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further improve the overall functioning of the miversity.

The meeting accorded in-principle approval to various agenda items and proposals including adoption and inclusion of several provisions as per the guidelines and notifications of UGC and National Education Policy 2020.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the University for regular revision of curriculum and courses, besides introducing new courses in line with the emerging trends and needs of the modern-day world. The University should also give dedicated focus to promotion of local languages and culture of the region, he said.

He further asked the University to start a drive for faculty strengthening, filling up the vacant Teaching / Non-Teaching posts and resolving the promotion related matters under Career Advancement Scheme in fast-track

The Lieutenant Governor also passed necessary directions to the university for streamlining the e-office and timely completion of ongoing projects.

On the occasion, members of the Council congratulated the Vice Chancellor and faculty members and staff of University of Jammu for attaining the coveted A++ Grade from NAAC with an exceptional CGPA score of 3.72. and becoming the only A++ University in J&K

The University Council also discussed the success of Design Your Own Degree undergraduate programme.

Discussions were also held on streamlining the process of direct recruitments for various posts, onboarding of sports experts for effective implementation of Sports Policy of the University, Credit framework for Design Your Degree programme etc.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu presented a detailed report highlighting University's thrust on research, skill development, Internships and Start Ups, experiential learning through major projects; pathbreaking initiatives of the University including digital and environment friendly initiatives, and promoting trans-disciplinary and holistic Education.

The chair was also briefed on the action taken on the directions passed during the previous

Terror associate detained...

against terror supporters in the district, the police launched an operation and detained a nardcore terror associate under the PSA, said a police spokesperson.

The accused, identified as Mohmmad Rafiq, is a resident of Balota Chigla in Basantgarh. He was sent to jail. Rafig is involved in multiple terror cases and was working as active guide and facilitator for the terrorist organisations till his arrest. Keeping in view the activities of the accused, he was ordered to be detained under the Public Safety Act. With his arrest, the number of terror associates has gone upto to five.

Army Chief reviews...

capabilities, ongoing security initiatives and infrastructure development, the source said. In addition to these briefings, Gen Dwivedi interacted with the troops and praised their professionalism, dedication and unwavering commitment to the nation.

The Army chief also highlighted the force's ongoing efforts to modernise equipment, improve training standards and foster innovation to effectively address future challenges, the

He reaffirmed the leadership's "unwavering ommitment" to the welfare o their families, acknowledging their sacrifices in the service of the nation.

At Mhow, the Union minister was briefed by Lt Gen H S Sahi, Commandant, Army War College on the role and significance of the institute towards training and empowering military leaders for warfighting across the entire spectrum of conflict. The minister had also addressed all the officers of Mhow Garrison and commended the selfless service and dedication of all ranks, they said.

Harnek Singh Murder... of offences under sections 302/307/34 RPC and 4/25 Arms Act and sentenced to life imprisonment and fine of Rs. 10,000 for commission of offences punishable under sections 302 RPC.

The convict is also sentenced to imprisonment for a period of five years and fine of Rs. 5,000 for the commission of offence under section 307 RPC. The convict shall also undergo imprisonment of one year and fine of Rs 1,000 for the commission of offence under section 4/25 Arms Act. And in case of fault of fine he will further undergo imprisonment of one

month each in the respective offences. Convict Harcharan Singh is also convicted for the commission of offences under sections 302/307/34 RPC and sentenced to life imprisonment and fine of Rs. 10,000 for the commission of offence under section 302 RPC. The convict shall also sentenced to imprisonment for a period of five years under section 307 RPC and fine of Rs. 5,000. And in case of default of fine further undergo imprisonment of one month each in the respective offences. Convict Amarjeet Singh, convicted for the commission of offences under sections 302/307/34 RPC and sentenced to life imprisonment and fine of Rs. 10,000 for the commission of offence under section 302 RPC.

The convict is also sentenced to imprisonment for a period of five years and fine of Rs. 5,000 for the commission of offence under section 307 RPC. He is also sentenced to imprisonment for a period of one year and fine of Rs 1.000 for offence under section 427 RPC. And in case of default of fine he will further undergo imprisonment for a period of one month/one month each in the respective offences, court ordered.

I&K Bank welcomes...

innovation." Notably, Amitava Chatterjee has also served as MD SBI Caps - a wholly owned investment banking subsidiary of SBI.

Earlier, welcoming Amitava Chatterjee, the outgoing MD & CEO Baldev Prakash expressed confidence in the new leadership say ing, "I am delighted to pass the baton to Amitava Chatterjee, whose caliber and experience match well with the requisites of this position. His extensive knowledge and proven track record in the banking sector, I believe, will further strengthen this institution and propel it to greater heights.'

On the occasion, the Bank also organized a farewell for Baldev Prakash, who served the Bank as its first MD & CEO since December 2021 and has led the significant transforma tion of the Bank

In his farewell message, Baldev Prakash said, "Serving this great institution has been an extraordinary honour and I sincerely thank all our stakeholders - especially the entire J&K Bank family, our esteemed promoters and the Board of Directors -for their unwavering trust, support and guidance. As a team, we have transformed the Bank into a thriving, resilient and future-ready institution." The Bank's management and staff extended heartfelt gratitude to Baldev Prakash for his outstanding contributions and wished him success in his future endeavours. They also expressed confidence in the new MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee's leadership to steer the Bank towards its next phase of growth and excellence.

Meanwhile, under the new leadership, the Bank remains committed to deliver value to its customers, investors and societies across its areas of operations while reinforcing its pivotal position in driving the economic development of J&K and Ladakh.

CI virtually inaugurates...

eight deluxe rooms and three additional rooms with centrally heated features and inhouse lounge, dining room and office with facility of air condition; ensuring comfort for its occupants. A separate accommodation for staff Guest House has been built in close proximity.

The facility is dedicated for comfortable lodging and boarding of not only visiting Judges of the Supreme Court, various High Courts, Judges of High Court of J&K and Ladakh but also other judicial officers from different States visiting the UT of Ladakh.

During his inaugural address, Chief Justice. Tashi Rabstan emphasized on the integral role of robust infrastructure in the efficient functioning of the judiciary. He expressed his gratitude to Lieutenant Governor and the officers of the UT Administration for their unwavering cooperation and support in developing judicial infrastructure in both Leh and Kargil districts.

The Chief Justice highlighted that earlier there was no suitable option for visiting judges of the Supreme Court, various High Courts or even judges of our own High Court and other judicial officers for comfortable stay in the region except for the Hotels. He added that the newly constructed, State-of-the-Art High Court Guest House will now cater to the lodging and boarding requirements of judges and judicial officers, ensuring a comfortable stay during their visits.

Chief Justice lauded the dedication and swift response of the UT Administration in completing this project and expressed hope that similar enthusiasm and efficiency would be demonstrated in completing other vital infrastructure projects within stipulated timelines.

Dr. Pawan Dev Kotwal, congratulated the judiciary on the inauguration of the Guest House. He credited the regular reviews and personal intervention of the Chief Justice for the timely completion of the project. Dr. Kotwal reiterated the administration's commitment to providing top-notch infrastructure to meet the needs of the judiciary.

On the occasion, Principal District Judge (PDJ) Leh felicitated various officers and officials of the executing agencies who showed their dedication in timely completion of this project, by presenting traditional Khataks as a token of appreciation for their commendable efforts.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General: AmitKumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority; Anoop Sharma, Registrar IT; Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar Judicial, Srinagar; Fayaz Ahmed Qureshi, CPC e-Courts; Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar Judicial and other officers of the High Court Registry at Srinagar. Spalzes Angmo, Member Secretary, Ladakh Legal Services Authority; Manoj Parihar, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Leh; Shafi Lassu, President Bar Association Leh and other senior officers and officials were present at Leh. Manoj Parihar, Principal District and Sessions Judge Leh, delivered the welcome address, wherein, he extended a warm welcome to the Chief Justice and Hon'ble Judges of the High Court, as well as other dignitaries present. Tsewang Phuntsog, CJM Leh proposed the formal vote of thanks. The Proceedings of the event were conducted by Chemit Yurgyal, Secretary DLSA Kargil and Nodal Officer for Judicial Infrastructure Projects in UT Ladakh Subsequently, Chief Justice also inaugurated an Additional Court at the High Court Complex, Srinagar. This initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing judicial accessibility and expediting justice delivery for the people of the region. Speaking on the occasion the Chief Justice reiterated the judiciary's commitment to ensuring that the public has access to efficient and timely justice. He further acknowledged the efforts of all stakeholders who contributed to the successful establish ment of the Additional Court.

Union Home Secretary...

Mohan stressed the need for maintaining inter-agency cooperation for ensuring that the peace in Jammu and Kashmir is not disturbed, especially ahead of important events including the Republic Day next month.

Pacca Danga assault case: prime accused arrested

JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, Jammu Police apprehended Simran Jeet

Singh, the prime accused in a grievous assault case, at IGI Airport, Delhi. The accused was intercepted while attempting to flee to Canada, following the issuance of a Look Out Circular (LOC) under the supervision of the Superintendent of Police (SP) City North, Jammu. This swift and strategic action underscores the commitment of Jammu Police to uphold justice and accountability.

The case, registered under FIR No. 150/2024at Police Station Pacca Danga, pertains to a violent assault that took place on December 19, 2024, in Panitirthi, Jammu, Prompt action by the police ensured the injured victim received immediate medical attention, preventing further complications.

Under the direct guidance of SP City North, Jammu, the team of P/S Pacca Danga undertook a well-coordinated effort to track and apprehend the accused. The issuance of the LOC by the SSP Jammu ensured close monitoring at immigration checkpoints, resulting in the arrest of Simran Jeet Singh at IGI Airport. This operation reflects the seamless coordination between Police Station Pacca Danga and immigration authorities.

Notorious criminal booked under PSA STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Acting tough against criminals, Samba Police today booked a notorious criminal from the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail

The notorious criminal namely Sunil Kumar S/o Amarjeet Lal R/o Radwan tehsil Ramgarh district Samba has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention order from the District Magistrate Samba. The booked criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Kathua.

The said criminal is involved in multiple cases registered against him at PS Ramgarh, PS Ghagwal of district Samba and PS Kathua, PS Rajbagh, PS Billawar of district Kathua. The repeated criminal activities of the said notorious criminal have posed a serious threat to public peace and tranquility in the region.

In order to refrain the subject from indulging in criminal activities, a dossier under PSA was recommended against the subject, upon which the District Magistrate Samba after getting satisfied issued a PSA warrant against him.

The arrest was made by a police team headed by SHO PS Ramgarh under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur and under the overall supervision of SSP

Tipper carrying illegal mining material seized

RAJOURI: Tightening it's noose against violators involved in illegal and unscientific mining, police in Budhal has seized a vehicle carrying mining material. A team of police station Budhal intercepted at Tipper JK11D 9141 that was carrying mining material illegally.

The vehicle has been seized and necessary legal proceedings have been taken up. The vehicle was driven by Mohammad Kabir son of Mohammad Iqbal resdent of Bagla Nadyala Rajouri.

Property of 2 Pakistan-based handlers attached STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a significant development, the District Police Rajouri, in compliance with orders from the Court, has attached properties belonging

to two individuals in connection with FIR No. 04/2011 under Sections 3/4 EIMCO Act registered at Police Station Thanamandi. The attachment was carried out in the presence of Revenue authorities today.

The attached properties are of Ishtiaq Ahmed, son of Mohd Zaman resident of Bhattian Tehsil Thanamandi, Rajouri: Property attached: 5 Kanal 14 Marla and Zahid Ali

Khan, son of Mohd Iqbal resident of Bhattian Thanamandi, Rajouri. Property attached: 2 Kanal 4 marla.

These individuals are accused of activities linked to supporting antinational elements. The attachment of properties is part of ongoing efforts to dismantle networks of Pakistan-based handlers and their associates operating in the region.

Narco smuggler nabbed with heroin

RAMBAN: In continuation of drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu and Kashmir Police in District Ramban held one person and recovered heroin like Substance from his Possession.

A team of Police Station Ramsoo while on naka checking duty in Ramso area intercepted a pedestrian .On questioning the person disclosed his identity as Arif Javed, son of Javed Iqbal Malik, resident of Near waldan School Banihal District Ramban.

During the process of checking 08 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of above named person.

In this regard, case FIR No.135/2024 under relevant Sections of NDPS Act got registered in PS Ramsoo.

The above named persons was taken into police custody. The recovered contraband was seized following all necessary legal formalities. The investigation is ongoing to uncover the entire network and establish backward and forward

Kathua cyber cell recovers online defrauded amount of Rs. 1.37 lakh

KATHUA: District Cyber Cell Kathua under overall supervision of SSP Kathua has demonstrated its commitment to combat cyber crime by recovering defrauded amount of Rs 1,37,000.

Brief facts of the case are that on 14/11/2024, an offline complaint was lodged in Cyber Cell Kathua through NCCR portal vide Acknowledgement No. 21411240010413 in which a complainant namely Mavi Kapoor R/o Housing Colony, Kathua reported that unknown fraudsters impersonating themselves as share market brokers with whom he came in contact through internet manipulated him to invest his money with them to make profits and complainant assuming that his money is being invested.

Blind murder case solved, accused arrested **STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: A blind murder case was solved within a week by Ramnaga POlice by arresting the accused.

On 25th December 2024, an information was received at Police Station Ramnagar regarding an unknown dead body found in Kunju Nallah under the jurisdiction of PS Ramnagar. Upon this a case FIR 127/2024 was registered at PS Ramnagar under Section 103 BNS, and a thorough investigation was started. Through meticulous examination of evidence and technical data, the investigation team made rapid progress. Several suspects were identi-

fied and interrogated and one of the suspects, Ajit Kumar, son of Hari Ram resident of Rumain, Tehsil Ramnagar, was zeroed in. Upon intense question ing, Ajit Kumar confessed that he had murdered the deceased due to personal animosity. The accused has been immediately arrested, and further investigation is ongoing to uncover more details related to the case.

Kishtwar police recovered 14 smartphones ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: Continuing its efforts to extend services to the general public and address their grievances, the Kishtwar Police Cyber Cell received various

complaints about missing mobile phones. After significant efforts, the Cyber Cell of Kishtwar Police traced and recovered 14 lost m o b i l e phones. S P S Kishtwar, handed over



take utmost care of their mobiles as they contain personal data and there is a

Upon receiving their missing/lost mobile phones, the owners felt elated and expressed their gratitude towards Jammu and kashmir police District Kishtwar especially to cyber unit of Jammu and Kashmir police district Kishtwar, for their hard effort in tracing their missing mobiles.

UP Govt inviting CMs, Governors of all states for Maha Kumbh

NEW DELHI: The Uttar Pradesh government will invite the President. Vice President. Prime Minister, and the chief ministers and governors of all states, among host of other dignitaries, for the Maha Kumbh Mela which is set to begin from January 13.

The mega religious event, which is held every 12 years, will continue for 45 days in Prayagraj.

State Finance Minister Suresh Khanna said at a roadshow in the national capital on Monday that invites are being sent to the governors the chief minister of all states, including those ruled by non-NDA parties. "We have invited Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Vinai Kumar Saxena and will be meeting Delhi Chief Minister Atishi as well," he said at the event.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath met President Droupadi Murmu in New Delhi on Sunday and invited her to attend the Maha Kumbh. Adityanath also extended invitations to Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinay Kumar Saxena for the grand event. As part of the invitation, CM Yogi presented the dignitaries with special gifts, including a symbol featuring the Mahakumbh 2025 logo, a 'kalash' (sacred urn), literature related to the event. a New Year table calendar and a diary.

The Uttar Pradesh chief minister reached New

Delhi on Saturday and met former President Ram Nath Kovind, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP National President and Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, and Mizoram Governor General VK Singh. Each of them received personalised invitations and mementos related to the Mahakumbh.

On Sunday, Yogi expressed gratitude to the dignitaries for their time through a post on his official handle on X, sharing photographs of the meetings. With the event just weeks away, the Uttar Pradesh government has intensified efforts to invite dignitaries and the general public from

cabinet ministers personally leading the outreach campaigns in different states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday described the upcoming 'Maha Kumbh' as the "Maha Kumbh of unity" as he asked people to return from the grand religious congregation with a resolve to banish hate and division from society. Speaking in his monthly 'Mann ki Baat' broadcast, Modi said, "Maha Kumbh ka sandesh ek ho

across the country, with the chief minister and his

be that the entire country must be united)." He added, "Ganga ki aviral dhara, na bante samaj hamara" (Like the uninterrupted flow of Ganga, let our society remain one). Noting the diversity of people visiting the mammoth congregation, he said there is no other example of such a

pura desh (Message from the Maha Kumbh should

sight of unity in diversity. "Maha Kumbh's speciality lies not just in its vastness but also in its diversity," he said. Meanwhile, a seven-tier security circle has been established to ensure the safety of more than 40 crore people expected to visit the Maha Kumbh, the Uttar Pradesh government has said. The local authorities have set up temporary police stations and checkpoints in both urban and rural areas, as well as near railway stations, bus terminals, airports, and other key routes.

The security will be further bolstered by the deployment of the Provincial Armed Constabulary, National Disaster Response Force, Central Armed Police Forces, BDD, and AS Check teams.

Units will be kept in reserve for the city and rural areas, the UP government said in a statement on Sunday. Prayagraj Police Commissioner Tarun Gaba said 13 temporary police stations and 23 checkpoints are being established for a reinforced security, which will take the number of stations up from 44 to 57. Around 10,000 police personnel will be stationed across urban and rural areas of The Prayagraj. Pravagrai Commissionerate's permanent and temporary infrastructure has been divided into eight zones, 18 sectors, 21 companies, two reserve companies of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), five companies of the PAC, four teams of the NDRF, 12 teams for AS Check and 4 BDD teams, the state

Dy CM directs for adherence to rules, regulations during mining operations

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary on Monday directed the officers for strict adherence to already set rules and regulations during mining extractions and the need for following the environmental concerns while carrying these activities.

The Deputy Chief Minister, made these remarks while chairing a meeting to review performance, functioning of the mining department at Civil Secretariat here

The meeting was attended by Director, Mining, Member Secretary FAC, other senior officers and stakeholders.

While directing for following the rules set up for mining operations, Surinder Choudhary said that any deviation from the same would not be acceptable. He said that the district mining officers should ensure that no aberration takes place.

"The Officers should ensure that the mining operations are carried

out strictly in accordance with the set norms and procedures. The lessees should also ensure that they don't flout any rules, and they should work in close coordination with the department, so that any violation taking place would be controlled and necessary action initiated against the defaulters", the Deputy Chief Minister said.

He further directed for ensuring environmental concerns be taken into consideration while doing the excavations. He said that we have

to take care of the fragile eco-system of our region and maximum care should be taken for ensuring its preservation. "We have to ensure that the development should be in consonance with the environmental needs and safeguards. Preserving our environment should also be taken into consideration", he added.

The Deputy Chief Minister also directed the officers to take care of the grievances being projected by the stakeholders and take necessary steps for their prompt redressal.