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unauthorized individuals not only poses security challenges but also has the potential to strain local resources."

"The facilitators, once apprehended, will be subject to legal proceedings, and any violation of laws pertaining to national security and immigration will be dealt with firmly," IGP Jammu said.

He said that seven FIRs were lodged at FIR No. 270, FIR No. 352, FIR No.107, FIR No. 184, FIR No. 191, FIR No. 370 and FIR No. 527 at Satwari Bahu Fort, Bagh-e-Bahu, Channi Himmat, Nowabad, Domana and police stations respectively against people accused of providing shelter to the foreign immigrants.

The case was registered under various sections of Indian Penal Code including 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery of important documents), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating) and 471 (using as genuine a forged document)

Searches were conducted at approximately 40 locations in the area of seven police stations in which 39 abettors were also taken for questioning.

During searches, IGP Jammu said, documents have been seized in raids at different locations which include Account Books where transactions between Rohingyas and plot owners maintained; Passbooks; rent agreement between Rohingyas and owners of the Plot (facilitator); Aadhaar Card No. 379803635025 of one Rohingya lady who got married to a local boy; Credit Card and its information regarding who issued the Credit Card; Mobile phones of owners and Rohingyas; Sims issued to Rohingyas by different individuals; Revenue records of the owners where Rohingyas were staying; Water and electricity bills details connecting owners to the Rohingyas; Vehicle RC Details used by Rohingyas; and Bank documents among other incriminating material.

"Investigation into the matter has started and other details will be shared subsequently. Stringent action in the future shall be taken against all such defaulters," he said.

"Three conspirators among four persons arrested for creating fake Aadhaar and Ration Card of Rohingya man Mohd Numaan, son of Muhib ullah, resident of Tang Bazar district Bothi Dang state Arkaan Myanmar (Burma) who is living in village Dhargloon since 2013," he said.

"Some locals have provided their plots of land to settle the outside immigrants. We are checking and identifying these facilitators, who are also availing the government benefits for them," deputy inspector general (DIG), Jammu-Samba-Kathua range, Shakti Pathak, told reporters outside a Rohingya settlement.

Pathak, who was supervising the crackdown, said some 30 locations under seven police stations were searched in the Jammu city.

"Mohd Numaan married one local girl Farzana Kosser, daughter of Nazir Ahmed caste gujjar, resident of Dhargloon in the year 2016. He in conspiracy with his Father-in-law Nazir Ahmed, son of Mohd Yousaf, resident of Dhargloon hatched a criminal conspiracy for preparing fake Aadhaar card and getting his name entered as family member in his Ration card by using the Fake Aadhaar card which was prepared in conspiracy with two others persons namely (Waseem Akram, son of Mohd Hafeez, resident of Dhargloon who is running a internet Cafe at Dhargloon," IGP said adding that Waseem Akram asked Mohd Numaan (Rohingya) to manage an Endorsement Certificate from a Village Head i.e Sarpanch or Panch in the given Proforma, on which he prepared the Adhaar Card of Rohingya person.

Mohd Sayaf, son of Mohd Hussain (Panch), resident of Dhargloon as a part of this larger conspiracy endorsed as Village Headman on given Performa and gave false verification of Mohd Numaan i.e (Rohingya) and facilitated the preparation of his Fake Aadhaar card, IGP said adding that in this connection a case FIR no 117/2023 under Sections 120-B, 420,465,468,471, 109 IPC was registered at PS Gursai.

During the course of Investigation Mohd Numaan was arrested on November 30, 2023 and is presently in judicial custody.

Yesterday, IGP said, during further course of investigation house search of his father-in -law Nazir Ahmed was conducted in presence of Exeective Magistrate. He alongwith 02 others namely Mohd Sayaf and Waseem Akram were arrested in the instant case and some Incriminating Documents were also recovered from the house and so far total 04 persons got arrested in this case and further investigation is going on.

Meanwhile, Kishtwar Police succeeded in arrest of 13 persons, which includes six Rohingyas and seven other their supporters as Rohingyas with the help locals of Dachhan area procured Domicile Certificates, Aadhaar Card, Voter cards and Ration Cards, police spokesperson said.

"In this connection case, FIR No. 22/2023 Under section 420/465/467/468/471/120-B/IPC was registered at PS Dachhan, and the investigation is being vigorously investigated," spokesperson said adding that police has arrested individuals so as to dismantle the support system who include Mushtaq Ahmed, son of Dilawar Sheikh, resident of Krosa Sounder Dachhan, age 35 yrs; Zinta Begum, wife of Mushtaq Ahmed, resident of Myanmar at present Krosa Sounder Dachhan, age 24 yrs (Myanmar); Fayaz Ahmed, son of Ghulam Ahmed, resident of Kiyar Dachhan, age 35 Yrs; Anwara Begum, wife of Fayaz Ahmed, resident of Myanmar at present Kiyar Dachhan, age 27 Yr (Myanmar); Sadam Hussain, son of Ghulam Hussain, resident of Sagarna Sounder Dachhan, age 28 Yrs; Shabu Begum, wife of Sadam Hussain, resident of Myanmar at present Sagarna Sounder Dachhan, age 31 yrs (Myanmar); Ghulam Mohd Sheikh, son of Abdula Sheikh, resident of Krosa Sounder Dachhan, age 33 yrs; Tanveer Ahmed, son of Ghulam Nabi, resident of Tander Dachhan, age 31 yrs; Laila Begum, wife of Tanveer Ahmed, resident Myanmar at present Tander Dachhan, age 25 Yrs (Myanmar); Shahnawaz Magray, son of Ghulam Hassan Magray, resident of Sounder Dachhan, age 33 yrs; Hassina Jan, wife of Shahnawaz Ahmed Magray, resident of Myanmar at present Sounder Dachhan, (Myanmar); Zahoor Ahmed, son of Abdul Aziz, reside4nt of Kiyar Dachhan, age 27 yrs; Shaheena Begum alias Horinisa, resident of Myanmar at present Kiyar Dachhan, age 41 yrs (Myanmar).

"The arrests were carried out based on credible evidences, and the individuals are being investigated for their alleged involvement in activities contrary to law and public order," spokesperson said.

In Doda, in a special drive to check on the activities of foreigner's nationals, Doda Police has registered three FIRs against 10 Foreigners (Ruhingias and Bangladeshi nationals) and their facilitators for illegally procuring Indian identity documents like, Domicile Certificates, Aadhaar Cards, Ration Cards, Voter ID Cards and PAN Cards etc and illegally staying in District Doda.

After conducting a detailed discrete enquiry regarding illegally staying of foreigners (Rohingyas and Bangladeshi) at various locations of this District a case FIR No. 119/2023 under relevant provisions of law has been registered at PS Bhaderwah against the accused persons, namely Raheela Begum, wife Intiaz Ahmed Sheikh, resident of Myanmar, at present Udrana Tehsil Bhaderwah, Shakeela Begum, wife of Muhammad Iqbal Sheikh, resident of Myanmar at present Akhrot Bagh Chinote Tehsil Bhaderwah, Jahan Ara, wife of Imran Hussain, resident of Myanmar at present Chakrabhati Sindara Tehsil Bhalla, Meem Bano, wife of Adil Hussain, resident of Myanmar at present Kodsu Khellani Tehsil Bhalla and Muskan Banoo, daughter of Imram Hussain, resident of Myanmar at present Chakrabhati Sindara Tehsil Bhalla, spokesperson said.

Similarly, spokesperson said, a case FIR No. 93/2023 under relevant provisions of law has been registered at PS Gandoh against Rohingias and their facilitators, namely Zavaira Begum, wife Tanveer Ahmed, resident of Myanmar at present Tantly Inharra Gandoh, Shabnam Begum, wife of Mazoor Ahmed, resident of Myanmar, at present Hallore Gandoh, Noor Bhar; wife of Tariq Hussain, resident of Myanmar at present Kakoo Gandoh and Zeenat Begum, wife of Mohd Shafi resident of Myanmar; at present Batoli Kahara.

A detailed inquiry has been conducted and it emerged that these Rohingyas managed to enter District Doda and illegally procured Indian identity documents for disclosing their identity as permanent resident of District Doda, spokesperson said.

In another case FIR No. 104/2023 under Section 07/14-C, 06/14 Foreigners Act 420/120-B, IPC was registered at PS Bhaderwah against one Bangladeshi national namely Nusrat Jahan, daughter of Abdul Majeed Dewan resident of Dhaka Bangladesh A/P Malnai Tehsil Bhalla and her facilitators for illegally overstaying/violating visa norms and procuring Indian identity documents, spokesperson said adding that during course of on-going investigation Police has conducted house searches and recovered incriminating materials which are seized as evidences.

In district Rajouri, police arrested one person from Laam area of Nowshera for facilitating a Rohingya woman named Haleema, daughter of Mohd Nazir, resident of Mayanmar; at present Narwal Bala, Jammu.

The arrested person has been identified as Lal Din, son of Chidia, resident of Kampla Mohra, Tehsil Qila Darhal & District Rajouri, spokesperson saqid adding that a criminal case under FIR No. 215/2023 was registered at PS Nowshera under offences of Sections 420, 467 IPC & 14 Foreigners Act.

During investigation one accused namely Haleema was arrested earlier by Police on October 19, 2023 and later on released by Court of Law on bail on October 30, 2023.

Carrying forward the investigation into the instant FIR, the house of one Lal Din was searched and some important documents having evidentiary value have been seized in instant case, spokesperson said adding that after collection of sufficient

evidences indicating the involvement of Lal Din.

In the instant case surfaced, police arrested him and further questioning is going on.

According to government data, more than 13,700 foreigners, most of them Rohingya Muslims and Bangladeshi nationals, are settled in Jammu and other districts of Jammu and Kashmir, where their population increased by over 6,000 between 2008 and 2016.

In March 2021, police found over 250 Rohingyas, including women and children, living illegally in Jammu city during a verification drive and lodged them in a holding centre inside the Kathua Sub-Jail.

SSP Jammu Vinod Kumar, SP City Kulbir Handa and SP South Shaheen Wahid were also present during press briefing at DPL Jammu.

High Court closed...

27th January, 2024.

Justice Rahul Bharti as Vacation Judge for Srinagar wing from January 8, 2024 to 17th January, 2024, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi as Vacation Judge for Srinagar wing from January 18, 2024 to 27th January, 2024.

Will intensify anti...

service for the nation, for the force and they're providing excellent support to us," he said. He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir, especially the youth, deserve credit for the decline in militancy-related violence in the valley.

"There has been a huge support of the people, the youth. It would not have been possible without your support. The voice of new Kashmir is being seen in the fields, be it in cricket, football or other sports.

"So, the major contribution has been of the youth of Kashmir, the people of Kashmir," Inspector General, CRPF, Srinagar sector, Ajay Yadav said when he was asked who deserved credit for the decrease in militancy in the valley.

"It is my strong belief that the coming year will be better than today and the people will lend their support," Yadav added.

As many as 16 teams from central Kashmir, including four from Downtown Srinagar, are participating in the tournament.

"This is Naya Kashmir and the youth will march ahead. I am hopeful that many youths from this tournament will play for India in the future. Sports also plays a very important role in keeping youths away from drugs," he said.

Yadav said the tournament has been organised especially keeping the youth in mind.

The aim is to engage the youth, provide them a path to live their lives in a better way and provide an opportunity for them to play at the national level. I am sure that many good players will emerge out of the tournament, he said.

We have promised that the CRPF will keep the youth engaged. These tournaments are a part of the civic action programme, he added.

Asked if the paramilitary force was ready to provide security for elections in J-K, the IG said the CRPF is ready for any responsibility. He said the tournament would be an annual feature.

Chugh warns Mehbooba...

to fall prey to the politically misleading narrative of Muftis and Abdullahs.

He said Muftis and Abdullahs joining hands with Gandhis have been fooling people of J&K for long. But now the tide has turned and this fake narrative of Mehbooba would not work among the people who want peace and prosperity, he added.

J&K Govt officer...

official position as a public servant, the officer said.

Khan possessed disproportionate assets to the tune of more than Rs 84 lakh, the officer added. Special Judge of the Anti-Corruption Court, Jammu, Tahir Khurshid Raina sentenced Khan to three years imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 50 lakh on him under the Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act, 2006.

"The fine amount, if not paid by the convict within a period of two months, shall be recovered by the district collector from the disproportionate assets of the convict as arrears of land revenue," the Judge said in the order.

The Judge also directed the Senior Superintendent of Police of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Jammu to follow the execution of the sentence awarded.

While sentencing Khan, the court referred to the mandate of the Supreme Court that Judges who bear the sword of justice should not hesitate to use that sword with the utmost severity to the full and to the end, if the gravity of the offence so demands.

The case was registered in 2007 based on verification conducted into the allegation that Khan amassed huge assets in the form of movable and immovable properties.

PIL seeking eviction...

March 28, 2023 wherein a list of 48 persons still occupying the Govt. Accommodation in J&K was shared.

The Division Bench headed by Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh further directed, "It is made clear that if the aforesaid requisite information is not furnished before the next date by learned counsel for the respondents, this Court will proceed to array the persons named in the application as party respondents and seek response from them".

Advocate S.S. Ahmed vociferously argued that one Yograj Singh S/o Waryam Singh executed a Gift Deed of a house situated at Janipur (Excelsior Lane), Jammu in favour of Ex-Deputy CM J&K, Kavinder Gupta S/o Bindraban Gupta on August 10, 1987 and the said Gift Deed was registered on August 11, 1987 and since August 10, 1987 Kavinder Gupta is the owner of the said house which is situated at Excelsior Lane, Janipur, Jammu and the Ex-Deputy CM has been illegally staying in a Ministerial Bungalow Special 4-A Gandhi Nagar, Jammu and the allotment made in his favour by the Estates Department is required to be cancelled as he owns his own residential house in Jammu.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed appearing for the petitioner further submitted that he has placed on record the names of such persons who are having their own residential accommodation in Jammu Kashmir and the same information has been gathered from the details as annexed with the Nomination Papers filed by the aforesaid persons with the office of Election Commission of India.

Upon this, the Division Bench headed by Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh directed Sr. AAG S.S. Nanda to submit the report with regard to the aforesaid information submitted by Advocate S.S. Ahmed appearing for the petitioner.

At this stage Sr. AAG S.S. Nanda submitted that he has filed a detailed status report on December, 12, 2023 but the same is not on the digitized record of the file. However, the Division Bench directed the Registry to digitize the same and place it on the record.

Advocate S.S. Ahmed further drew the attention of the Division Bench to the status report dated November, 8, 2023 wherein it has been mentioned that certain individuals namely Sunil Sharma Ex-Minister, Bashir Ahmed Dar Ex-MLA and Mohd Amin Bhat Ex-MLA have not submitted any reply as to whether they possess any alternative residential accommodation at Jammu/Srinagar.

Govt-Oppn standoff...

performance by Banerjee who appeared to mimic the way Dhankhar walked by leaning forward and made reference to having a spine.

Dhankhar gave vent to his anguish in Rajya Sabha, saying he was personally hurt as his farmer and Jat backgrounds were targeted.

"Imagine what must be going through my heart when your senior leader video-graphs a Member of Parliament mocking the institution of the chairman," he said in Rajya Sabha.

"...You used Twitter, the official handle of the spokesperson, to demean me, insult me, insult my background as a farmer; insult my position as a Jat, insult my position as chairman," Dhankhar said addressing Congress member P Chidambaram in Rajya Sabha.

As Lok Sabha met on Tuesday, opposition members trooped into the Well of the House raising slogans and waving placards, prompting Speaker Om Birla to warn them of action citing rules of procedure. However, as the protest continued, he adjourned the proceedings till noon.

The unruly scenes were repeated when the House reassembled, prompting the government to draw up a list of 25 opposition members for suspension from Lok Sabha.

The opposition benches then offered additional names from their ranks to the government in three tranches, taking the total number of members to be suspended from the Lok Sabha to 49, a parliamentary source said.

"Many opposition leaders were uncomfortable being present in the House when a large number from their ranks were suspended from the House," the source said. Among the 49 members suspended on Tuesday were National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, Congress members Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari, NCP leader Supriya Sule and SP member Dimple Yadav.

Lok Sabha took up legislative business when it re-convened at 2:00 pm and passed the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second (Amendment) Bill after a brief discussion. It was later passed by Rajya Sabha too. The House then took up discussion on the three bills to replace the colonial era criminal laws.

Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi decried the Trinamool member's actions as a mockery of democracy and constitutional institutions.

"INDIA bloc parties have been like touring talkies, holding their meetings in different cities. Now this drama company has started mimicry by making fun of a person who is from OBC (Other Backward Classes) and farming background.

"Rahul Gandhi has no sense, let alone any good sense. (Congress chief Mallikarjun) Kharge ji should apologise," Joshi told reporters.

"They are a disgrace to democracy, to the people they represent, and to the nation," Joshi said.

The opposition INDIA bloc, at its meeting here, adopted a resolution condemning the suspension of parliamentarians and announced a nationwide protest on Friday.

On Monday, 45 opposition members were suspended in Rajya Sabha and 33 in Lok Sabha. Last week, 13 opposition members were suspended from the Lok Sabha and one was suspended from the Rajya Sabha for disrupting the proceedings.

In Lok Sabha, 39 of the total 48 members of the Congress have been suspended, 16 of the 24 DMK members, 13 of the 22 Trinamool members and 11 of the 16 JD(U) members have faced action.

Among the suspended members are floor leaders of the Congress, Trinamool, DMK, JD(U), National Conference and the NCP (Sharad Pawar faction).

With Tuesday's suspension of 49 opposition MPs for the remaining part of the session for disrupting proceedings, the total tally of suspended MPs in Lok Sabha rose to 95. The INDIA bloc parties had a strength of 138 in Lok Sabha, of which 43 MPs are now left in the House.

Nine MPs of the Congress, including former Congress presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, are left in the Lower House for the duration of Winter Session.

With most of the opposition members under suspension from the Lok Sahb, two - The Central Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2023, and the Provisional Collection of Taxes Bill, 2023, -- piloted by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman were passed by voice vote after a short debate.

G.M. Khad...

Governor, Manoj Sinha had taken notice of the long pending demand of the people for delineation/demarcation of lands recorded as Gair Mumkin Khad and issued directions for taking up the delineation exercise. The process of delineation had gathered momentum after this directive.

A detailed scientific procedure was finalized for delineation/ demarcation of lands falling within and outside water bodies. Three tier UT Level, Divisional Level and District Level committees had been constituted and with necessary technical assistance from Irrigation and Flood Control Department, khad lands in various parts of Jammu division are presently under process of delineation.

Revenue Department has previously carried out delineation in 7 villages of Jammu, Samba and Kathua on the recommendation of the three tier committee constituted for the purpose. As per the instant order, delineation has now been carried out in Katli and Bandheri villages of Samba and Taraf Manjli, Majra, Bhagthali and Maqsoospur villages of Kathua. Land in excess of 8000 kanals has been delineated as falling within and outside water bodies spanning 2600 khasra nos. The lands so delineated include both public and private lands. Some of the delineated land is being made available to development projects like industrial estates, etc. Prior to the instant order, nearly 9000 kanals of land have been delineated as falling outside water body.

The process of delineation is underway in several other villages of Jammu division and in near future further delineation of public / private khad lands is expected to be finalized to address the long pending demand of the people.

Act tough against illegal mining simultaneously increasing permits to provide building material in abundance: Dulloo

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo on Tuesday impressed upon the Department of Mining and Divisional administration to act tough against the menace of illegal

mining here in the UT besides taking steps to provide the necessary building material to public smoothly by increasing the number of permits given to extract such minor minerals here.

The meeting besides the Divisional Commissioners was attended by Secretary, Mining; Director Mining, Kashmir/Jammu besides other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary during this meeting remarked that in order to put a complete stop on the illegal mining here the administration has to work on the two pronged strategy here. He asked for devising the effective deterrents to curb it besides increasing permits to include all the areas do that people and public projects do not face any dearth of such construction material in the UT.

He maintained that our vast geographical diversity promises of bearing reserves of different minerals across the length and breadth of J&K. He impressed upon the Department to expedite the process of exploration of such major minerals to augment the resources of the UT. He also took note of the revenue models to be adopted for auctioning of some of the valuable mineral blocks of lithium, bauxite or others.

Dulloo also asked for streamlining the auctioning the mineral blocks besides making every effort to operationalise all the auctioned blocks here. He asked for conducting meetings every month by the concerned Deputy Commissioners to decide about the cases received through single window system.

The Chief Secretary advised the Department to acquire the services of the transaction advisor wherever required for taking the process of auctioning to logical conclusion. He made out that the constitution of J&K Environment Impact Assessment Authority (JKEIAA) is in its final stage of constitution to make the availability of minerals more smooth in the market.

In her presentation the Secretary Mining, Rashmi Singh informed the meeting about the availability of different kinds of minor and major minerals across the districts of the UT. She made out that dozens of blocks of limestone, gypsum, coal, magnetite, lignite, granite, sapphire and others have been identified for exploration here.

She further gave out that 208 Minor Mineral Leases (RBM) have been granted by the Department through e-auctioning. The department has realized an amount of Rs 10185 lakhs during the current financial year and has also issued 3643 short term or disposal permits for extracting RBM/Ordinary earth to facilitate execution of projects of national importance/government works in J&K w.e.f. January 2020 to November 2023, the meeting was informed.

It was further apprised that the Department has taken several reforms likes witching from first come first serve basis to e-auctioning, constitution of single window clearance system, steps to ensure ease of doing business, introduction of e-challan, e-market web portal.

The department has also taken plethora of measures to curb illegal mining including introduction of mining surveillance system, mineral check posts, vehicle tracking system besides others, as was given out in the meeting.

Subsidised Doda-Jammu helicopter service takes off

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JAMMU: A subsidised helicopter service to facilitate travel during the winter months to the mountainous Doda district took off from Jammu on Tuesday , officials said. The inaugural ceremony in Doda was attended by Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh and Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom.

"To facilitate travel in winter, the subsidised helicopter service from Doda to Jammu has taken off," Singh said.

Three people from Doda were among the first passengers to fly to Jammu on the inaugural service.

The government-subsidised service is priced at Rs 2,500 per person, making it an affordable and accessible means of transport, Singh added.

Assistant Commissioner (Panchayat) Ashfaq Khanji will oversee the operations as the designated nodal officer. Mumbai-based Global Vectra Private Limited has been chosen to manage the service.

Singh emphasised the service's significance, especially for people requiring emergency or time-sensitive travel.

"The aerial option aims to be an efficient alternative to the lengthy 180-kilometre road journey," he said. This move not only improves connectivity but also opens up opportunities for tourism, particularly during the winters, when certain regions face challenges of accessibility, Singh added.