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LG visits GMC...

(9419833973), Dr. Abdul Ghani, Professor and I/c HoD, Orthopaedics (977597406), Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Associate Professor, Medicine (9469002243) and Dr. Syed Maqbool, Lecturer, Cardiology (9906723332) will be its Members.

On the directions of LG Manoj Sinha, Principal Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu also constituted a "Special Medical Team" of the Doctors to visit GMC, Rajouri to assess the patients of recent terrorist incident admitted in GMC Rajouri. As per order, the committee will be headed by Dr. Ratnakar Sharma, Professor & Head, Surgery as its Chairman while Dr. Rajesh Mahajan, Professor, Anaesthesia, Dr. Farid Hussain, Lecturer, Orthopaedics and Senior Spine Surgeon and Dr. Rahil Naqvi, Lecturer, Surgery will be its Members.

"The team shall assess the patients of the recent terrorist incident admitted in GMC, Rajouri and take necessary decisions about their management including shifting them to GMC, Jammu," it added.

Weapons handed over...

the VDGs after the weapons are distributed.

He also urged them to work for the safety and security of the people in the area.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration has started reissuing weapons to the VDGs, earlier known as Village Defence Committees, following the Dangri incident.

Majority of KP..

2,000 by June this year.

"Till now, 600 flats are completed at Vessu (Kulgam) and Sheikhpura (Budgam) area. Prefabricated huts have been provided at Natnusa and Veerwan in Baramulla. By March 2023, nearly 500 flats will be completed and in June 2023, we are expecting the completion of 2,000 flats," the divisional commissioner added.

Even as the administration asserts that the employees from the community have nothing to fear in the Valley, political parties maintain that a sense of security among the minority community members was as important as physical security.

"It is not about one-room or two-room apartments. The government thinks that providing accommodation will resolve the entire issue about Kashmiri Pandits, but that is not the case.

"The government has to build a sense of security and confidence among the Kashmiri Pandits," PDP spokesman Mohit Bhan said.

He said the Kashmiri Pandit employees came back to the Valley in 2010 to restore the community's essence and culture.

"Unfortunately, since 2019, we have seen incidents of target killings of minorities. When regional parties were governing Jammu and Kashmir, not a single Kashmiri Pandit was harmed during agitations like in 2010 and 2016. Now, they are losing trust in the security establishment," he added.

National Conference spokesman Imran Nabi Dar echoed similar views.

"Primarily, the government has to give the employees a sense of security which it has failed. Otherwise, why are they protesting in Jammu for the past so many days? They are not ready to come back as they do not feel secure enough," he said.

BJP spokesman Altaf Thakur had a different take to offer on the issue.

"The biggest security for the Kashmiri Pandits are the majority Muslims living in the Valley," he said.

Thakur said security forces are capable enough to fight against terrorists and provide adequate security to the Kashmiri Pandits.

"... The KPs should come back. They should not surrender before the hollow threats of terrorists as the motive of these Pakistan-sponsored ultras is that the Kashmiri Pandits should not come back (to the Valley)," he added.

Saudi-based Kashmiri...

platforms," a notification issued by the MHA reads.

He is an accused in a case investigated by the National Investigation Agency relating to conspiracy hatched by the cadres of terrorist organisation to undertake violent acts in Jammu and Kashmir and major cities in India including New Delhi on the direction of handlers based across the border.

The central government believes that Dar is involved in terrorism and hence he has been designated as an individual terrorist, the notification said.

Don't worry about...

no one knows, when will people's land, building or house be snatched, there is no guarantee. No leader or political party raises voice against it. So, I left everything to come here," he said.

He said there is no corner of the country or Jammu and Kashmir which he has not visited and where he has not helped the people.

He said he has the courage as well as the "acquaintance and influence" to use that for the betterment of the people of J-K.

"People tell me that I have done 10 times the developmental work than I remember at a particular place. And when I left everything to come here, you also gave me 10 times the love and affection. I do not have any wealth, but I have programmes. I have the courage, I have the acquaintance, the influence, which I can use for the betterment of this state, for the employment of its youth," Azad said.

Meanwhile, a party handout stated that exodus from Congress Party to DAP continues in a big way even on second consecutive day.

Thousands of leaders from Banihal Constituency, including DDC Member Fayaz Naik, Alyas Banihal, Munner Bhatt, Ex District Ramban Congress President Farooq Katoch, Sarpanch Khursheed, Ajaz Nizami, Sheikh Manzoor, Sarpanch Rayees Khan, Bashir Naik, Bashir Kumar and eight Sarpanches and 32 Panches on Saturday joined the Democratic Azad Party in Srinagar.

The political workers took pledge to work for the party and general public of Jammu and Kashmir to usher it to the new dawn of peace and development.

They said the works done by Ghulam Nabi Azad as chief minister of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir can't be compared with any other leaders or political parties.

Speaking on the occasion, Azad said that the mass joining of people, especially educated youth reflects the faith and trust they repose on his party. He said the response of people to his party is a great source of motivation to take his developmental agenda forward.

"The way people are responding to our call gives me satisfaction that people have realised a need for change. Our party will continue with the agenda of peace and development.

ARTO issues show cause notice to minibus owner for violating traffic safety rules

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Taking cognizance of gross violation of traffic safety norms by a minibus by resorting to overloading and rash driving, the Motor Vehicle Department Samba has issued a show cause notice to owner of vehicle. As per ARTO Samba, the action was initiated after a video clip was circulated in social media, showing an overloaded vehicle bearing registration number JK21B5245, with passengers hanging and sitting on rooftop in gross violation of MV Act 1988 and CMV Rules 1989. The notice has been issued by ARTO Samba to owner of minibus with stipulation that the reply shall reach the office within a period of three days, failing which Route Permit of minibus will be suspended/ cancelled. Meanwhile, the minibus has also been blacklisted in VAHAN portal till explanation/reply is received from owner.

Forest Department team seizes truck loaded with illegal willow cleft bats

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RAMBAN: A team of Forest Division, Batote on Saturday seized a vehicle loaded with illegal Willow cleft bats at Forest Check Post Nashri. On specific information, a Naka was laid by a team of officials led by Range Officer, Vijay Khosa under close supervision of Divisional Forest Officer, Kuldeep Singh. The truck bearing registration number JK03H-0769 loaded with illegal willow cleft bats was seized and booked under provision of section 4 (1), (2) of the Jammu and Kashmir Willow (Prohibition on export and movement) Act, 2000. The confiscation proceedings against vehicle were also initiated under Indian Forest Act, 1927. The whole operation was carried out under the direct supervision of Conservator of Forests, Chenab Circle Doda, Dr Jitendra Kumar Singh.

FCS&CA seals 82 Mutton shops; imposes 30K fine on 18 erring traders

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SRINAGAR: In view of complaints pouring in from various corners regarding overcharging by mutton sellers, Enforcement Squad of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA) department sealed 82 mutton shops and imposed a fine of Rs 30000 on 18 erring traders during the preceding week. The erring traders

were taken to task during the special drive launched in various areas of Srinagar City from December 30, 2022 to January 7, 2023.

It is worth mentioning here that during January-2023 in entire valley, an amount of Rs 80,700 has been collected as fine from 269 erring traders for violating EC Act and 59 establishments were sealed. Moreover, the erring lot has been reprimanded to remain careful in future. The drive will continue in the same passion in future as well and whosoever is found violating norms will be booked as per law. In case of any complaint, people may contact on toll free number 18001807011.

Rs 2,900 fine recovered for COTPA-2003 violations

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KUPWARA: On directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, a team of Food Safety Department, headed by Assistant Commissioner Food Safety, Kupwara on Saturday inspected various government offices of Kupwara, Bus Stand Kupwara and other establishments and recovered fine of Rs 2900 from different persons for violating COTPA-2003. On the occasion, the Assistant Commissioner Food Safety said that the drive will be a continuous process in future also, besides implementation of Food Safety Act 2006 in the district.

6 arrested, 6 vehicles seized for illegal extraction, transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police has arrested 6 persons and seized 6 vehicles in Budgam.

As per details, a party of Police Station Budgam during Naka checking at Mirgund seized 3 vehicles (Tippers) bearing registration numbers JK04-9483, JK03J-5840 and JK04-3556, carrying illegally extracted natural minerals and arrested 3 accused identified as Adil Hussain Bhat son of Mohd Abdullah Bhat resident of Chadipora, Sarwan Hussain Mir son of Gulzar Ahmed Mir resident of Kakan Maran and Anees Ahmad Dar son of Bashir Ahmed Dar resident of Tkipira. Similarly, a police party of Police Station Chadoora seized 3 tippers bearing registration numbers JK01AB-6272, JK01T-6421 & JK08A-6887 at Chadoora for illegal extraction and transportation of soil from Government land at Chadoora. The accused drivers were identified as Shabir Ahmad Dar son of Habibullah Dar, Tanveer Ahmad Goru son of Riyaz Ahmad Goru

DAR Kathua; Sahil Mahajan, DySP Hqrs Udhampur as DySP PC Jammu; Adil Mushtaq, DySP AHJ Srinagar as SDPO Nowgam; Javid Ahmad Lone, DySP PC Awantipora SDPO Tangmarg; Rahul Nagar, SDPO Bakshe Nagar as SDPO Bari Brahman; Surinder Mohan, SDPO Sumbal as DySP Security Jammu; Dr. Sunniya Wani, DySP IR-15th Bn as DySP Hqrs Jammu; Saqib Ghani, DySP PC Pulwama as DySP Hqrs Budgam; Adil Hussain, DySP PC Magam Handwara as SDPO Gando; Majad Ali, SDPO Sadder as DySP DAR Pulwama; Aakash Kohli, awaiting posting PHQ, as SDPO Basohli; Dev Raj, SDPO Railways Udhampur as Principal CTI Jammu; Syed Ahmad Badana, DySP PTS Manigam as DySP AC HG Kupwara; Raj Kumar, DySP PCR Jammu as DySP IR-12th Bn; Mohd Ismail Shah, DySP SDRF 1st Bn as Security Petrol Pump Srinagar; Farooq Ahmad, DySP Security NHPC Bandipora as DySP IR-20th Bn; Zubair Ahmad, DySP CTC Lethpora as DySP AC HG Anantnag; Bashir Ahmad, DySP STC Sheeri as DySP IR-20th Bn; Mohammad Shafi, DySP Traffic Shopian-Pulwama as DySP IR-6th Bn; Ziaul Haq, DySP DAR/PC Kishtwar as DySP PTI Vijaypur; Farooq Ahmed, DySP IR-8th Bn as DySP IR-17th Bn; Ghulam Qadir, DySP IR-13th Bn as DySP IR-23rd Bn; Shamima Bano, DySP Security STWS Srinagar as DySP SDRF 1st Bn; Tanveer Ahmad, DySP IR-20th Bn as DySP AC HG Shopian; Mehboob-ul Haq, DySP PTWS Srinagar as DySP Traffic City Srinagar; Rakesh Kumar, DySP IR-5th Bn as DySP IR-18th Bn; Himat Singh, DySP Traffic Udh/Reasi as DySP IR-5th Bn; Tariq Ahmad Tak, DySP Traffic Kulgam as DySP CTC Lethpora; Qazi Syed Mahmood, SO to DIG NKR Baramulla as DySP STC Sheeri; Bashir Ahmad Shah, AC HG Ganderbal as DySP JKAP-5th Bn; Shamas ud Din Parray, DySP IR-3th Bn as DySP AC HG Pulwama; Abdul Aziz Ganai, DySP DAR Amanatang as DySP IR-11th Bn; Abdul Rashid Mir, DySP IR-3rd Bn as DySP AC HG Baramulla; Nissar Hussain Dar, DySP IR-6th Bn as DySP Estates/Welfare Srinagar; Tahir Kousar, DySP IR-9th Bn as DySP STC Sheeri; Farooq Hassan Mir, DySP PCR Srinagar as DySP PTWS Srinagar; Anoop Sharma, DySP AC HG Udhampur as DySP IR-24th Bn; Sajad Ahmad Mir, DySP IR-1st Bn as DySP STWS Jammu; Bashir Ahmad Wagay, DySP IR-10th Bn as DySP IR-13th Bn; Ritesh Sambyal, DySP JKAP-8th Bn as SDPO Railways Udhampur; Abid Hussain Rafiqi, DySP Crime Branch Jammu as DySP IR-22nd Bn; Tahir Hussain, DySP SKPA Udhampur as DySP IR-12th Bn; Jabeen Akhtar Lone, DySP CID CI Rajouri as DySP AC HG Rauouri; Mohd Aslam, DySP JKAP-13th Bn as DySP JKAP-7th Bn; Soma Ram Langay, DySP IR-22nd Bn as DySP IR-14th Bn; Satish Kumar, DySP PTI Vijaypur as DySP Traffic City Jammu; Sushil Kumar, DySP IR-5th Bn as DySP DAR Doda; Sajad Hussain, DySP JKAP-5th Bn as DySP IR-18th Bn; Mehmoond Qadir, DySP CID SIA as DySP CID CI Baramulla; Mohd Ayoub Rather, DySP Crime Branch (EOW) Sgr as SDPO Kangan; Syed Afaq Ahmed, DySP CIV-II PHQ as DySP DAR Anantnag; Gurmeet Singh, Awaiting adjustment, as DySP Hqrs Udhampur; Neeraj Sharma, DySP CID SIA as DySP CID CI Ramban.

Further, Varun Jandial, DySP shall function as DySP Training PHQ with immediate effect.

G20 Summit: Chair...

group on gender equality, an official spokesman said. The Lt Governor assured cooperation and support of the Union Territory administration to the W20 in its endeavours towards women-led development and an equal and equitable society, he said.

Purecha also shared with the Lt Governor efforts to mainstream gender considerations into G20 discussions and translate into the G20 Leaders' declaration policies and commitments that foster gender equality and women's economic empowerment, the spokesman said.

Fear palpable in...

were killed and an equal number injured in that incident.

Dalip Singh, a resident of Dhangri, said the latest incident had opened the old wounds and caused a scare among the local populace about the revival of terrorism in the border district. "A number of my close relatives had gone to attend the marriage ceremony and we came to know about the incident only when the victims were being evacuated to hospital while passing in front of our homes as there were no mobile phones in J&K at that time," he said.

He said although all his relatives had escaped unhurt in the attack, people from the minority community suffered a big blow as it was the first such attack on minorities in their close vicinity. Besides the Bal Jarallah, the other major terror attacks targeted against minorities in Rajouri district in the past include killing of seven persons in Swari village in 1997, killing of five persons in Kotedhara in 1998, killing of three persons in Nirojai in 2002, killing of five persons in Patrara in 2003 and killing of five persons in Pangla in 2005. "Now this Dhangri attack has not only given a fresh wound but also created a wave of terror among the minority community," he said.

Sanjay Kumar said the Dhangri incident is a cause for major concern as it signals the revival of terror activities in the district after it was declared terrorism free many years ago.

"The government should take all necessary measures to rebuild the confidence of the people in the security system and track down the attackers to ensure justice to the victims," Kumar said. Senior Superintendent of Police Rajouri, Mohammad Aslam had assured that the terrorists involved in the Dhangri incident would be neutralised soon. He also said various measures have already been taken to tackle the terror threat effectively.

"A massive exercise is underway to strengthen Village Defence Committees in the district for which special camps are going on in different villages. We are examining and servicing the weapons at these camps, while hundreds of VDC members have also been provided with ammunition," the officer said. He said the process of deploying the additional troops in sensitive areas and notorious infiltration routes is also in progress to instill a sense of security among the people.

Charak Biradari annual congregation on Feb 19

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JAMMU: Charak Biradari Mahasabha Executive Body on Saturday held a meeting which was presided by Rakesh Charak (Rakka) at Charak Bhawan, Greater Kailash, here.

Rakesh said that Biradari's annual congregation will be held on February 19, 2023 following Sunday after Maha Shivaratri.

Various points/arrangements were discussed and the previous lapses were also brought before the Executive Body.

Also duties of various places were detailed for Annual Charak Biradari Congregation.

& Nisar Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Ramzan Dar, all residents of Khawaja Bagh Maloora Srinagar. They were arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective police stations and investigation started.

Drug peddler arrested, contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Continuing efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, police has arrested a drug peddler in Ganderbal and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, a party led by In-charge Police Post Nagbal at a checkpoint established at Rangil intercepted a vehicle (Celerio Car) bearing registration number JK01AQ-9906 driven by one Furqan Ashraf Dar, son of Mohd Ashraf Dar, resident of Mandibal Nowshera, Srinagar. During search, contraband substance (Bhang Patri) like substance was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. The vehicle used in commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, FIR 05/2023 has been registered in Police Station Ganderbal and further investigation started.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday traced a missing woman and reunited with her family.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Jourian, by the legal heirs of a woman stating that she went missing from her home. In this regard missing report on November 13, 2022 was registered and investigation started. A team of Police Post Jourian was formed under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal led by Incharge Police Post Pallanwala PSI Karnail Singh, after putting in hectic efforts, traced the missing woman from Amritsar (Punjab). Subsequently, family of missing woman was informed and she was handed over to her family members after completing all legal formalities.

Narco smuggler nabbed, 7 gm heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Saturday nabbed a narco-smuggler and recovered 7 gm heroin from his possession.

As per details, a team of Police Station Akhnoor constituted