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Modi appreciates collective...**

4.1 crore youth. In the sports domain, the PM's video on 2024 highlighted the record 29 medals won by India in the Para-Olympics. For the environment, the PM's video gave the message of "Ek ped Maa ke Naam" which has led to the plantation of 102 crore saplings and highlighted the boost in India's green power generation capacity.

Known to celebrate his September 17 birthday with military jawans, PM Modi also likes to wish countrymen the New Year hoping that it would bring forth prosperity, peace and health for all.

WhatsApp Pay can...

(RBI) and the Indian Banks' Association, is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India (IBA).

NPCI governs the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) framework in India.

Northern Army Commander...

added. The mock drill comes ahead of the highly anticipated inauguration of the Udhampur-Banihal rail link that will pave the way for direct train services from Kashmir to the rest of the country.

Hope 2025 will...

He went on to become the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir for the second time. Abdullah also posted a short clip of a bonfire and extended his good wishes to the people. "Here's wishing all of you a happy, peaceful & healthy 2025. May the flames of this bonfire fill your lives with the warmth of love & happiness," he added.

14 foreign terrorists...

with the total value of stolen vehicles amounting to Rs 6.53 crore, down from Rs 7.05 crore in 2023. The recovery rate for vehicle thefts stood at 47.48%, marginally higher than 47.38% in 2023. Bovine smuggling cases also decreased significantly, with 1,770 cases registered in 2024 compared to 2,600 in 2023. Proactive policing strategies, community engagement initiatives, and improved crime prevention measures have contributed significantly to this positive outcome.

A significant step towards combating the rising menace of drug abuse was the inauguration of the Drug De-addiction Centre in Jammu, this year. The newly established facility, equipped with modern amenities and staffed by trained medical professionals, psychologists, and counselors, offers detoxification, counseling, skill development, and reintegration programs to help patients reintegrate into society successfully.

On the cybercrime management, this year 67 police personnel have undergone specialized training to handle cybercrime and online fraud cases. This initiative is part of the operationalization of 10 Cyber Cells across all districts of the Jammu Zone. These cyber cells are now fully functional, equipped to address rising incidents of online fraud and cyber-related offenses. The initiative has already resulted in the successful handling of cases amounting to a lien of Rs. 4.75 crores this year.

The launch of progressive initiatives are attributed to a multifaceted approach implemented by authorities, including intensified surveillance, strategic operations, and community engagement programs. This also demonstrates the effectiveness of the zone in addressing criminal activities and creating a safer environment for the people of the region.

CB files charge...

Rs 11,35,785 from his wife's account without her knowledge or consent, Parihar said.

In the first case, the SSP said, the accused, in collaboration with the then CEO Jammu and other accomplices, manipulated legal documents and misrepresented facts before the court to fabricate a fraudulent date of birth certificate.

This forged document was used to secure a government job in the PHE Department under SRO-43 for the beneficiary, who was a juvenile at the time, back in 1997, Parihar added.

The investigation, spearheaded by DySP Anita Kattal, meticulously uncovered the fraudulent activities.

The charge-sheet has been presented before the Railway Court, marking a critical step towards justice in this decades-old case, Sanjay said.

"The second case highlights a betrayal of trust within a marital relationship. The accused husband manipulated and withdrew a substantial sum of Rs 11,35,785 from his wife's account without her consent. This act of fraud and forgery was thoroughly investigated by Inspector Kal Charan, who ensured a robust case was built against the accused. The charge-sheet for this case was presented in the City Judge's Court yesterday," Sanjay Parihar said.

SSP Parihar commended the diligent efforts of the Investigating Officers and emphasized the SCW's commitment to upholding the rule of law and ensuring justice in cases of fraud and deception.

Temperatures below freezing...

Pampore town also recorded a low of minus 7.5 degree Celsius, the weather office said.

Kupwara in north Kashmir registered 0.1 degrees Celsius while in south Kashmir, Kokernag recorded minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, it said. Kupwara was the only place in the valley where the minimum temperature settled above freezing point last night.

The Met office has forecast light snowfall on the first day of the new year and another spell of moderate snowfall later in the week.

"A feeble western disturbance is likely to hit Kashmir on January 1 and 2. There is a possibility of light snow at scattered places. A moderate to strong Western Disturbance is likely to affect from January 3 to 6. There is a chance of snow at most places with peak activity on 4th to 6th January," it said, adding there is a possibility of heavy snow at few places in the higher reaches during the second spell.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chillai-Kalan' -- the harshest period of winter -- which began on December 21.

During the 40 days of Chillai-Kalan, the chances of snowfall are the highest and the temperature drops considerably. It ends on January 30 next year but the cold wave continues even after that. Chillai-Kalan is followed by a 20-day 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

DC Poonch reviews preparations for Gurpurab celebrations



Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting on Tuesday.

STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH : Deputy Commissioner Poonch, Vikas Kundal convened a meeting today to review the arrangements for the upcoming Gurpurab/Parkash Utsav of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, held in the conference hall of the DC office Poonch.

The meeting saw participation from various departmental officers, members of the District Gurdwara Parbandak Committee, and other religious leaders.

In the meeting the Comprehensive discus-

sions were held on critical issues, including the assurance of uninterrupted power and water supply, security measures during the Nagar Kirtan, and a special sanitation drive around the Gurdwaras, Ambulance along the procession route, water tanker etc.

The Nagar Kirtan is scheduled for January 04, 2025, followed by the Gurdwarab celebrations on January 06, 2025.

Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Officer of the Municipality to ensure

cleanliness in all identified religious sites. He instructed the Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Power Development Department (PDD) to guarantee a continuous supply of water and electricity, alongside additional water tankers at main venues.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Fire Emergency department to be on alert during the celebrations, ensuring that adequate fire safety measures are in place.

He also directed the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to arrange for ambulances during the procession to ensure prompt medical assistance if needed.

Moreover, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for robust security arrangements, directing police authorities to deploy adequate personnel for the procession and at key locations to ensure the safety and smooth conduct of the events. Secretary DGPC, S Harcharan Singh while speaking to media expressed satisfaction with the efforts put in by the Administration. Also present included S Surinder Singh, Vice President DGPC and Gurcharan Singh, Joint Secretary.

Anti Crime NGO Chairman meets DIG JKS range to discuss drug menace, community engagement

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of the Anti Crime NGO, held a significant meeting with DIG JKS Range Shiv Kumar Sharma to address the pressing issue of drug abuse and emphasize the importance of strengthening police-public collaboration. The meeting, aimed at fostering community engagement and combating the drug menace, witnessed active participation from several prominent individuals.



Sham Lal Gupta, Chairman of Anti Crime NGO meeting DIG JKS Range Shiv Kumar Sharma on Tuesday.

During the discussion, Sham Lal Gupta highlighted the growing threat posed by drug addiction, particularly among the youth, and the need for coordinated efforts to curb this menace. He stressed the importance of police-public meetings in building trust, enhancing awareness, and creating a

supportive environment for tackling drug-related issues. Gupta also appreciated the efforts of the police force in addressing the drug problem and urged for more community-oriented programs to further these initiatives.

DIG Shiv Kumar Sharma acknowledged the concerns raised by the Anti Crime

NGO and assured that the police are committed to addressing the drug menace through stringent enforcement measures and awareness campaigns. He encouraged citizens to actively participate in police-public meetings and provide valuable inputs to enhance law enforcement efforts.

The meeting was attended by several notable Members, including Mukhtiyar Saini, Co-Convenor of the Ex-Serviceman Cell BJP, and Sahil Gupta, Ex-Corporator BJP of MC Bishnah. Other team members present were Vijay Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Tushar, Anshu, Rohit, Abhishek Sharma, and several others. Their active participation underscored the collective resolve to address societal challenges through collaborative efforts.

The discussions concluded with a mutual commitment to intensify awareness campaigns, especially in vulnerable areas, and to organize more police-public interactions to foster mutual understanding and cooperation.

Sham Lal Gupta assured the NGO's full support to the police in their efforts to combat drug abuse and strengthen public safety.

This meeting marks another step forward in the collaborative fight against drug abuse, highlighting the pivotal role of NGOs, community members, and law enforcement in creating a safer and healthier society.

Police attaches properties of two cross-border terror handlers

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Police has attached Rajouri-based properties of two absconding terror handlers currently operating from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), officials said on Tuesday.

The attached land, measuring 6 kanals and 18 marlas, belongs to Ishfaq Ahmed of Bhattian village in Tehsil Thanamandi, and Zahid Ali Khan of the same village, a police spokesperson said.

"These Pakistan-based terror handlers are accused of activities linked to supporting anti-national elements. The attachment of properties is part of ongoing efforts to dismantle the networks of Pakistan-based handlers and their associates operating in the region," she added.

The attachment was carried out in the presence of Revenue authorities on Monday.

Tourists celebrates New Year in JK's winter wonderland Baderwah

STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADERWAH: In view of New Year celebrations, tourists from across the country are flocking to Jammu and Kashmir's Baderwah with most hotels, Guest houses and Government accommodations are booked in advance. However there will no official celebration this year due to 7-day mourning declared by the Union government over the death of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The blanket of snow has transformed the Baderwah valley into a winter wonderland, drawing visitors eager to experience the beauty of the pristine landscape and enjoy the snow-covered beauty especially on the eve of New Year, while welcoming 2025. Timely snowfall in plains and hills this season has returned Baderwah's famous winter charm with a flourish, bringing cheers to the tourism sector and sparking joy among tourists and



the local people linked with the industry.

The season's first major snowfall has come much to the delight of tourists arriving to celebrate the New Year. The snowfall at the start of 'Chillai-Kalan', the 40-day harshest winter period, is considered as a positive sign for tourism, agriculture, and horticulture. The early snowfall enhances the region's appeal to tourists, drawing visitors eager to experience the winter wonderland.

Tourists from Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Mumbai, Rajasthan, Bangalore and other parts reached Baderwah to welcome the New Year 2025 in different tourist destinations of Baderwah including Guldanda, Thanthera, Khanni Top, Jaie Valley and famous Tiligarh Tourist Resort Baderwah.

While talking to our Reporter Raja Rehber Jamal

at Tiligarh Resort Baderwah, tourists from Agra UP and Mumbai, who arrived here to celebrate New Year with family in Baderwah, said Baderwah really looks like a paradise after snowfall and "there's nothing like experiencing Baderwah's winter first-hand." "It's magical to see everything covered in snow and it feels like a dream come true," said a tourist Sunil Goswami from Mumbai.

Palak, a tourist from Agra UP, enjoyed playing in the snow at Teligarh resort in Baderwah, said, "It feels truly and literally like heaven. Baderwah is so beautiful and the people here are really amazing. We enjoyed it a lot."

The tourists also raised slogans like 'Jai Baderwah', 'I Love Baderwah' ...

The timely snowfall not only cheered up tourists, but sparked joy among the local tourism players as well.

After snowfall, the scene in Baderwah remains one of breathtaking beauty, as the snow enhances the Baderwah valley's allure for those seeking a quintessential winter getaway. As tourists make their way to the region to ring in the New Year, the snow has undoubtedly added a touch of magic to the celebrations.

With the season's fresh first snowfall in the plains, the anticipation has doubled, with expectations for a bumper business ahead of the New Year holiday.

CEO BDA Bal Krishan said that the fully booked status reflects not only the popularity of these destinations but also the unwavering confidence that travelers have in Baderwah's unparalleled beauty and warm hospitality. Regarding winter preparedness, DC Doda Harvinder Singh outlined the administration's efforts to provide improved services compared to previous years. "Daily reviews are being conducted to ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place. We are determined to make this winter better in every way," he added.

"All roads leading to tourist destinations have been restored to facilitate tourists," DC added, appealing to drive carefully on these roads.

RDD Directorate bids farewell to retiring colleagues

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Directorate of Rural Development Department Jammu on Tuesday accorded a warm farewell to the retiring Accounts Officer Mohammad Saleem Lone, Section Officer Mohammad Javed and Junior Assistant Sumita Bhat, who attained superannuation after rendering dedicated services to the Department.

Director, Rural Development Department and other senior officers of the Directorate were present on the occasion.

While speaking on the occasion, Director Rural Development Department, Mohammad Mumtaz congratulated the retiring Officer/Officials and lauded their commendable services rendered in different capacities and wished them a healthy and prosperous post retirement life.

Mushtaq Paul, Priv. Sec to Div Com Kashmir accorded send-off on superannuation

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Private Secretary to Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Mushtaq Ahmad Paul was today accorded affectionate adieu on attaining superannuation by Officers & Officials.

Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri;



Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Qazi Sarwar; Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Aabid Hussain; Assistant Commissioner Revenue Central, Kashmir, Adil Fareed; Revenue Attorney, Tahir Ahmad Magray; Deputy Director Planning, Ashiq Hussain Malik; and other officers & officials graced the occasion of farewell programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com Kashmir appreciated Mushtaq for his dedication, honesty and integrity during the service and wished him healthy & fulfilling post retirement life. Other officers also lauded the significant contributions made by the retiree during his tenure, recognizing his dedication and service. In his farewell speech, Mushtaq recounted the journey of thirty six years of his service in the Revenue Department while working in different capacities.

He was presented a shawl and mementos by the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir & others as token of appreciation and affection to make the moment memorable.

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4. Terminal change (03 trains)
5. Change in train number (Mail/Exp. trains) (34 trains)
6. Change in station name (03 stations)
7. Change in train name (06 trains)
8. Change in days of run (01 train)
9. Change in nomenclature of trains:- Super Fast to Mail (14 trains) and Mail/Express to Super Fast (08 trains)
10. Route diversion of trains (04 trains)
11. Raising of maximum permissible speed (03 trains)
12. Introduction of new trains (28 trains)
13. Extension of trains (21 trains)
14. Increase in frequency (04 trains)
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