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nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag recorded a minimum temperature of minus 1.7 degrees Celsius, they said.

The mercury settled at a low of minus 3 degrees Celsius in north Kashmir's Kupwara.

The MeT office said the weather is likely to stay mainly dry over the next few days.

The Kashmir Valley is currently under the grip of the 40-day harshest winter period known as 'Chilla-i-Kalan' that began on December 21.

During 'Chilla-i-Kalan', a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the famous Dal Lake here, and the water supply lines in several parts of the Valley.

The chances of snowfall are the maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31, but the cold wave continues even after that in Kashmir with a 20-day 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

Winter Vacations for...

said that the decision has been taken in view of the upsurge of COVID-19 cases to ensure adequate availability of staff at this juncture.

Three IAS officers...

General Administration Department.

"The aforesaid officers shall undergo the Mandatory Phase-III Mid-Career Training Course as and when deputed and Avny Lavasa and Anshul Garg shall also pass the departmental examination within one year," it added.

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foiled by the security forces in Samba in the past.

"We are undertaking long-range patrolling and area domination operation of the area which is close to the border (in Samba district) in a bid to foil any design of the anti-national elements," a senior police officer leading the operation said.

"Anti-national elements who try to disturb peace will not be allowed to succeed", he said.

The officer said the Army, CRPF and special operations group (SoG) of the J-K Police are jointly carrying out the operation.

The border belt of Samba district includes Basantar riverine area along the International Border, which has been an infiltration route for militants.



Rs 15,300 fine realised from SoPs violators in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Continuing enforcement drive to implement COVID protocol across district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Tuesday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 15,300 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs 79,78,400. The Enforcement officers urged people to wear face-masks and maintain physical distancing besides taking COVID vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 2,692 samples including 555 RT-PCR and 2,137 RAT samples besides administering COVID vaccine to 1,075 persons at 34 dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

As per report issued by District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr Suresh, Health Department administered vaccination to 1,075 people including 532 children in 15-18 years age-group including 100 in Medical Block Banihal, 262 in Batote, 120 in Ukhral and 50 in Gool.

Checking team realises Rs 6,500 fine from erring traders

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: On direction of Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Food Safety and Legal Metrology Department Ramban on Tuesday conducted Market checking at Peera and Chanderkote areas. The inspection team led by Naib Tehsildar, Chanderkote carried out market checking drive from take-off point at NH Peeralh to Chanderkote and compounded a fine of Rs 6,500 from erring traders. Over 100 Kg rotten vegetables were also destroyed on the spot.

Meanwhile, two samples of food articles were also lifted for Lab testing, while Food Business Operators were directed to display rate-lists in front of their shops & follow COVID Appropriate Behavior.

Pvt Coaching Centres penalised for violating COVID guidelines

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: District Administration Kishtwar on Tuesday initiated action against Private Coaching centres for flouting COVID guidelines. An official team conducted surprise inspections of several educational institutions and tuition centres in the district.

During the inspection, various Coaching Centres were found violating the COVID norms/guidelines issued by the Govt. Acting stringently against violators, the registration documents of various educational Institutions were seized for violating guidelines issued by the government.

Pertinent to mention that the Government of J&K has recently issued an order asking Colleges, Schools, Polytechnics, ITIs, Coaching Centres for Civil Services/Engineering/NEET etc to suspend physical class work and adopt online medium of teaching. The DC has appealed to people to follow COVID protocol in letter and spirit. He said as graph of virus is going up in the country, people need to be extra cautious to avoid third wave.

9 bovines rescued, smuggler arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA/HIRANAGAR: Nine bovines were rescued by police from clutches of smugglers in Doda and Kathua districts on Tuesday. Police said that a team headed by Incharge Police Post Pull Doda, Gourav Sharma under the supervision of SHO Doda, Arun Sharma intercepted smugglers near Pull Doda and rescued six animals from their possession. Taking cognizance of matter, FIR No 7/22 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Doda Police Station. Further investigation into the matter is going on.

Meanwhile, a police team led by Insp Yash Paul Sharma SHO Hiranagar under the supervision of SDPO Border Sachit Mahajan during Naka checking near Londi Morh noticed a Mahindra Load-Carrier (JK02AC-8186). The vehicle was signaled to stop for checking during which it was found laden with 3 bovines, which were res-

130 cops administered booster shots at DPL Kathua

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In order to maintain immunity level of 'Frontline Workers', a team of Health Department from District Hospital Kathua organised a Special Medical Camp at District Police Lines Kathua on Tuesday, wherein 130 police personnel (Frontline Workers) were vaccinated with booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine thus making a total of 211 police personnel vaccinated. The booster dose would help police personnel to maintain their level of immunity for longer time.



Cops being vaccinated with precaution dose in DPL Kathua.

J&K records 1,148...

reported from Leh and 58 from Kargil, they added.

Sixty-seven patients -- 60 in Leh and seven in Kargil -- were discharged from hospitals after recovering from coronavirus, taking the total number of recoveries to 22,067. The recoveries account for over 98 per cent of the total cases, the officials said. As many as 500 samples tested negative for coronavirus in Ladakh, they said.

COVID SITUATION: Modi...

has held numerous meetings with chief ministers to spearhead India's response to the disease since its outbreak in 2020.

J&K figures among...

two 500 bedded DRDO hospitals and 250 plus ventilator supported beds. Intensive Care facilities are available at all district hospitals and sufficient number of beds for Covid patients are available up to the level of Sub District hospitals', summarised the DHS.

One major development with respect to Covid preparations is the galvanisation of pediatric Covid care facilities. The DHS informed that special SOPs have been circulated in this regard. The facilities include specialised equipment and specially trained pediatricians.

"Mock drills were also conducted at every district headquarter and Medical College today to prepare for any challenge the pandemic presents before the administration," he informed.

India's COVID vaccination...

age group so far. The daily vaccination tally is expected to increase with the compilation of the final reports for the day by late night.

The countrywide vaccination drive was rolled out on January 16 with healthcare workers (HCWs) getting inoculated in the first phase. The vaccination of frontline workers (FLWs) started from February 2. The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from March 1 for people over 60 years of age and those aged 45 and above with specified co-morbid conditions. The country launched vaccination for all people aged more than 45 years from April 1. The government then decided to expand its vaccination drive by allowing everyone above 18 to be vaccinated from May 1. The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination has commenced from January 3 for adolescents in the age group of 15-18 years. India began administering precaution dose of COVID-19 vaccine to healthcare workers, frontline workers including personnel deployed for election duty and those aged 60 and above with comorbidities from January 10 amid the country witnessing a spike in coronavirus infections fuelled by Omicron variant of the virus.

cued. The driver of vehicle, identified as Liyaqat Ali, son of Noor Mohd, resident of Domail, District Udhampur, was arrested and FIR No 03/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA was registered against him at Police Station Hiranagar.

9.10 Kg poppy straw seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police on Tuesday recovered a consignment of poppy straw being smuggled in a motorcycle and registered a case under relevant sections of law.

Police said that a team led by Incharge Police Post Pull Doda, Gourav Sharma under supervision of SHO Doda Arun Sharma was on routine patrolling, when they signaled a motorcycle to stop but rider parked bike at some distance and escaped from the spot. The motorcycle with registration umber JK14B 6282 was seized on the spot and on checking, 9.10 Kg Poppy Straw was recovered and seized. Police is conducting investigation into the matter and manhunt has been launched to identify and nab peddlers. FIR 8/22 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered at Doda Police Station.

Three drug peddlers arrested; Charas, intoxicating capsules recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU / SRINAGAR: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Tuesday arrested three drug peddlers and recovered Charas and intoxicating capsules from their possession.

As per details, a team from Police Station Bahu Fort led by SHO Inspr Nayat Ali while on Naka duty in the area rounded-up two suspects namely Yousuf alias Rinku, son of G H Rasool, resident of Vikram Chowk and Liyakat Ali, son of Muzzafar Din, resident of Udhampur, Magani. On search, 720 gm Charas was recovered from their possession. Duo was arrested and FIR No.13/2022 under section 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Bahu Fort. The arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO City East Sajad Sarwar.

Meanwhile, acting on specific information, a police party headed by SHO Police Station Bandipora at a checkpoint established near S K Stadium Bandipora intercepted a suspect. He was identified as Aamir Bashir Baba, son of Bashir Ahmad Baba, resident of Nowpora Bandipora. On checking, 112 banned capsules were recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 05/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Bandipora and further investigation has started.

Theft case solved; 5 arrested, 19 bundles of iron-bars recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Tuesday solved a theft case by arresting 5 thieves and recovered 19 bundles of Iron bars.

As per details, on Jan 8, 2022, a written application was submitted by one Umar Shameem Ronyal, son of Mohd Shameem, resident of Maligan Pogal, Tehsil Ukhral, presently staying at Govindpura, Maitra Ramban stating that during intervening night of January 7, thieves decamped with iron-bars (Sirya) from near the house of complainant. FIR No. 06/2022 under section 379 of IPC was registered and a special team was constituted to solve the theft case.

During investigation, police nabbed five thieves identified as Khurshed Ahmed, son of Billa Gujjar, resident of Billawat Poni Ramban; Reyaz Ahmed, son of Gulab Din, resident of Batti Maitra; Mohd Irfan, son of Nizam-ud-Din Gujjar, resident of Maitra; Yasir Ahmed, son of Mohd Shafi Sheikh, resident of Karole Kundi and Mohd Rafiq, son of Mohd Yousif Khan, resident of Tatarsoo Ramban. The stolen iron-bars (Sirya) all 19 bundles worth Rs 1 lakh was recovered from the possession of accused. The recovery was done by Insp Sandeep Charak SHO Ramban under supervision of DySP Hqrs Pardeep Singh Sen and overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.

Narco-smuggler nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday nabbed a narco smuggler and recovered 6 gm heroin from his possession.

As per details, a police party led by PSI Nitish Khajuria while on patrolling checking duty at Santra Morh, under the jurisdiction of Police Post Pouni Chak, apprehended one Santosh kumar alias Mannu, son of Darshan, resident of Nagrota, Gho Manhasan, Jammu. During checking, 6 gm heroin like psychotropic substance was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR under sections 08/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Post Pouni Chak. Further investigation of the case has been taken up under the guidance of SHO Domana Insp Mahesh Sharma. The arrest and recovery took place under supervision of SDPO

HY paddy variety introduced to replace local coarse-type proves great success

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: As part of the efforts being put in by District Administration & Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, for well being of farmers in line with Government's target of doubling the farmers' income High Yielding paddy varieties are being introduced in Rajouri to replace local coarse variety.

Encouraged by the successful trial of "Saffron growing" in the district, the Agriculture department has started another experiment of cultivating "Dough" variety of Paddy native to Bhaderwah in the district.

As per the Agri experts, most of the paddy varieties cultivated in Rajouri are coarse and lack any aroma and are also susceptible to "Rice Blast" disease.

Introduction of the new high Yielding varieties of the crops will not only help in enhancing productivity but also improve quality, health and nutritional value and increase production for being highly resistant to pests and diseases prevalent in the area.

After seeking views of experts a plan for the introduction of "Dough" Variety of paddy grown in Bhaderwah was formulated where this variety is

known for its peculiar taste and resistance to many pest and disease of paddy

Initially none of the farmers agreed to the opinion as they doubted the performance of the new variety but with the untiring efforts of the Agriculture Department and District Administration, a farmer Haron Rashid Magrey agreed to cultivate "Dough" in his fields.

Haroon Rashid Magray is a progressive, innovative and hardworking farmer of a remote village namely Dodassan Pain, Zone: Fatehpur, Block: Planger of Sub-Division- Darhal.

ACB nabs ASI...

Mir, posted at Police Station Kupwara and a trap team was constituted, which ASI red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 10,000 from complainant. He was arrested and taken into custody by ACB Team. The bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses," the spokesman said.

41 Kanals JDA...

drive, out of 17 pacca/kacha structures raised upon the JDA land were also demolished and removed. Around 75 percent retrieved land was fenced by the JDA engineering team on the spot.

The anti-encroachment/retrieval drive was jointly supervised and co-ordinated by Pankaj Mangotra, VC JDA, Ghansham Singh, ADC (L&O), Jammu, Kulbir Honda, SP Jammu North, Pawan Kotwal, SDM Jammu North, Jai Singh, Tehsildar Jammu North, Simridhi Sharma, Tehsildar JDA, Shabbir Ahmed Khan, Dy. SP and Sajjad Ahmed, Dy. SP

Govt amends Public...

property where the value of such property exceeds his two months basic salary in each case," it reads.

Govt extends FY21...

5.89 crore ITR was filed by the due date.

Nangia & Co LLP Partner Shailesh Kumar said considering the difficulty of taxpayers in light of the fresh surge of COVID cases in the country and also technical glitches being faced in filing Tax Audit Report and other compliances related to filing ITR, the extension of around one month granted by the government to taxpayers for filing their Tax Audit Report and extension of 15 days for cases covered by Transfer Pricing compliances is a welcome move and will grant relief to taxpayers.

AMRG & Associates Senior Partner Rajat Mohan said the finance ministry has finally accepted the request to allow additional time for taxpayers and audit professionals to complete the tax filings and it considers difficulties reported by the tax professionals due to COVID. This will come as a substantial relief for all the corporate taxpayers. However, no relief has been extended to salaried class individuals and MSME non-auditable non-corporate businesses, Mohan added.

Taxmann DGM Rahul Singh said it should be noted that no relief has been granted from the interest chargeable under section 234A if the tax liability exceeds Rs 1 lakh. Thus, if the self-assessment tax liability of the taxpayer exceeds Rs 1 lakh, he would be liable to pay interest under section 234A from the expiry of the original due dates.

Domana Sunil Singh and SP Rural Sanjay Sharma.

4 gamblers arrested with Rs 81,000 stake money

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday arrested 4 gamblers and recovered stake money amounting to Rs 81,000 from gambling spot.

As per details, a team of Police Post Pouni Chak led by Incharge Police Post Pouni Chak PSI Nitish Khajuria, while on patrolling duty in area, received information about gamblers in Gole Gujral area. On this, police teams raided a suspected place and arrested 4 gamblers along with Rs 81,000 of stake money and a deck of playing cards. FIR under section 13 of Gambling Act was registered at Police Post Pouni Chak. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh and SP Rural Sanjay Sharma.

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Police on Tuesday traced a missing girl and reunited her with family members.

As per details, on August 22, 2021, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Kathua by father of girl stating therein that his daughter, resident of Govindsar Tehsil & District Kathua went missing. Accordingly, a missing report was lodged and search was launched to trace her. After hectic efforts by Police, the missing woman was traced and immediately handed-over to her legal heirs after completion of all legal formalities.

7 injured in head-on collision between army-civilian vehicles

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Seven persons were injured in a head-on collision between an army vehicle and video-coach bus near Tota Gali in Poonch district on Tuesday.

As per details, a collision occurred between an Army vehicle and a video coach (JK02BH-5393) at Tota Gali, due to which seven passengers of bus got injured, who were identified as Ajaz Ahmed (14 years) son of Alif Din of Sumbal, Mehmood Ahmed (28 years) son of Mohammad Latif of Gursai, Nazir Hussain (48 years) son of Lal Din of Marhote; Shafqat Ali son of Mohammad Rashid of Marhote, Arshad Iqbal (23 years) son of Mohammad Iqbal, Mohd Bashir (70 years) son of Gulab Din of Narain and Bagum Johan (65) wife of Sala Mohammad of Narain. All injured were taken to Army Hospital BG Gali for treatment and were later shifted to GMC Rajouri.

Inmate dies in Kupwara jail

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A 33-year-old accused from Seadpora area of Sopore, who was lodged along with his brother at district jail Kupwara, died on Tuesday.

As per details, accused Khurshid Ahmad Wani, son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani, resident of Seadpora Sopore, who was lodged in jail since October 5, 2021 in respect of FIR no 52/2021 registered under sections 363, 498 and 109 of IPC at Police Station Kralgund, fell ill and was taken to Sub-District hospital Kupwara, where doctors declared him as brought dead.

Shop burgled at Samba

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A shop was burgled in Samba area from where thieves decamped with Rs 10,000 cash. As per details, one Parshotam Singh, son of Pritam Singh, lodged a complaint with Samba Police that thieves targeted his shop of disposal cutlery situated at Painthi area of Samba and decamped with Rs 10,000 cash. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Army Havildar commits suicide in Keran

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: An Army Havildar shot himself dead on Tuesday in Kachhal Keran in Kupwara district.

As per details, Havildar Gurjeet Singh, (41 years) shot himself dead with his AK-47 service-rifle. The personnel was posted with 6 Rashtriya Rifles at Kachhal. "It couldn't however be immediately known what prompted the soldier to take such an extreme step," officials said.

Two killed in mishaps

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were killed in separate mishaps on Tuesday.

As per details, Dharam Singh, son of Chuni Lal, resident of Mehmompur, who was riding a scooter, got hit by a car in Gandhi Nagar area and got injured. He was shifted to hospital where he succumbed to injuries. Meanwhile, a bike got hit by a car in Patoli area of Domana and died on the spot. Police has registered both the cases and started investigation.

Army organises driving course for youth



An army official educating participants.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA : Nowshera Brigade under Kalsiyana Bn in a bid to enhance employment avenues for people and empower women has organised a 15 day short course as

part of short skill development to teach how to drive and maintain four/two wheelers.

A total of 20 youths (10 boys and 10 girls) will benefit from this endeavour.

