall hold selection trials to raise a 14-member team to represent J&K in the Nagesh Trophy to be held in Hyderabad from December 23 to December 27.

J&K has been placed in Group D of the Nagesh Trophy. The trials shall take place at Jammu on November 30 and December one involving around 50 blind cricketers, a handout issued by the Association here today informed.

This marks the seventh consecutive year that Jammu and Kashmir will participate in the Nagesh Trophy. "Since 2018, our team has shown exceptional dedication and performance in national events, reflecting the region's commitment to promoting inclusive sports for visually impaired athletes. We are proud of the progress our players have made and look forward to another successful year," informed general secretary of the Association, Ajay Kumar.

For more details, players can contact the organising team via jkblindcricket@gmail.com or on Mobile Nos. Ajay Kumar, 9888522512; Rohit Sharma, 9796800089; Irfan Ahmed Mir and 9906638609.



Officials during the programme.

dents to gain new skills beyond traditional classroom boundaries.

Prof. Sarika Manhas provided a detailed presentation on how SWAYAM makes quality education accessible to everyone, helping to bridge the digital divide. She explained the various agencies involved in SWAYAM, highlighted the SWAYAM certification process, and offered guidance on how they can earn credentials for completed courses.

Dr. Suresh Rao conducted a live demonstration of the SWAYAM portal, showing students the platform's interface, features, and steps for registration. The session concluded with an open Q&A, where students received helpful advice from the speakers and clarified their questions. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Anuradha Goswami, acknowledging Dr. Hina Abrol, Dr. Neelam Chowdhary, Prof. Anjela Gadrroo, and others who supported the program's success.