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Four Inspectors among...

House Officer (SHO) Batote; Inspr. Padam Dey Singh has been transferred from DPL Ramban and posted as SHO Chanderkote; Inspr. Mohd Afzal has been transferred from PS Chanderkote and posted at DPL Ramban; SI Harnam Singh has been transferred from Police Post (PP) HT and posted to DPL Ramban; SI Ghulam Hussain has been transferred from PP Patnitop and posted to DPL Ramban; PSI Vinod Kumar has been transferred from PP Neel and posted as Incharge PP Patnitop; PSI Shiv Dutt has been transferred from PS Chanderkote and posted as Incharge PP Neel; PSI Harish Kumar has been transferred from PS Batote and posted as Incharge PP JT.

Govt bans import...

not require any approvals," the civil aviation ministry said in a release on Wednesday. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the commerce and industry ministry has issued a notification banning the import of foreign drones. The civil aviation ministry came out with liberalised drone rules in August 2021.

CBSE to conduct...

in offline mode in November-December last year. The result of the first-term exams is yet to be announced.

The board also warned the students that messages and information spreading on social media may be considered only after verifying the facts available on its website.

J&K Govt to...

committees will regulate the sale of the acid in the city. Yesterday, 13 premises were sealed and this drive will continue," he said on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Rakesh Balwal said the charge-sheet in the case will be filed in the next few days.

"The investigation in the case is going on. In the next four to five days, our charge-sheet will be filed. We will ensure strongest sections in this case are applied," the SSP said. He said the police would ensure there is no open sale of the acid in the city so that such incidents do not recur.

J&K people not...

the first day of her three-day party programme and interacted with the people there. They are feeling neglected and consider snatching of the assembly constituency as grave injustice.

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She said it was Congress governments in the past which had always tried to empower the women, while the Narendra Modi led government is only making promises.

Congress gave 50 per cent reservation to women in Panchayats and a bill to provide 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha is pending in the Parliament as the BJP despite enjoying majority is not willing to pass it. They do not favour empowerment of women, Nagma said, adding the women are half of country's population and should get maximum representation in the legislature.

Criticising the policies of the BJP-led government, she said we regret snatching the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir and transforming it into a Union Territory. They talked about Naya (new) Kashmir, normalcy and development. We do not see the development on the ground, while frequent militant attacks expose their claims of normalcy.

Nagma, who also attended the Women Congress executive body meeting during her tour; condemned the recent acid attack on a woman in Srinagar and said the women are not feeling safe and are facing a lot of issues due to inflation and alleged callous attitude of the government.

The inflation is all time high and it is very difficult to run a household. Asha workers and Anganwari workers are on the streets for enhancement of their monthly remunerations and timely payments, she said and demanded sanctioning of window pension to women below 40 years who have lost their husbands.

Claiming the growing unemployment in the country, the Congress leader said J&K is one of the regions which tops the list with 22 percent unemployment as a result of which you can see the protesting youth on the roads every now and then.

BJP is only making hollow promises as every section of the society has been affected by the policies of the Modi-led government over the past seven years. They failed to transfer promised money and create two crore jobs annually. The statistics show that

23 crore people lost their jobs and 700 farmers died during anti-agri law agitation, while only Rs 50 lakh compensation was given to people hit by COVID-19, she said.

She said they only know how to blame Congress for its failures.

The Congress leader also blamed the ruling party for dividing the people of the country and said Hindu never felt their lives are in danger over the past 70 years but now they are made to think on these lines.

"The communal forces are spreading disturbance by pitching Hindus against Muslims for winning elections. The people need to think before voting and show the door to such communal forces for a better future, she said.

Without naming Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, she referred to the recent firing on the vehicle of the parliamentarian in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut and said the attackers are affiliated with BJP who are spreading disturbance and pitching Hindus against Muslims.

The Congress leader lauded Party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra for her slogan 'Ladki hu Lad Sakti Hu' and urged people of Uttar Pradesh to exercise their franchise for a better future in the upcoming assembly polls.

India rejects references...

India," he added. On CPEC, Bagchi said "we have consistently conveyed our concerns to China and Pakistan on the projects in the so-called CPEC, which are in India's territory that has been illegally occupied by Pakistan."

"We resolutely oppose any attempts to change the status quo by other countries, as also by Pakistan, in the areas under the illegal occupation of Pakistan. We call upon the parties concerned to cease such activities," he said.

The CPEC is part of China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

India has been severely critical of the BRI as the USD 50 billion corridor passes through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Physical hearings to...

It said the guidelines and protocols for prevention of COVID-19 contagion including wearing of masks, frequent use of hand sanitiser and maintaining safe distancing norms are mandatory for all the entrants into the court premises.

"Only those advocates whose cases are listed in the courts and who are fully vaccinated shall be allowed entry in the courtrooms.

"Entry of witnesses, accused only shall be permitted in district and subordinate courts and tribunals provided they are fully vaccinated and subject to strict compliance of SOPs pertaining to the containment of COVID-19 infection," the order said.

The chief justice said the entry in the district and subordinate courts and tribunals would be permitted to only fully vaccinated people from the outer gate of the court complex.

Unemployment, price rise...

should be referred to a select committee first for better scrutiny.

"We are not your enemies but can give you some better suggestions," he said.

Demanding industry status for the tourism sector; he said that scores of people in Jammu and Kashmir are involved in tourism and such a move will benefit them a lot.

He also asked the government to protect the interests of the local apple growers as they are being hit by the import of the fruit from abroad.

Abdullah also appealed to the government to complete the process of the recruitment for border battalions in Jammu and Kashmir; saying there has been apprehension that youths from outside the Union Territory will get preference over locals.

He said education and health are the two key sectors for the overall growth of the country; hence, there should be more allocation of funds for construction of roads and tunnels and medical care.

Participating in the debate, BJP member from West Bengal Dilip Ghosh said the 2022-23 budget is a roadmap for the next 25 years and devoid of any sparkling announcement.

He said emphasises has been given on construction of 25,000 km of highways and 2,000 km modern accident-free railway lines.

Complimenting the PM Gatishakti project, he said this will give a big boost to the country's economic activities and help develop infrastructure and communication networks.

Referring to West Bengal, he said the ruling dispensation there has given an impression that it just has one problem, that is the current governor and his removal is the only task they have.

"As if all problems of West Bengal will be solved once the state Governor is removed, he said, referring to the ongoing verbal duals between Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and state leadership, including Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

"It has become a fashion for them to abuse the Governor and the Prime Minister; he claimed.

Ghosh slammed the West Bengal government for not making available land for projects related to highway, railways, airports and industries.

"If there is no land, how will the projects come up, how will jobs be created," he asked.

session. He was arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. FIR No. 17/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Magam and investigation started.

Nowshera Forest Division seizes 85 billets of Khair from Marchola, Bagla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A patrolling team of Forest officials from Sunderbani Range, constituted by Divisional Forest Officer Nowshera Neelima Shah, has seized 85 billets of Khair illegally extracted from Marchola and Bagla villages.

During night patrolling, the teams conducted raids at Marchola and Bagla villages and seized consignment of illegally felled 85 billets of Khair wood. Divisional Forest Officer has said that special teams were constituted to carry out combing operations, especially in view of illegal felling of Khair trees. These teams are carrying out combing operations as well as raids to check any illegal forest activity in and around forest areas. The team was led by Rakesh Verma, Range Officer Sunderbani and comprsed Ved Parkash, BO Dharamsaal and Rangeel Singh, BO Sunderbani. The whole operation was carried out under direct supervision of Vivek Verma, Conservator of Forests, West Circle.

Three gamblers arrested, stake money Rs 7,230 recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday arrested three Gamblers and recovered stake money of Rs 7230. As per details, a team of Police Station Channi Himmat headed by SHO Channi Himmat Inspr Deepak Katech, while on patrolling duty, received an information regarding gamblers near Deeli area. Acting swiftly, police teams raided the place and nabbed three gamblers along with Rs 7,230 stake money with a deck of playing cards. FIR under section 13 of Gambling Act was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and accused were arrested, who were identified as Jatindera Kumar Chandra, son of Pati Ram Chandra; Jagdish Bhatha, son of Kunh Bihari, both residents of Chhattisgarh and Moul Chand, son of Rattan Ahiwar, resident of MP. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari.

Kidnapped minor girl traced, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday rescued a missing minor girl and arrested kidnaper.

As per details, on February 02, 2022, a written application was received at Police Post Sainik Colony from father of minor girl stating that his daughter went missing from home at Chowadhi, Jammu. On this, FIR No. 18/2022 under section 363 of IPC was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat and investigation was initiated.

After this, a team of Police Post Sainik Colony under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Channi Himmat Inspr Deepak Katech assisted by Incharge Police Post Sainik Colony PSI Mohd Younis Khanday connected various leads and after hectic efforts, with support of technical assistance, finally recovered the kidnapped minor girl from an accused, identified as Yog Raj, son of Baldev Raj, resident of Gurah Kalyal Tehsil Ramkot, District Kathua. He was arrested on the spot. The girl was produced before child welfare committee and was medically examined. After completion of all legal formalities, she was handed-over to her family.

4 bovines rescued, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a massive drive against bovine smuggling, Jammu Police rescued 4 bovines from a vehicle at Suketar Naka under jurisdiction of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and seized a vehicle (JK02CCQ 0410). As per police, two smugglers were also arrested and FIR No 19/2022 under sections 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act was registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. The accused were identified as Mohd Ziarat, son of Mohd Akram, resident of Chanderkot, Ramban and Mushtaq Ahmed, son of Abdul Rashid, resident of Garigarh. The recoveries were made by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Devinder Singh under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar.

Two shops, house burgled

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Thieves on Wednesday burgled two shops and a house.

As per details, thieves targeted a wholesale Karyana shop in Karnela Chak area of Satwari and decamped with goods worth thousands of rupees. Owner of shop

The BJP leader claimed that the TMC government is yet to present a budget for the next fiscal and alleged that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is currently touring Uttar Pradesh for election campaigns.

He alleged that the BJP workers are being regularly attacked in West Bengal.

"Bomb blasts are taking place regularly in many districts. The state has become a den for gangsters from across the country and terrorists from Bangladesh. The common people are living in fear," he claimed.

Ghosh alleged that 60 BJP workers were killed after the assembly polls held in 2021 and 42,000 cases were filed against BJP workers.

He claimed the BJP workers are being threatened so that they don't take part in the coming local body polls.

"There is no democracy in West Bengal. It is a big challenge," he said.

The BJP leader said the state government has deprived the people of healthcare benefits as it has not yet allowed the implementation of central government's Ayushman Bharat scheme of free treatment.

Earlier, during the Zero Hour, BJP member Ramesh Bidhuri claimed the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government has been giving regular allowances to the Inams of mosques and demanded that the priests of Delhi's 6,000 temples should also be given government allowances.

He claimed that Kejriwal is now more interested in going to other states rather than concentrating on providing good governance to the people of the city.

Congress leader Gaurav Gogoi said the condition of the National Highway 37 between Nagaon and Dibrugarh in Assam is pathetic and there is no progress in the proposed widening of the road into four lanes.

The four lanes were supposed to be completed by 2019 but they are far from complete even now, he said and asked the government to do the needful.

Properties of 610...

rehabilitate Kashmiri migrants back to the valley that include construction of 6,000 transit accommodations in the Kashmir Valley at an estimated cost of Rs 920 crore in order to provide accommodation to employed Kashmiri migrants, he said.

Dry weather in...

degrees Celsius down from the previous night's 1.4 degrees Celsius, they said.

However, the city was the only recorded place in the valley where the mercury settled above the freezing point last night, they said.

The famous ski-resort of Gulmarg, in north Kashmir, recorded a low of minus 10.0 degrees Celsius a notch down from the previous night, they said.

Pahalgam tourist resort in south Kashmir, which also serves as the base camp for the annual Anarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 5.1 degrees Celsius up from minus 6.2 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 0.3 degrees Celsius, while the nearby south Kashmir town of Kokernag recorded a low of minus 2.5 degrees Celsius, officials said.

The mercury in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 1.3 degrees Celsius.

The MeT office has predicted the possibility of light rain or snow at scattered places on Wednesday.

The weather is likely to stay dry over the next few days, it said.

Kashmir is currently under the influence of a 20-day-long 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) which began after the Chilla-i-Kalan -- the 40-day harshest winter period ended on January 31.

Chilla-i-Kalan, which had begun on December 21 last year -- is a period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the famous Dal Lake, here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the valley.

The chances of snowfall are the most frequent and maximum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall.

However, the 'Chilla-i-Kalan' this year was not harsh like the last year and there was less snowfall during the period.

After the end of 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold), a 10-day-long 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold) follows. However; both these periods are considered less harsh.

Active COVID-19 cases...

active cases comprise 2.11 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has improved to 96.70 per cent, the ministry said.

A reduction of 1,02,063 cases has been recorded in the active COVID-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23 last year.

namely Joginder Kumar Gupta, resident of Krishna Nagar has lodged a complaint with police in this regard. Thieves also targeted a house at Sikanderpur area of Bishnah belonging to one Natha Ram and decamped with Rs 10,000 cash and other valuable goods. A mobile shop was also targeted by thieves in R S Pura area.

Fire breaks out in automobile shop; 3 bikes, accessories reduced to ashes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: A fire broke out in an automobile shop at village Makhanpur of Bishnah area due to which 3 bikes and accessories reduced to ashes.

As per details, fire broke out in automobile shop belonging to Surinder Kumar situated at Makhanpur after which fire tenders were called, which doused the fire after hectic efforts. In incident, 3 bikes and various accessories were reduced to ashes. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Man attempts suicide at in-laws' house, arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was arrested after he tried to set ablaze himself at his in-laws' house in Satwari area on Wednesday.

As per details, one Vishal Kumar, son of Om Prakash, resident of Resham Ghar Colony tried to set himself ablaze at his in-laws' house after a spar of words with her wife and other in-laws.

On this, family members informed police which rushed to the spot and arrested the man. His wife Mousmi has lodged a complaint with police in this regard and also stated that she came to her maternal house after getting harassed by her husband for a long time.

Bootlegger nabbed with 60 bottles of illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police on Wednesday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 60 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession. As per details, Doda police laid a Naka near Karara Police post and intercepted a man.

During frisking, 60 bottles of illicit liquor was recovered from his possession. The accused, identified as Pinku Bhagat, resident of Bhalla, was arrested and a case under relevant sections of law was registered against him.

Two injured in LPG cylinder blast

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

R S PURA: Two persons got injured in LPG cylinder blast at R S Pura area on Wednesday.

As per details, a LPG cylinder exploded in a house at R S Pura area due to which two persons got injured, who were shifted to hospital for treatment. The injured were identified as Raj Kumar and Jasbir Singh. Police is investigation the matter.

Man receives electric shock, hospitalised

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MIRAN SAHIB: A man was hospitalised after he received electric shock in Miran Sahib area on Wednesday. As per details, Surinder, son of Kewal Krishan, resident of Miran Sahib received an electric shock while repairing an appliance and suffered burn injuries. He was shifted to hospital for treatment.

Youth dies under mysterious circumstances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A youth died under mysterious circumstances at Kathua on Wednesday.

As per details, Aman Singh, resident of Janglote was found lying unconscious in the area and was shifted to hospital, where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Man attacked with sharp-edged weapon, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was attacked with a sharp-edged weapon in Kanachak area on Wednesday, however police has arrested the accused. As per details, Bharat Bhuhan, resident of Manyal Brahmana lodged a complaint with police that one Naresh Singh, alias Nishu, resident of Kangrail stopped his way, when he was going to shop and attacked him with a sharp-edged weapon. After registering FIR, police has arrested the accused.



4 drug peddlers arrested, contraband seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from society, Police on Wednesday arrested 4 drug peddlers in Kulgam & Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, officers from Police Station Yaripora under supervision of DySP Hatipora, at a checkpoint established at Summan bridge intercepted a Santro (JK03C-6043) with 3 persons onboard, who were identified as Sheraz Ahmad Lone, resident of Tungduno; Kamaljeet Singh, resident of Nowshera (Punjab) and Charanjeet Singh, resident of Hoshiyarpur (Punjab). During search, 16 Kg Poppy Straw and a grinder were recovered from their possession. They were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. The vehicle used in the commission of crime was also seized.

In Baramulla, officers from Police Station Pattan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan Mohammad Nawaz, arrested one Reyaz Ahmad Gojri, son of Late GH Mohammad Gojri, resident of Pattan and recovered 15 bottles of Codeine Phosphate and 144 capsules of banned drugs from his possession. He was shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective Police Stations and further investigation started.

Cyber Police Kashmir recover Smart-phones worth lakhs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Cyber Police Kashmir Zone, Srinagar has recovered missing smart-phones worth lakhs of rupees, which were returned to their rightful owners.

Cyber Police Kashmir, with constant efforts of its dedicated technical team, traced out 73 missing/lost smart-phones of various makes and models, worth lakhs of rupees, which were accordingly handed over to rightful owners today at Cyber Police Station Headquarters Srinagar.

Moreover, an amount of Rs 4.20 lakh was also saved by financial desk of Cyber Police Station Kashmir, which victims of cyber frauds had lost in various online scams. Cyber Police Kashmir has ensured a robust mechanism in place to help citizens in facing various technological challenges in their daily life. Cyber Police Kashmir Zone under the supervision of Inspector General of Police, Kashmir Zone Srinagar is continuously conducting various awareness campaigns and programmes through different platforms, wherein general public is made aware about various contemporary online frauds and scams etc. Cyber Police Kashmir has advised general masses not to share bank details, account details, personal details, OTP etc to anyone.

5 gamblers nabbed with stake money

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against social crimes, Police on Wednesday arrested 5 gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

Acting on specific information, police parties from Police Station Pattan/ Kunzer raided gambling sites at Singhpora Pattan & Chichiloora Kunzer following an input about gambling activities and apprehended 5 gamblers. Stake money amounting to Rs 25,170 and playing cards were also recovered from gamblers, who were shifted to respective police stations where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective Police Stations and investigation started.

Notorious drug peddler arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police has arrested a notorious drug peddler in Budgam and recovered Psychotropic substance from his possession.

As per details, a party from Police Post Narbal at a checkpoint established at Check-e-Kawoosa intercepted a suspect identified as Mudasir Ahmad Mohand, son of Abdul Rahim Mohand, resident of Chak Kawoosa. During checking, 33 bottles of codeine phosphate & 390 tablets of banned drugs were recovered from his pos-

