

Lone Star FC sails into semis of Christmas Cup

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JAMMU: Lone Star Football Club (FC) on Monday became the first side to qualify for the semifinals of the ongoing 16th Christmas Gold Cup Football Tournament, organised by the All J&K Sports and Cultural Welfare Association under the Aegis of J&K Football Association at GGM Science College ground, here.

In first quarterfinal played on Monday, Lone Star FC defeated Jammu United FC by two goals to nil.

For Lone Star FC, first goal was scored by Zubair in 23rd minute followed by second goal scored by Munsif in



A Football match in progress at Jammu.

59th minute.

Yellow Card was shown to Sunil Syal (Jammu United) in 22nd minute, Abhishek Singh in 25 minute and Asrar (Lone Star FC) in 55th minute.

Today's match was officiated by Ajay Singh, Aman

Banathia, Aman Sudan and Dheeraj Meenia.

Tomorrow Quarter Finals: Pegasus Hero FC shall meet City FC Udhampur at 1:00 PM while Sainik Colony FC shall meet J&K Bank at 2:30 PM.

JKSSB recruitment Test; uninterrupted power to exam centres stressed

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JAMMU: Superintending Engineer O&M Circle, Jammu, JPDCL has enjoined upon the Executive Engineers of the circle, to provide uninterrupted power supply to the Examination Centers for conduct of examination for the post of Sub Inspector (SI) by Jammu and Kashmir Service Selection Board (JKSSB).

Regarding this, if any shutdown is approved by this office which feeds the examination centre will be treated as cancelled.

Fit India Week celebration starts at DPS Udhampur

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UDHAMPUR: Delhi Public School (DPS) Udhampur on Monday announced the starting of Fit India Week celebration at the campus.

In this campaign, school fraternities across the country are encouraged to celebrate 4 to 6 days in a week to promote a healthy and active lifestyle by indulging in various activities such as debates, quiz, essay writing, poster-making competitions, yoga and meditation, pledge of fitness, indigenous sports etc. Under this great initiative DPSU today started the FIT India Week Celebration by organizing "Annual Sports Meet for



DPS faculty presenting medals to winners.

the Pre-Primary wing of the school.

It was the sports meet which gave emphasis on 100% participation. Students from class Play group to II grade participated in it. The total number of participants were more than 350. The Chief

Guest for the event was Pro Vice Chairman of the School, Dr. J. C. Gupta, Guest of Honor was Vivek Gupta MD of the school.

Other dignitaries present were Director Academics of the School, Sucheta Gupta Mam and Principal Dr Kunal Anand.

SPMR student attends international conference



Faculty members felicitating Manmeet Singh.

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JAMMU: Manmeet Singh, BCA-IV semester student and Eco Club volunteer attended international conference series 'Vayu- The Vital Life Foree' held on at Shiksha 'O' Anusandhan University Campus-II in Bhubaneswar.

The conference was graced by the presence of Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Governor of Odisha; Bhupender Yadav, Minister of MOEF, Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Ashwani Kumar Choubey, Union Minister of State, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Manmeet also presented a

paper on 'Assessment of Noise' levels in College campus, Jammu in the conference. He studied noise levels at Government SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu under the guidance of Dr. Deepak Pathania, Assistant Professor Department of Environment Sciences.

Meanwhile, Dr. Surinder Kumar, Principal of the College appreciated the efforts of Manmeet Singh and wished him luck for his future endeavours. Prof. Archana Koul, convener IQAC, Dr. Sandhya Bhardwaj, Dr. Parveen Singh, Prof. Reeta Menia and other faculty members were among others present.

Preparations for operation of Subsidized Helicopter Service reviewed

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SRINAGAR: In order to ensure smooth operation of Helicopter Service in winter for snow bound Bandipora and Kupwara areas, the Additional Commissioner Kashmir, Abid Hussain Kira on Monday chaired a meeting to review the preparation of stakeholders. The meeting deliberated over the operation of service by Aryan Pvt Ltd, selling of tickets, advance list of bookings, reconciliation of bills on real-time, approved routes, settlement of issues, requisitions, nomination of Nodal officers for cooperation and facilitation, upgradation of helipad facilities etc. Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Commissioner exhorted concerned officers to submit the details of requisite arrangements to be put in place, highlight gaps and other issues by today evening so the administration shall ensure complete preparation for operation of service. Among others, the meeting was attended by Additional Secretary Civil Aviation, SDM Gurez, ADC Bandipora, Assistant Commissioner Central Adil Fareed, SP Enforcement.

complaint, police went to the spot and started investigation.

30 bovines rescued, 5 vehicles seized

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REASI/JAMMU: Police on Monday foiled bovine smuggling bids by rescuing 30 bovines and seized 5 vehicles besides arresting 4 smugglers.

Teams of District Police Reasi under the supervision of SSP Amit Gupta laid special nakas, seized 3 vehicles, rescued 7 bovines and arrested 4 smugglers. During checking in Chapanoor, Dera Baba area, a team of Police post Dera Baba led by PSI Jarnail Singh intercepted 2 vehicles Mahindra pick-up (JK02BJ 7340and JK02CU 7879) and rescued 3 bovines which were being transported without proper permission. FIR 289 & 290 / 2022 under sections 188 of IPC & 11 (a) of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Reasi, investigation initiated & vehicles were seized. Accused namely Mohd Anif, son of Mohd Ghani, resident of Durg Karamdin, Jammu and Zafar Khan, son of Gulzar Ahmed, resident of Dung Drabi, Nagrota were arrested.

A team of Police Post Bhambla led by PSI Hitashwar Singh intercepted a Tata mobile (JK14D6045) and rescued 4 bovines from clutches of bovine smugglers namely Ganesh Sharma, son of Sita Ram, resident of Saleri Sunderbani and Rohit Sharma, son of Joginder Pal, resident of Sunderbani. FIR 74 under section 188 of IPC, 11 (1) of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Pouni and investigation initiated. Arrests were made under supervision of DySP Reasi Ifthar Ahmed & Surjeet Bhagat ASP Reasi.

Acting tough against the bovine smugglers and to curb bovine smuggling menace, Jammu Police rescued 23 bovine animals i.e., 08 bovine animals while on Naka checking at Chowki Choura in jurisdiction of Police Station Akhnoor and 15 bovine animals near Zedda area in jurisdiction of Police Station Jhajjar kotli.

A police team of Police Post Chowki Choura led by SHO Police Station Akhnoor Inspr Harjeet Singh assisted by Incharge Police post Chowki Choura PSI Pankaj Katoch while on naka checking at Chowki Choura area, rounded up a vehicle (JK02AL-2983). On search, 8 bovines were recovered from the vehicle and shifted to safer places. FIR under relevant sections was registered in Police Station Akhnoor and vehicle was seized. The overall operation was done under supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal.

Similarly during Naka duty at naka point Zedda, Police teams of Police Post Manwal led by SHO Police Station Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Samson Bhatti assisted by Incharge Police Post Manwal PSI Sanjeev Sharma rounded up a vehicle (JK01AC-0948) and rescued 15 bovines from it. In this regard, cognizance was taken by Police Post Manwal. The overall recoveries were made under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pradeep Kumar.

Forest Deptt organizes workshop on implementation of Forest Rights Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Forest Department on Monday organized a training workshop for implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 for the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers under the chairmanship of Commissioner Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Sanjeev Verma. During the workshop, spokespersons interacted with the Tribal groups and various stakeholders including FRC Chairman and members, PRI members and officials of Revenue, Forest and Tribal Affairs department.

The training focused on duties including roles and functions of district level, sub-division level and Gram Sabha level Forest Rights Committees as per the Act and rules made thereunder. The implementation of the Act involves recognition and vesting of the forest rights on Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers who have been residing in forests for generations but whose rights could not be recognized.

The Act provides a framework for recognition and recording of rights so vested and the nature of evidence required for such recognition and vesting in respect of forest land. The framework for recording the rights involves

procedures and process to be implemented through the Gram Sabha, sub-divisional level and the district level committees as per Section 4 of FRA, 2006 and Rule 11 and 12 of FRA Rules, 2008.

The nature of evidence required are recorded in detail in the rules and also involves field verification by the Forest Rights Committee comprising 10-15 members to be elected among its members by the Gram Sabha as per the relevant rules in this regard.

The Government has already notified constitution of District Level Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner, Sub-Divisional Level Committee headed by the Sub Divisional Magistrate and comprising officers from Forest, Tribal Affairs and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department besides non-official members who are nominated by District Panchayat at the level of District and Sub-Divisional Level.

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjeev Verma spoke in detail on history of FRA 2006, key provisions of Act besides discussing in detail in context of its implementation in Jammu and Kashmir. He gave a brief background of Individual and Community rights. The FDSRs who were residing prior to 13th December 2005 and



Commissioner Secretary Forest Deptt, Sanjeev Verma speaking at a workshop.

OTFDs who were living for three generations prior to 13th December 2005 alone are eligible.

Sanjeev Verma also elaborated the role of various institutions particularly Gram Sabha, Forest Rights Committee, SDLCs and DLCs as well as procedure involved in processing of the claim. He informed the participants about tribal community that the Forest Department has stopped the auction process of Minor Forest Produce (MFP), a process which was there since last 70-80 years, due to the implementation of Forest Rights Act in J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Chowdhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs department explained that the FRA, 2006 will bring

change in the livelihood of Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers and help building of community infrastructure by utilizing the funds under CAPEX- Plan as well as from Ministry of Tribal Affairs, GoI.

He said the Act apart from recognizing the rights also gives various kinds of duties to holders of forest rights to protect the wildlife, forest and biodiversity of the area. In order to improve the process rate of the claims, he stated that Tribal Research Institute is planning training module for various stakeholder which is likely to start shortly.

PCCF (HoFF), J&K Forest Department, Dr. Mohit Gera, gave a detailed account of status of implementation of

Forest Rights Act in J&K, dissemination of claim forms, formats for processing of claims and providing of forest records and maps as well as GPS (technical support) to the frontline staff of the Forest Department.

Dr. Mohit Gera said that Act was extended to J&K from 31st October 2019 and implementation started from 1st December 2020. Besides, the right to live and hold forest land, the Act provides for ownership rights on minor forest products which have been traditionally collected by the Forest Dwelling Scheduled Tribes and OTFDs as well as rights to grazing and access to traditional seasonal resources. Some of the districts like Rajouri, Poonch, Budgam and Kupwara have received maximum number of claims, so far, which are in different stages of verification and large number of claims have already been decided.

Dr. Mohit Gera stated that to streamline the resource use of Forest dependent communities, "Van Dhan Yojana" has been rolled out by J&K government through the department of Tribal Affairs for inclusive development of Forest dependent tribal communities.

He also called for raising of awareness besides liberal distribution of awareness material among the stakeholders/participants.

A short film on Forest Rights Act, 2006 prepared by Forest Department was also screened during the training workshop.

Dr. Javaid Rahi, Tribal Researcher and Social Reformer while speaking in the workshop made aware the participants about role of various institutions like FRC, SDLC & DLC in implementation of the Act along with various procedures for forest rights from making application for the individual & community claim, FRC report, Gram Panchayat resolution etc. and important procedures & processes involved in consideration of claims, at the level of SDLC/ DLC.

Among other spokespersons who spoke on the occasion were Samuel Changkija CCF (S&D), Dr. Arshdeep Singh, DFO Rajouri, Vivek Modi, DFO Billawar and Dr. Abdul Khair, Deputy Director TRI, Department of Tribal Affairs.

The workshop was attended by DFOs of East circle, ACR Jammu, Field staff including the Range officers and Block foresters and more than hundred members of tribal communities belonging to Gujjar, Bakervial, Gaddi and Sippi community. Sarpanchs, Panchs, FRC Chairman, Members from different Panchayats of Jammu Division were among the other participants.

J&K's Hindi Feature Film 'Kyu' gets 'Best Social Film' award

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Hindi Feature Film titled "Kyu" got the most prestigious award for best social film in the Karnataka International Film held in Karnataka on December 10, 2022. "Firstly "Kyu" Feature got nominated among

so many films which made their entries in the International festival and after few days it was awarded the best social film," Jayesh Gupta, Director and Producer, told reporters here on Monday.

"Kyu" film is about the old age people and has a social message,

he said adding that it is because of the film beautiful social message that makes the July to choose this film for the best social film.

The film is produced edited, written and directed by Jayesh Gupta, J.S Bali, Naresh Kumar Kesar, Rakesh Gupta, Nitesh

Koul and Neelam Malviya and Chandni Khatri played lead roles in the film.

"Their roles in the film have been highly appreciated," Jayesh said adding that this film is shoot in Jammu and Kashmir only 40% shooting is done in Amphalla Vrid Ashram

and lot of support and cooperation was given from the Administration of the Amphalla Vrid Ashram.

He said that this is a proud movement for us as well as J&K that such a prestigious award is given to our film which will inspire lakhs of people in J&K.



4 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

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BARAMULLA: Acting tough against social crime, Police on Monday arrested 4 gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

As per details, acting on specific information about gambling activities at Shalboni Hanjiwera Pattan, a police party led by SI Athar Parvazi Incharge Police Post Mirgund raided specific site and arrested 4 gamblers, who were identified as Shabir Ahmad Bhat, son of Mohammad Yousuf Bhat; Mohammad Iqbal Sheikh, son of Bashir Ahmad Sheikh; Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, son of Ghulam Nabi Bhat and Hilal Ahmad Wani, son of Ghulam Mohammad Wani, all residents of Hanjiwera Pattan.

Officers also seized stake money amounting to Rs 1,500 and playing cards from gamblers, who were shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Pattan and investigation started.

DC Ramban, MVD team conduct checking on National Highway; 50 vehicles Challenged in 6 days

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RAMBAN: Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Massarat Islam along with a team of officials of Motor Vehicle Department conducted checking of vehicles on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. The team checked vehicles for overloading, over-speeding and violation of traffic rules.

During Naka checking near Seri, the DC advised passengers to check condition of vehicle and other necessary documents before starting their journey.

The DC informed that MVD has intensified vehicle checking on NH-44 besides sensitizing people, especially drivers and conductors, about traffic rules as well as road safety measures to avoid untoward incidents that claim precious lives.

The DC said that MVD, Traffic Police and District Police Ramban will also intensify checking drives in view of previous accidents on Jammu-Srinagar National Highway due to negligent driving.

Meanwhile, ARTO Saminder informed that Motor Vehicle Department Ramban checked nearly 170 vehicles and challaned 50 for different violations under MVD Act during last 6 days.

6 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which teams of Police Posts Chatha, Sidhra and Border Police Post Gajansoo acted stringently on specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 6 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles included three vehicles (JK14C-3933, JK02CR-8009 and JK02CA-5040) seized by Chatha police; two tractors i.e., one bearing Chassis No G36767 and another without registration number seized by Sidhra Police and a tractor bearing chassis No C1001827D seized by Gajansoo Police. The recoveries were made by Incharge Police Posts Chatha PSI Harjinder Paul Singh, Sidhra PSI Nitish Khajuria and ASI Ravinder Bushan in their respective jurisdiction.

Drug peddler nabbed with Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Police on Monday detained a drug peddler and recovered 14 gm Charas from his possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Mandi led by HC Shakeel Ahmed during Naka at TCP Mandi intercepted a Bolero (JK12B 6891) which escaped from Naka but alert police party chased and intercepted it. On questioning, driver of Bolero disclosed his name as Firdous Ahmed, son of Gulam Rasool, resident of Brachar, Tehsil Mandi. On search, police recovered 14 gm Charas from his possession. He was arrested and FIR. 145/2022 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Mandi. The arrest and recovery was made in front of EMIC Mandi by Inspr Mukhtiar Ali SHO under the close supervision of DySP Hqrs Poonch Nawaz Ahmed and overall supervision of SSP Rohit Bakotra.

Man arrested with illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMGARH: Continuing with its drive against illegal manufacturing and sale of illicit liquor, Police on Monday arrested a man and seized 20 lts illicit Desi liquor and destroyed about 300 lts Lahab at village Chak Chataka, Ramgarh.

As per details, acting on reliable information about distillation of Desi illicit liquor at village Chak Chataka, a party of Police Station Ramgarh headed by SHO Ramgarh Insp Asha



Nand under supervision of SDPO Vijaypur, Priyanka Kumari rushed to the spot and caught a person red handed. The accused, identified as Tara Chand, son of Bodh Raj, resident of Chak Chataka Tehsil Ramgarh was arrested on the spot. Further on his disclosure, about 300 lts Lahab stored in plastic drum was recovered and destroyed on the spot. Moreover 20 lts desi illicit liquor stored in plastic gallan was also seized on spot along with Gas Cylinder, Gas Oven, utensils used for manufacture of illegal Desi liquor. FIR 108/2022 under sections 48 (e) Excise Act was registered at Police Station Ramgarh.

Middle-aged woman hit by truck, dies

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

HIRANAGAR: A middle aged woman identified as Sulekha Devi, wife of Shiv Rattan, resident of Ward-2, Hiranagar got killed on Monday when she was hit by a Concrete Mixer Truck bearing registration No PB-65-AV-2747. The woman, in serious condition, was shifted to Sub District Hospital Hiranagar where the doctors declared her as brought dead. Her body was been kept in the mortuary for postmortem. Police has taken cognizance and registered FIR 155/2022 under sections 282, 279, 337 of IPC for investigation.

BSF Jawan dies in accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A BSF Jawan died in an accident in Vijaypur area on Monday. According to information, Ravendra Singh, son of Darshan Singh, resident of Batala, Punjab, who was posted in BSF camp Paloura, met with an accident near Thandi Khui. He was admitted to GMC for treatment, but died during treatment. A case was registered and further action initiated.

Man dies of burn injuries

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A man died of burn injuries in Basantgarh area on Monday.

According to information, Pritam, son of Krishna Chand, resident of Basantgarh suffered burn injuries in suspicious condition. He was admitted to GMC but died during treatment. A case in this context has been registered for further investigation.

House burgled in Anand Nagar

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A house has been burgled in Anand Nagar area on Monday from where lakhs of rupees were stolen. According to information, a complaint was lodged by one Kundan Lal, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Anand Nagar with Domana police that when entire family was out to attend some wedding, thieves targeted their house. He told that thieves decamped with jewellery and cash from the house. After receiving the