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increasing employment opportunities across the Union Territory and export promotion of Handloom and Handicraft products.

"We are also working on integrating crafts into tourism and positioning Jammu Kashmir as a prime cultural destination to attract international visitors and providing a fillip to tourism industry in order to strengthen the local economy", he said.

The Lieutenant Governor called for active participation of all the artisans at the grassroots levels to make Jammu Kashmir self-reliant. He also assured all the support and assistance from the government to the artisans and entrepreneurs to address their legitimate concerns to further promote the growth and competitiveness of Handloom and Handicrafts sector.

The Lieutenant Governor also paid homage to Indian Craft Pioneer and one of the founders of World Crafts Council Smt. Kamala Devi Chattopadhyay and recalled her important contribution to promotion of handicrafts and cooperative grassroot movements for social and economic upliftment of women and crafts-people.

He extended his felicitations to all the delegates and artisans and commended the efforts of the Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Industries & Commerce J&K, World Crafts Council (WCC) to celebrate the rich traditions of handicrafts, handloom and to bring together distinguished artisans, designers, creative leaders and other stakeholders from across the globe.

Speaking on the occasion, Sa'ad Hani Al-Qaddumi, President World Crafts Council International, said the World Crafts Council is embarking on a journey to position Srinagar as a global hub for crafts through several upcoming initiatives.

The event also witnessed the launch of "Seal of Authenticity of the Craft" aimed at maintaining the beauty and ingenuity of creative products.

The Lieutenant Governor visited the Craft Exhibition and inspected the stalls put up by the local, national and international artisans. He also felicitated the Artisans who have excelled in their respective areas of crafts. World Crafts Council City Book highlighting the milestone of 60 years of its journey was also released.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, J&K; senior officials, members of World Crafts Council, delegates from various countries, local, national and International artisans were present.

Six JKAS among...

Commissioner, Ganderbal, has been transferred and posted as the Special Secretary, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens; Gulzar Ahmad, JKAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ganderbal, shall hold the additional charge of Additional District Development Commissioner, Ganderbal, in addition to his current duties until further orders.

As per another order, Pooja Rasgotra, Jr. Seale JKAS, presently posted as State Taxes Officer in the office of Additional Commissioner, State Taxes, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board; Mohammad Shafi Lone, Under Secretary in the Hospitality and Protocol Department, has also been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board.

Gulzar Ahmad Bhat, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner Kupwara, has been posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board; Showkat Ahmad Rather, JKAS, Additional District Development Commissioner Shopian, has been transferred and posted as Member, J&K Services Selection Board; Sarib Sahran, JKAS, Assistant Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Kashmir, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary in the J&K Services Selection Board.

Shafiqat Majeed Bhat, JKAS, Collector, PHE, Irrigation and Flood Control,

Jammu, shall hold the additional charge of Collector, Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA), Jammu, in addition to his existing duties, until further orders.

Constitution fully implemented...

a host of his government's welfare measures, including the opening of bank accounts for over 53 crore people, homes for over Rs four crore poor families, the scheme to provide cooking gas cylinders to needy women, and health insurance scheme for the poor among others, to highlight the efforts to boost social and equal equality envisaged by the Constitution.

Speaking in a lighter vein, he said he has tried to keep within the boundaries of the job assigned to him by the Constitution.

"I have not tried any encroachment. I have tried to put forward my views within the boundaries. Only a hint is enough here, there is no need to say much," he said in what appeared to be comments made in the context of his speech, which followed the addresses of several speakers, including Supreme Court Bar Association president and opposition MP Kapil Sibal.

Among those who addressed the gathering were Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Bar Council of India chairman Manan Kumar Mishra, a BJP MP who in his speech praised the prime minister and slammed the government's critics for claiming that its functioning was contrary to the spirit of the Constitution.

Asserting that Indians should get speedy justice, Modi said that for this a new judicial code has been implemented.

"The punishment-based system has now changed to a justice-based system," he said and also referred to the women's reservation law.

He noted that the original edition of the calligraphed Constitution carried pictures of Lord Ram, Sita, Guru Nanak, Buddha and Mahavir among others and said the makers of the guiding document did it to remind citizens of human values.

OGWs, suspects arrested...

district, the police conducted extensive searches at 25 locations in the Basantgarh area, including Rai Chak, Chaka, Kadwah, Morha, Kund, Khaned, Ponara, Loudhra and Sang.

As many as 10 similar raids were carried out in different locations of Reasi district, including Puni, Gulabgarh, Arnas, Panassa and Mahore-Chasana, she said.

These searches were part of an investigation linked to a terror case registered at the Basantgarh Police Station.

The police spokesperson said that the action led to the arrest of several OGWs and terror suspects during two days long crackdown.

"Incriminating materials, including electronic devices, documents, unaccounted cash, weapons, and ammunition, were recovered during the searches. The operations were conducted meticulously to avoid any collateral damage or inconvenience to innocent civilians," she added.

Commenting on the crackdown, the ADGP said the "investigations will continue based on the material and information gathered during the raids".

"Further operations are planned to target any remaining elements attempting to disrupt peace in the region," he added.

Jain urged citizens to report any suspicious activity or individuals in their vicinity and to assist the security forces in strengthening collective efforts against terrorism.

The ADGP emphasized that the police will continue to conduct intelligence-based operations to dismantle terror modules.

HC of J&K...

Divas, holds great significance as it highlights the establishment of India as a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic. It serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility and commitment towards upholding the constitutional principles that strengthen our nation.

Four drug peddlers...

been registered against them. Further investigation is underway to unearth the forward and backward linkages of the arrested individuals, the officials said.

Meanwhile, two drug peddlers were arrested in Soura area here and contraband was recovered from their possessions, police said.

The alleged drug peddlers were arrested after police found Brown Sugar from their respective vehicles during naka checking in Soura area, a police spokesman said.

During the search of a car, 10 grams of 'brown sugar' drug (a variant of heroin) were recovered from the driver of the vehicle identified as Shabir Ahmed Mir, a resident of Bilal Colony Soura, he said.

The spokesman said 6 grams of brown sugar drug was recovered from the possession of a scooter rider, identified as Shah Murtaza Iqbal.

"Both accused persons were arrested and vehicles used in the commission of crime have also been seized. During questioning, it came to the fore that these accused individuals are chronic drug peddlers and have been actively involved in peddling illegal drugs among the youth of district Srinagar, especially the youth of Soura area," he added.

A case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Soura and further investigation is going on.

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officers and officials of the department also took part in the celebrations.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director underlined that by celebrating this day we are acknowledging and paying tributes to the Founding Fathers of our Constitution. He called upon the participants to rededicate themselves to uphold the values of justice, liberty, equality and dignity for all citizens as envisaged in our Constitution.

Pertinently, the celebrations are part of the Government's campaign "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan" which were kickstarted across the country today to commemorate 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution.

Panchayat polls will...

"If there had been no Constitution framed by Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, I would not be standing before you today as deputy chief minister. It is due to this Constitution that I, coming from a very humble background, have risen to this position."

The Constitution serves as a guideline for the people of the country, he said, and added, "We should reflect on safeguarding and promoting its essence. We need to educate people about the Constitution, especially the younger generation."

Advocating strongly for educating youth and children about the Constitution, he said, "The youth need to read the Constitution and act in accordance with it. We believe an idea should be put forward to ensure it is taught in schools. "We want the Constitution to be implemented in its entirety. It provides us with the direction to work for the people of this country," he said.

Choudhary emphasised the life, works and contributions of Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and thanked the organisers and participants for their efforts in hosting the event and urged everyone to follow the principles of social equality advocated by him.

"The Constitution Day reminds us of our duties and responsibilities towards the nation. It reinforces our faith in the rule of law and inspires us to work for the welfare of society, especially for the poor and marginalised," he said.

He highlighted that the Constitution, adopted on November 26, 1949, guarantees justice -- social, economic and political -- for all citizens, ensuring a social order that benefits everyone.

Chairman DDC reviews progress under Dist Development Plan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Chairman Development Council (DDC) Kathua Col (Retd) Mahan Singh on Tuesday chaired a Council meeting to assess the physical and financial progress under the District Development Plan 2024-25.

The review meeting, held in the Conference Hall of the DC Office Complex, was attended by DDC Vice Chairman Raghunandan Singh, DDC members, besides Additional District Commissioner (ADDC) Surinder Mohan, Chief Planning Officer Ranjit Thakur and district officers from various departments.

At the outset, CPO

Ranjit Thakur informed the meeting that 1,747 out of 1,768 approved works for the current fiscal year have been tendered, with 870 projects already allotted. He further reported that 29% of the total allocated budget has been utilized on different development projects. The status of ongoing works under different schemes was also discussed in detail.

Chairman Mahan Singh urged executing agencies and Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members to intensify their efforts to achieve set targets within the stipulated timelines. He emphasized the importance of identifying and resolving bottlenecks proactively to avoid delays in project implementation.

Highlighting the significance of critical sectors, the Chairman stressed prioritizing road connectivity and expanding banking facilities in remote and uncovered areas to ensure inclusive development. He also underscored the need to create durable assets that directly benefit larger communities.

During the review, the Chairman expressed satisfaction with the pace of work under key departments, including Rural Development, Jal Shakti, PWD, PMGSY, Irrigation, Agriculture, Horticulture, Health, and Education.

The meeting also addressed various issues, such as expediting works under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), early com-

pletion of the Gaushala in Keerian Gandyal, and clearing pending liabilities under different schemes.

Vice Chairman Raghunandan Singh appealed to council members and district officers to work collaboratively to serve the public effectively and ensure the successful implementation of development initiatives.

Among others DDC Nagri Sandeep Majotra, DDC Hiranagar Abhinandan Sharma, DDC Marheen Karan Attri, DDC Bani Reeta Devi, DDC Billawar Bikram Singh, DDC Mahanpur Tajinder Singh, DDC Dinga Amb Rimmi Charak, DDC Barnoti Shushma Devi were also present.

Constitution Day celebrated with enthusiasm in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: To commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly, an impressive program was organized by the Ambedkar Welfare Organization Trust Udhampur at Ambedkar Chowk on Tuesday.

The event was graced by Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Kumar Choudhary, as the chief guest.

A large gathering, including prominent figures, senior officers of the District Administration, and members of the general public, attended the event. The highlight of the program was the collective reading of the Preamble to the Constitution, aimed at

raising awareness about the Constitution's significance and the fundamental values it upholds.

While addressing the gathering, the Deputy Chief Minister emphasized the life, works and contributions of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution. He thanked the organizers and participants for their efforts in hosting the event and urged everyone to follow the principles of social equality advocated by Baba Saheb. The Dy CM also paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Speaking about the significance of the day, the Dy CM remarked, "Constitution Day reminds us of our duties and

responsibilities towards the nation. It reinforces our faith in the rule of law and inspires us to work for the welfare of society, especially for the poor and marginalized." He highlighted that the Constitution, adopted on November 26, 1949, guarantees justice social, economic and political for all citizens, ensuring a social order that benefits everyone.

During the event, civil society members raised several issues/ demands and submitted a memorandum of demands to the Deputy Chief Minister, which included Allotment of land to marginal farmers, Identification of a suitable site in Udhampur Town for constructing

Ambedkar Bhawan, Reservation in promotions for SCs and STs, Filling up the backlog vacancies in reserved categories.

The Deputy Chief Minister patiently listened to these concerns and assured the gathering that genuine demands would be addressed on a priority basis.

Students from various educational institutions and members of civil society also shed light on the life, achievements and legacy of Dr. Ambedkar as a social reformer and visionary leader. The program was further enlivened by theme-based cultural performances by school students, which received widespread appreciation from the audience.

Four absconders arrested in Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against absconders and criminals, Samba Police arrested four absconders who were wanted in a case registered in 2014.

A team from Police Station Vijaypur apprehended Ali Hussain, Bali Mohd, Shoki, and Naseeb Ali, all residents of Rakh Barotain, Tehsil Vijaypur, District Samba.

They were wanted in connection with FIR No. 20/2014 under Sections 451, 323, and 147 of the RPC.

The accused had been evading arrest since the commission of the crime. After their arrest, the absconders were produced before the court, and the arrest warrants under Section 512 CrPC were executed.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled; 2 smugglers arrested, 24 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Tuesday foiled bovine smuggling attempt, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued twenty four bovines in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal.

A Police party of Police Post Rajpura headed by Incharge PP Rajpura under SHO PS Ghagwal has foiled bovine smuggling attempt near Madoon, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued twenty four bovines which were being smuggled by foot from Kathua side towards Samba side via border road.

The arrested bovine smugglers have been identified as Pawan Singh, son of Teju Ram, resident of Divka district Samba and Aslam, son of Khalil Ahmed, resident of Palah Morh, Samba.

A case FIR No. 164/2024 under Section 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

Notorious criminal under PSA detained

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In order to curb the criminal activities in district Samba, J&K Police has detained and lodged in jail notorious criminal under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

The accused identified as Murad Ali alias Maradu, son of Teg Ali, resident of Sarore Gujjar Basti, Bari Brahmana, Samba has involved in multiple criminal cases registered against him at different Police Stations of district Samba and district Kathua. His criminal activities have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquility.

Following his repeated engagement in criminal activities, detention order was issued by the District Magistrate Samba based on detailed dossiers prepared by SSP Samba.

Police team of Police Station Bari Brahmana headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana successfully executed the warrant, leading to the incarceration of

the said accused in District Jail Kathua.

Paddy theft case solved, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: On November 22, 2024, a written complaint was lodged by Prem Nath, a resident of Chakrohi, Tehsil Suchetgarh, at Police Station R.S. Pura. He reported that on November 21, 2024, he had stored 1 quintal of paddy in his field, but discovered later that the crop had been stolen by unknown individuals around 4:00 PM.

A case under FIR No. 250/2024 U/S 303(2) BNS was registered, and a special investigation team was formed. Acting swiftly, the team, with the help of reliable sources and technical support, arrested the accused, identified as Sandeep Kumar, a resident of Chakrohi.

During interrogation, the accused confessed to the crime. Following his disclosure, the stolen 1 quintal of paddy was recovered.

Jammu Police remains committed to safeguarding public property and ensuring swift action against criminal activities.

Notorious lady drug peddler arrested, 5.5 grams heroin seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant breakthrough under its ongoing operation "Sanjeevani," Jammu Police arrested a notorious lady drug peddler, Shamshad Akhtar on 25th November 2024. The arrest followed the recovery of 5.5 grams of heroin-like substance from her possession.

The operation was carried out by the Police Station Bishmah team, led by SHO Police Station Bishmah, under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura and SP Headquarters Jammu. The diligent efforts of the police team resulted in the successful arrest of the accused at Sikanderpur Kothey, Bishmah.

A case under FIR No. 197/2024, U/S 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act, has been registered at Police Station Bishmah. The investigation is ongoing to uncover further links in the drug trade network.

Jammu Police urges all citizens to remain vigilant against the growing menace of drugs and encourages them to report any suspicious activity. Informants' identities will be kept strictly confidential to ensure their safety.

Two drug peddlers arrests, contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: In a significant breakthrough in the fight against drug trafficking, police have arrested two drug peddlers in Anantnag and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A Police team from Police Station Srigufwara at a checkpoint established near the hospital crossing in Sirhama intercepted a suspicious person. A thorough search led to the recovery of approximately 3 kilograms of illicit cannabis powder from his possession. The accused has been identified as Gulzar Ahmad Rather, son of Mohd Ayoub Rather, a resident of Sirhama.

In another separate operation, a police team from Police Station Bijbehara estab-

lished a naka at Doodnurd Waghama. During the checkpoint inspection, the team intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK03G-8966. Upon searching the vehicle, 3.350 kilograms of a charas was recovered from his possession. The accused driver has been identified as Gulzar Ahmad Rather, son of Gh. Rasool Rather resident of Waghama, Bijbehara.

Both the accused have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of the law have been registered at Police Station Srigufwara and Police Station Bijbehara and further investigation has been initiated.

Police remain committed to intensifying efforts against drug trafficking and ensuring the safety and well-being of the community by curbing the distribution of illegal substances.

Illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

Three vehicles seizes, 3 persons arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Continuing its drive against persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police arrested three persons and seized three vehicles in Awantipora.

A Police party from Police Station Khrew headed by SHO PS Khrew have arrested 03 persons and seized three vehicles (Tippers) bearing registration numbers JK13B-8211, JK01M-5270 & JK13F-4742, involved in illegal extraction and transportation of mineral in Mandakpal Khrew. The accused persons have been identified as Tariq Ahmad Shah son of Mohd Yaseen Shah, Mohd Ashraf Shah son of Jalal din both residents of Mandakpal and Nisar Ahmad Ahanger son of Mohd Kamal resident of Sharshali.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Khrew and further investigation has been initiated.

Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are appealed to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

Power shutdown

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Bural, Jourian, Rakh Muthi, Bakore and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 27 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nanan, Barnoti, Channi, Marheen, Paharpur and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 27 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Jarai, Parliwand, PHE Installations, Main Bazar, Ward No. 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, Taraf Sanji, Bhagthali, Court, Jail, Basantpur, Lakhampur Dhanna, Thein and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 27, 29 and December 03 and 05 from 7 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Reasi, Pouni, Dharmari and adjoining areas will remain affected on November 29 and 30 from 8 am to 12 noon.