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LG directs safety...

safety, he added. Divisional Commissioners were directed to take strict measures for removal of all encroachment from Roads including hoarding that creates barrier for safe driving.

The Lt Governor asked the Traffic Police to put a crackdown on over-speeding and ensure regular highway patrolling. Installation of road signage's and speed limits boards should be given special focus, he added.

Health department was instructed to explore the possibility of developing trauma centres facilities, if required anywhere.

Directions were also passed on adopting digital and automated systems and ensuring optimal utilisation of the existing equipment and digital technology installed on Highways and roads.

The Lt Governor further called for replicating the best models in the country for developing a robust system of Audit of accidents.

G. Prasanna Ramaswamy, Administrative Secretary, Transport Department presented the Action-taken report on the directions of previous meeting and in-depth analysis of road safety components and proposals.

Vikramjit Singh, IGP Traffic apprised the chair on the measures adopted and checks put in place to implement all road safety measures in letter and spirit.

Discussion was also held on identification of black spots and ensuing measures and proper functioning of District Road Safety committees established in all Districts, and rationalization of the staff of Motor Vehicle Department.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, H&UDD; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department; H. Rajesh Prasad, Principal Secretary, Power Development Department; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Rahul Yadav, Commissioner JMC, besides other senior officers from Traffic Police and UT administration attended the meeting and also gave their respective inputs and analysis.

Two SHOs among...

Bari Brahmana as SHO; Inspector Javed Ahmed from DPL Samba to SOG Samba; Inspector Shakil Ahmed from SOG Samba to Police Station Purmandal as SHO; Inspector Rajeshwar Singh from DPL Samba to DSB Samba as Incharge; SI Neeraj Ramotra from DSB Samba to DPL Samba; SI Ram Paul from Police Station Purmandal to DPL Samba.

Modi chairs meet...

each part of the country.

Highlighting the large number of visitors who would be coming to India during its G-20 presidency and the international media focus on various events, Prime Minister Modi underlined the importance of states and UTs utilising this opportunity to re-brand themselves as attractive business, investment and tourism destinations, according to the statement.

He also reiterated the need to ensure people's participation in the G-20 events by a "whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach".

A number of governors, chief ministers and lieutenant governors shared their thoughts during the meeting, emphasising the preparations being done by the states and UTs to suitably host G-20 meetings, the statement said.

The meeting was also addressed by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and a presentation was made by India's G-20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Modi had told an all-party meeting that India's G-20 presidency is a unique opportunity to showcase the country's strengths to the entire world.

India officially assumed the G-20 presidency on December 1.

The country is expected to host over 200 preparatory meetings across the country beginning this month. The next G-20 Leaders' Summit at the level of heads of states or governments is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 next year in New Delhi. G-20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies. It comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union.

'Polls in J&K...

and free and fair polls. The electoral exercise in Jammu and Kashmir is usually spread over a month. The revision of the electoral rolls was done after a gap of nearly three years. It was last carried out with reference to January 1, 2019 as the qualifying date.

The electoral rolls could not be updated after the abrogation of provisions of Article 370. Later, the constituencies were redrawn following a delimitation exercise.

Following the delimitation, the number of assembly seats have gone up from 83 to 90, excluding the seats allocated to Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.

The final electoral rolls of Jammu and Kashmir were published on November 25 with the highest-ever addition of more than 11 lakh voters, officials had said.

Taking into account the deletion of names from the electoral rolls, the net increase stood at 7,72,872 electors, they said.

The final electoral rolls have a total of 83,59,771 electors -- 42,91,687 males, 40,67,900 females and 184 third gender.

During this special summary revision period, a record 11,40,768 claims were received for inclusion of names in the electoral rolls across the Union territory.

Out of these, 11,28,672 claims were accepted and only 12,096 claims were rejected. These included 3,01,961 claims of inclusion in the age group of 18-19.

A total of 4,12,157 requests for deletion were received, out of which 3,58,222 were

accepted and 53,935 were rejected.

There has been an addition of 613 new polling stations in the Union territory.

The gender ratio of the final electoral Roll has increased from 921 to 948.

Heli services to...

to the confirmed passengers about cancellation of sorties due to bad weather conditions. The Div Com instructed the DCs to give wide publicity and notify the fares and timings at Hospitals, Bus Stand and other prominent places for information of the general public.

While giving details of routes and fare the representatives of Civil Aviation informed that the fare from Jammu to Rajouri will be 2000, Jammu to Poonch 4000, Jammu to Doda 2500, Jammu to Kishtwar 4000, Kishtwar to Nawapachi 1500, Kishtwar to Sounder 1000, Kishtwar to Inshan 2000.

The Div Com said that the operation of a regular helicopter service would not only provide immense relief to the locals but will also help during medical emergencies. The meeting was informed that the procedure for medical emergencies will also be finalized.

JKP SI recruitment...

It is also alleged that the present accused is habitual offender as he was also involved in criminal conspiracy to leak question papers of FFA, JE (Mains) exams as well and has collected huge proceeds of crime. In such circumstances, the accused who is involved in such serious and economic offences cannot claim bail on medical grounds," the Court observed.

While rejecting bail application, CJM Jammu Anjum Ara observed that the Court is of conscious of the fact that liberty of a person is precious and is to be protected by courts however liberty of a person who is accused of an offence is to be considered on the facts and circumstances of the case. "Offences involved in present case impact whole society especially meritorious students whose future is ruined by such unfair methods. Such socio-economic offences need to be dealt with a different approach. Thus, accused is not found entitled for any leniency of bail at this stage for the reasons viz: he has played a key role in criminal conspiracy with other accused persons; he is involved in serious economic offence; he is habitual offender involved in other similar cases; further investigation of the case is still going on; the accused being highly influential can temper with evidence and hamper/frustrate further investigation and the involvement of many more accused is yet to be ascertained by the investigating agency as such the release of accused at this stage will hamper the investigation," the Court observed.

DB stays judgment...

field that technical bids pursuant to the notice inviting tenders are scrutinised by the technical experts and sometimes third-party assistance from those unconnected with the owner's organisation is taken. This ensures objectivity. Bidder's expertise and technical capability and capacity must be assessed by the experts. In the matters of financial assessment, consultants are appointed. It is because to check and ascertain that technical ability and the financial feasibility have sangunity and are workable and realistic. There is a multi-prong complex approach; highly technical in nature. The tenders where public largesse is put to auction stand on a different compartment. DB observed that the contention of the Advocate General is that writ petition has been decided by Writ Court in contravention to Rule 14 and 15 of the writ proceeding rules and the entire selection process to the post of Junior Engineer (Jal Shakti Department) and Sub-Inspector (Home Department) have been quashed. Accordingly, DB stayed impugned judgment and ordered that JKSSB Shall proceed with the selection process of Junior Engineer (Jal Shakti Department) and Sub-Inspector (Home Department).

CBT exam for...

reads that the Admit cards downloaded for the examination of December 9, 2022 by the candidates shall not be valid for examination on December 20, 2022 and the candidates need to download admit cards afresh for the CBT examination to be held on December 20, 2022. The Fresh Level 1 and Level 2 admit cards for the examination of December 20, 2022 shall remain available on JKSSB website w.e.f December 13 and 17, 2022 respectively, it adds.

"Further the examinations scheduled from December 11 to 19, 2022 shall be conducted as per the schedule issued already", the notice reads.

SDGs to be...

J&K is the front runner in implementing several schemes and programmes and is also closing to saturating several other schemes.

"Apart from this, J&K is first among many states and UTs in achieving aspirational districts, aspirational towns, aspirational blocks and aspirational Panchayats. J&K is the only one in the entire country to tread this developmental path. There is another set of measures which include Panchayat Development Index, Block Development Index and City Development Index parallel to these. We also have a third element in the shape of 1250 Deliverables through which we are rating and fast tracking achievement of different government schemes and welfare measures," he added. The Planning Development & Monitoring Department, Government of Jammu and Kashmir organized a UT-wide workshop on Sustainable Development Goals for Jammu Kashmir here. The consultation was organized in collaboration with NITI Aayog, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The UT-wide consultation saw participation from senior officials of all departments of Jammu and Kashmir and included speakers and experts from Union Ministries, State Governments and UNDP. The Sustainable Development Goals or the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development is a global consensus signed by India and 190 plus countries of the world in 2015.

It includes 17 Goals and 169 global targets, which cut across social, economic and environmental dimensions. In India, NITI Aayog, in close coordination with MoSPI, monitors the progress on the global goals at the national as well as at the level of States and Union Territories. The SDGs have brought the focus on development-related out-

comes and not just financial expenditure and physical progress.

This workshop was held at the heels of a new partnership between the UT and NITI Aayog. The UT of Jammu and Kashmir and NITI Aayog, in technical partnership with UNDP, have entered into an agreement to establish a Sustainable Development Goals Coordination Centre (SDGCC) at the Planning, Development & Monitoring Department. This partnership will seek to strengthen the monitoring system of the state, derive actionable insights from data analytics, promote gap-based targeting and build capacities.

The consultation in Jammu included sessions by NITI Aayog on the Indian model of SDG localisation, national and UT indicator framework by MoSPI, sharing of best practices on the adoption of the SDG framework by Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Punjab, and on aligning budgets to SDGs.

Detailed discussions and deliberations on the UT's progress in adopting the SDGs, the progress and achievement pertaining to the goals and charting the way forward were the central themes across all sessions. Every session was followed by a question and answer session where participants gave their suggestions and feedback to the speakers. Secretary, PD&MD briefed the gathering that J&K has been a frontrunner UT scoring better than many States/UT's in majority of sectors like health, agriculture production, education, renewable energy, providing civic amenities, enhancing forest cover, and ensuring gender equality esp during the last two years.

Dr Raghav Langer, Administrative Secretary thanked the Chief Secretary for his valuable insights and guiding the UT on the journey towards fulfilment of SDG's. He also thanked senior Administrative Secretaries, DG Planning PMCE/PFD, DG E&S, DG Budget and other senior officers of Planning Department for their interactive participation in the workshop.

Satvir Kour, Director General, Economics and Statistics, J&K presented Vote of Thanks to the speakers and participants alike.

History-sheeter detained...

of his repeated involvement in criminal activities, a dossier was prepared by Senior Superintendent of Police of Samba. Following this, Samba's District Magistrate issued the order of his detention under the PSA, they said. The accused have been lodged in district jail in Jammu, they said.

No plan as...

item in the Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of the High Courts held in April, 2013 and it was decided that the issue needs further deliberation and consideration, he said. The views of the state governments and the high courts were sought on the proposal. "There was divergence of opinion among the state governments and among the high courts on the constitution of AIJS," he said.

While some state governments and high courts favoured the proposal, some were not in favour of creation of AIJS. Some others wanted changes in the proposal formulated by the central government, he pointed out. The matter regarding creation of a Judicial Service Commission to help the recruitment to the post of district judges and review of selection process of judges or judicial officers at all level was also included in the agenda for the Chief Justices Conference held in April, 2015, where it was resolved to leave it open to respective high courts to evolve appropriate methods within the existing system to fill up vacancies for appointment of district judges expeditiously.

BDOs of Kupwara...

respective territorial jurisdictions include BDO Qadirabad/Hyama, BDO Natnussa/Magam, BDO Machill/Kalaroose, BDO Trehgam/Kralpora, BDO Rajwar/Handwara, BDO Tarathpora, BDO Wavoor, BDO Sogam, BDO Meelya/Reddi Chowkiba/Keran, BDO Drugmulla/Kupwara, BDO Tangdar/Teetwal, BDO Qadirabad/Langate/Mawar and BDO Headquarter.

The notification in this regard has already been issued by Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs J&K Government.

Govt constitutes panel...

Piyush Singla, the government members who have been included in the committee include Vice Chairman, Lake Conservation & Management Authority (Member-Convenor); Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority; Representative of Department of Forest, Ecology & Environment, not below the rank of Conservator of Forests; Chief Town Planner, Town Planning Organization, Kashmir; and Chief Engineer, Irrigation & Flood Control, Kashmir or his representative having sound knowledge and understanding of lakes and wetlands.

The Expert members includes Dr. A.B Akolkar; Former Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India; Prof. A. A Qazmi, IIT Roorkee; Prof. Meenakhshi Dhote, Environment Planning Department, SPA, New Delhi; Prof. Ariti Grover, Landscape Architecture Department, SPA, New Delhi; Prof. K. K. Pandey, Prof. of Urban Management, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi; Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Rather, SKUAST, Kashmir (Floriculture & Landscape Department); Dr. Pratab Singh, Expert in Hydrology, RMSI; and Dr. Himayun Rahid, Scientist, Department of Environment and Remote Sensing, J&K. The committee has been tasked to comprehensively examine, after due consultations with the stakeholders, the question of buffers of the Dal and allied water bodies covered by the Srinagar Master Plan 2035, from an environmental/lake ecosystem and urban planning/design point of view for the sustainability and conservation of these water bodies also ensuring that the gains from the efforts over the last two decades are taken to their logical conclusion

The committee has been asked to submit a comprehensive report with clear and unambiguous recommendations on the extant of the buffers around these water bodies and the permissible activities that could be allowed in the buffer zones or in such areas beyond the buffers as would be necessary in the interest of the conservation of these water bodies. "The committee shall be serviced by the J&K Lake Conservation and Management Authority and shall complete its task within two months from the date of issuance of this order," the order reads.

CRIME REPORT

Pakistani balloon found in Rajouri; search operation launched

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A Pakistani balloon was found in Chings area of Rajouri district on Friday.

As soon as information was received, a police team rushed to the spot and took possession of bunch of balloons. PLA was written on one of these balloons in English. In order to ascertain that whether any other suspicious material or weapon etc has been dropped along with balloons, the police has launched a search operation in surrounding areas, but nothing was found.

Body recovered from river

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: The body of a person was recovered from a river in Assar area of Doda district. According to information, a vehicle met with an accident in Prem Nagar area a month back, on which four people were aboard. At that time, body of a person was recovered and search was on for remaining three. On Friday, people saw a body floating in river at Ganota in Assar area after which police was informed. The body was taken out and shifted to morgue. He was identified as Surjit Kumar, son of Dharam Chand, resident of Jodhpur, Doda.

Three arrested with Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS



KISHTWAR: Police on Friday nabbed three drug peddlers and recovered

Charas like substance from their possession. A peddler was arrested by a police team of Police Station Atholi led by SHO Insp Vikram Parihar while on routine patrolling. Meanwhile at Matti Bridge, Patrolling party noticed a suspect and on search, police party recovered cannabis (Charas) like substance weighing about 80 gm from his possession. The accused was arrested, who later disclosed his identity as Chamail Singh, son of Hem Raj, resident of Ligri, Padder. FIR No. 48/2022 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Atholi.

Rajouri police also arrested two peddlers namely Tasvir Shah, son of Zulf Shah, resident of Dhangri and Tanvir Shah, son of Aashiq Shah, resident of Larkuti Kotranka. Duo was nabbed during naka checking at Dhangri Naka of Rajouri.

Police recovered Charas weighing 400 gm from possession of Tasvir Shah and 300 gm from Tanvir Shah. Both accused were nabbed by police while they were roaming in the area suspiciously. FIR No 632/2022 under sections 8/20/29/27-A NDPS Act have been registered at Police Station Rajouri and both accused persons shall be produced before the Court for further course of action.

The arrests have been made by police team headed by SHO Police Station Rajouri Fareed Ahmed under the supervision of DySP HQrs Rajouri Chanchal Singh.

6 vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Stations Domana, Arnia, Police Posts Phallian Mandal, Jourian and Border Police Post Sandwan acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 6 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicle included a Tractor Trolley Mahindra 575 DI XP Plus seized by Domana Police; one tractor trolley (JK02CR-9135) seized by Arnia Police; two tractor trolleys i.e., one bearing Chassis No. JZCDDJ1288282S3 and other with Chassis No. RKBB08106 seized by Phallian Mandal police; a tractor trolley without registration number seized by Jourian Police and a tractor-trolley bearing Chassis No HZCDR1067001S3 seized by Sandwan Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Domana Insptr Tilak Raj, SHO Arnia Insp Deepak Katoch, In-Charge Police Posts Phallian Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, Jourian-PSI Karnail Singh and Sandwan-ASI Jang Bhadur Singh in their respective jurisdictions.

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday traced a missing girl and reunited her with family members.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Bishnah by legal heirs of a girl stating that she went missing from her house. In this regard, missing report was registered on December 6, 2022 and investigation started. On this, a team of Police Station Bishnah was formed under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Bishnah Insptr Vikram Sharma, which after putting in hectic efforts, traced the missing girl. Subsequently, family of missing

girl was informed and she was handed over to her family members after completing all legal formalities.

Two narco smugglers arrested with 19.60 gm heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and sub-



stance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by arresting two narco smugglers and recovered 19.60 gm heroin i.e., 4.60 gm heroin at a Naka established under jurisdiction of Police Station Miran Sahib and 15 gm at another Naka in jurisdiction of Police Post Talab Tillo.

As per details, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Miran Sahib Insptr Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh, while on Naka duty at village Rattian, rounded up a suspect coming from Langotian towards Simbal Camp. On search, 4.60 gm heroin was recovered from suspect, identified as Gagandeep Singh alias Gaggi, son of Baljeet Singh, resident of Simbal Camp. The accused was arrested and FIR 166/2022 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Miran Sahib.

Similarly, at another Naka established at Kabir colony by a team of Police Post Talab Tillo led by SHO Police Station Nowabad Insp.Vijay Kumar assisted by Incharge Police Post Talab Tillo PSI Sonu Choudhary, police rounded up a suspect in a car (JK02CX-3510).

During search, 15 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. The accused, identified as Reebak Singh, son of Satveer Singh, resident of Gole Gujral, Talab Tillo, was arrested and FIR 147/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Nowabad. The arrests and recoveries in the case were made under the supervision of DySP HQrs Swati Sharma.

Fresh snowfall in few areas in higher reaches of J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A few areas in the higher reaches of Kashmir received fresh snowfall on Friday, even as the minimum temperature rose and stayed above the freezing point at most places in the valley, officials said.

The famous tourist destination of Gulmarg in north Kashmir and Sonamarg in central Kashmir received fresh snowfall, the officials said.

They said there are reports of fresh snowfall in other areas in the higher reaches of the valley and Ladakh Union Territory as well.

Meanwhile, the minimum temperature across the valley, except in Gulmarg, stayed above the freezing point owing to a cloud cover, the officials said.

Srinagar recorded the minimum temperature of 1 degree Celsius.

The mercury in Pahalgam tourist spot in south Kashmir settled at a low of 0.7 degree Celsius, the officials said.

They said Qazigund the gateway town to the valley recorded a low of 0.2 degree Celsius, while the mercury in Kokernag settled at a low of 1.1 degrees Celsius. Kupwara in north Kashmir registered a low of 1 degree Celsius.

Gulmarg was the only weather station in the valley where the night temperature stayed below the freezing point at a low of minus 3 degrees Celsius, the officials said.