

!! Continuations from Page 1 !! Pandemic situation improves...

years age group, CAB enforcements, and percentage achieved in weekly and overall BIS Registrations' progress under AB PM-JAY & AB PM-JAY SEHAT. He informed that there has been significant growth in vaccination for 15-18 years age group.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to the Lt Governor; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dilbag Singh, DGP; Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department; Shailendra Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Government, Public Works (R&B) Department; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor; Ranjan Prakash Thakur, Principal Secretary to Government, Industries & Commerce Department; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Vijay Kumar, IGP Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners and SSPs, attended the meetings, in person and through virtual mode.

J&K reports 540...

discharged from various hospitals including 682 from Jammu Division and 944 from Kashmir Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 449873 positive cases, 7424 are Active Positive (2918 in Jammu Division and 4506 in Kashmir Division), 437708 have recovered and 4741 have died; 2320 in Jammu division and 2421 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 22211046 test results available, 449873 samples have tested positive and 21761173 samples have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 75291 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Till date 5940063 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 29753 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 7424 in isolation and 440839 in home surveillance. Besides, 5457306 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 131 more corona cases, taking the overall case-load in the Union Territory to 27,279 while the active cases in the union territory has gone down to 670, officials said.

As many as 157 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Ladakh. Of these, 93 were discharged in Leh and 64 in Kargil, they said.

With these, the total number of cured patients is 26,383, they said.

Of the 131 fresh cases from Union territory, 97 such cases were reported from Leh and 34 from Kargil district, they said.

With this, the total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh is 670 including 480 cases in Leh and 190 cases in Kargil district.

The union territory has recorded 226 Covid-related deaths -- 167 in Leh and 59 in Kargil since the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020, they said. There was no death reported from union territory on Thursday, they said.

Six JKAS officers...

(LCMA), Srinagar; Irfan Bahadur, JKAS, State Taxes Officer, Baramulla-III (Sopore) as Secretary, Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), Srinagar; Manisha, JKAS, Administrative Officer in the office of Chief

Conservator of Forests, Jammu as Assistant Commissioner Revenue in the Jammu Municipal Corporation; Wahid-ul-Rehman, JKAS, District Social Welfare Officer, Ramban as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Basantgarh, vice Vivek Modi, JKAS, who shall report to the General Administration Department for further posting. Wahid-ul-Rehman shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Basantgarh, in

addition to his own duties, till further orders and the charge of the posts of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ramnagar and Sub-Registrar, Ramnagar, till Gopal Singh, JKAS, resumes duties after availing leave.

Mudasir Hussain Fanda, JKAS, DIO Bandipore has been transferred and posted as Secretary, Srinagar Municipal Corporation; and Dr. Priya Darshani Gautam, JKAS, BDO Phallain Mandal, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Secretary, J&K Housing Board.

Statistical Officer repatriated...

proper relieving by the competent authority in the Union territory of Ladakh," Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

Delimitation panel on...

objections, if any, should be printed before the next draft it put out in public domain.

Once people share their inputs and objections, the panel would start working on the final report, the sources explained.

Delimitation is the process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country or a province with a legislative body.

According to agencies, the interim report is a mandatory exercise and it also responds to the objections raised by the members, if any, to the first such report shared by the Commission.

Now since a copy of the draft proposals prepared has been sent to each of the AMs and they may give a dissenting note in respect of any of the draft proposals if they so desire.

The draft proposals of the Commission shall then be published in the Gazette of India and the State Gazette of Jammu and Kashmir along with the dissenting notes, if any, submitted by the Associate Members and who desire publication thereof. After the specified date, the suggestions and objections received will be tabulated and made into sets and distributed to all Members of the Commission including Associate Members. After the last date for submitting suggestions and objections is over, the Commission will hold public sittings at one or more places in Jammu and Kashmir to hear the public in person.

10 homestays under...

Talking about the groundwork behind the initiative, he said concerted efforts were made by the district administration over the past few months and detailed planning went into making it a success.

The substantial impact that this project will have on the rural economy will be unprecedented and the youth should come forward and exploit this opportunity. This project will be a game-changer in the field of rural tourism, he added.

In Pahalgam, while 10 homestays have already been registered and are live on an online portal, another 10 to 20 homestays are being made operational, the spokesman said.

Several youths of Daksum, Verinag, Kokernag have also expressed their interest in setting up similar homestays and efforts are underway to make this a reality soon, he said.

Under the initiative, any resident can collaborate and provide residential accommodation to tourists, he added.

The idea has been gaining prominence globally and is operational in various parts of the country. Homestays provide an alternate sustainable source of income for the owners of such facilities, the spokesman said.

In collaboration with the Mission Youth', the Anantnag district administration is currently exploring the possibilities of setting up homestays in other prominent

tourist destinations, with a focus on those destinations that are yet to be explored due to infrastructural deficiencies, he said.

The youths are being encouraged to become partnering entrepreneurs who will in turn fulfill three important goals -- generate employment, boost tourist footfall and aid infrastructural capacity building for tourism with a modest investment in hitherto unexplored destinations, the spokesman said.

No plan to...

movement is with the concerned state government."

On November 19 last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address to the nation announced the withdrawal of the three farm laws, saying the government could not convince protesting farmers about the benefits of the agriculture sector reforms.

The three laws that were repealed are: Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act; Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act; and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act.

In reply to a separate query on PM-KISAN scheme, Tomar said: "As on February 8, 2022, more than 11.78 crore beneficiaries have been given the financial benefits of approximately Rs 1.82 lakh crore under the scheme through various installments."

"Out of them, 48.04 lakh were found to be ineligible. Therefore, effectively, there are approximately 11.30 crore eligible beneficiaries under the scheme," he added.

He highlighted that during 2019-20, the value of India's agri-exports of principal agri commodities group was Rs 2,52,297 crore which was 1.2 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices.

"Despite Covid-19 pandemic, there has been 22.8 per cent growth in agri exports at Rs 3,09,939 crore with a share of 1.6 per cent to GDP during 2020-21," he added.

At present, there is no such proposal to provide additional income support under PM-KISAN scheme. Under the scheme, a financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year is provided to the eligible beneficiary farmer families, payable in three equal 4-monthly installments of Rs 2,000 each. The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

Policeman martyred, 4...

the grenade attack on the police party and expressed profound grief over martyrdom of a policeman. In a statement JKPCC termed the attack as a shameful act saying this has devastated yet another family. The Congress has conveyed condolences to bereaved family and prayed for speedy recovery of injured personnel.

Core Group reviews...

disturb the peaceful situation and communal harmony were also discussed.

The synergy between Armed Forces, Intelligence Agencies & Para Military Forces has been appreciated by all as it has played key role in maintaining peace in the region by thwarting various inimical designs by anti national elements.

Former NC Prov...

the nation and the society. "The BJP gives equal opportunities to every ground-level worker to rise to the top-most position in the party with dedication and devotion," he said. Rana said the Narendra Modi government was taking every decision for the growth and welfare of the nation. The new entrants praised Prime Minister Modi and said the BJP is a truly secular party that takes care of the aspirations of every community without indulging in appeasement politics. They expressed their gratitude to the BJP leadership.

Rajouri, Poonch Districts deserve 9 to10 out of 90 seats in Legislative Assembly: Adv Ronik

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Advocate Ronik Sharma has strongly urged the Chairperson of the Delimitation Commission for the Union Territory of J & K, Retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, to have a look at the case of the distant and bad terrain areas of Rajouri and Poonch Districts, which have been unfairly treated over the last six decades as regards representation in the legislature in comparison to other areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

As per reports in the media, it appears that the present delimitation commission proposals are again going to leave the people of areas like Rajouri and Poonch unrepresented in the Legislature. Sharma said According to reports in both electronic and print media, the Delimitation Commission's draft proposal kept only 8 MLA seats for these two districts, where as Rajouri and Poonch districts deserve at least 9 to 10 MLAs out of 90 going by the deciding parameters as laid down in Sec-60

of Act 34 of 2019. Stepmotherly was treated with district poonch once more. He said that because this is not the commission's final report, it should re-examine the numerous challenges that the Rajouri Poonch people are facing. The Member Parliaments from J & K, who are associate members, and the J & K Union Territory Election Commissioner have the first responsibility to provide a real picture and data regarding deciding parameters to other members of the commission and assist in correcting the wrongs that the earlier commissions have been doing. Rather, more responsibility also lies with the elder leader, Dr Farooq Abdullah, to get the correct delimitation done. People will lose hope in fair justice if corrections are not made now. He also appealed Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Sinha to also direct his officers to provide correct data on roads, terrain, connectivity, and ground maps to the Delimitation Commission.

Awareness programme on NALSA hosted at Udhampur



Secretary DLSA, Sub-Judge Rajni Sharma and others during the programme.

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UDHAMPUR: An awareness programme on the implementation of NALSA (legal services to senior citizens) scheme, 2016 was today organized by District Legal Services Authority, Udhampur under the overall Supervision of Rajni Sharma Sub-Judge/ Secretary DLSA. The awareness event

was held in coordination with the Block Development Officers of District Udhampur. The Resource persons of the programme were Panel Lawyers Advocate Sanjeet Kumar and Advocate Mallikarjun Singh Slathia. They enlightened the Senior Citizens about the services provided under the NALSA Scheme meant for them.

RD Survey pays surprise visit, checks land record in Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: In a surprise move Regional Director Survey (RDS) and land records Udhampur-Reasi pays random visit at various Patwar in different Patwaries halgas in Udhampur on Friday. A team of land record led by Director RDS and land record Nawab Din visited at Udhampur-Reasi Patwaries of patwar Halgas Seen Thakeran, Sumandrani Hartayan, Badola ,Tikri under Niabat Tikri Tehsil and Dist Udhampur. Record scrutinized were included Jamabandies, Khasra Girdawari, Register Intaqalat, Roznamcha Waqiat and different register pertaining to Patwaries checked and gave direction to maintain all the register's/Records pertaining to them as per guidelines. He also gave direction to Patwaris to enable them self with the latest technologies useful in today's new era.

CRIME REPORT

Two held for attacking girls during robbery bid

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Friday arrested two men for allegedly injuring two girls who thwarted their robbery attempt in the Batamaloo area here, officials said.

The accused have been identified as Umar Yousuf Wani, a resident of Firdous Abad in Batamaloo, and Habil Yaseen, a resident of Dal Colony in Bemina, they said.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused persons had trespassed into a residential house with the intention to commit theft and attacked two female inmates resulting in injuries to both of them, a police spokesman said.

Acting swiftly on information about the incident at Momin Abad in Batamaloo, police arrested Wani on the spot, he said.

The other accused, Yaseen, managed to escape from the spot but after strenuous efforts by police, he was also arrested, the spokesman said.

Giving details, he said when the accused entered the house, the two girls there raised hue and cry. It attracted the locals who overpowered one of the accused and informed the police.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar, Rakesh Balwal appreciated the role of the community members in nabbing the accused. He also assured that police have resolved to act tough against people involved in crime against women.

8 arrested for illegal mining across Reasi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Eight persons were arrested and 11 vehicles involved in illegal mining were seized during raids at several places in Reasi district on Friday, officials said.

In an incident of illegal mining at Tanda Seri Khad Reasi, FIR no 27/2022 was registered at Police Station Reasi and investigation initiated during which two dumpers and a tipper bearing registration numbers JK14E-7157, JK14H-5657, JK08G-3805 were seized and drivers of vehicles namely Ravi Kumar, son of Ram Chand, resident of Moori Katra; Kishors Singh, son of Jagdev Singh, resident of Jhajar Kotli and Satvir Singh, son of Rattan Chand, resident of H No 93, Ward- 2 Jakhani-Udhampur were arrested.

In another incident of mining at Tawi Khad Pouni, FIR no 05/2022 Police Station Pouni was lodged & investigation started during which a Trolley without registration number and bearing engine number 1025/5DF14151 was seized and its owner Budhi Singh, son of Kirpa Ram, resident of Gari Arnas, Reasi was arrested. After getting reports of incidents of illegal mining from Ghayala Anji five cases were registered at Police Station Reasi. FIR Nos 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 of 2022 were registered at Police Station Reasi and during course of investigations dumpers (JK14H 9107, JK14H 9175, JK21A 2679, JK20A 7733 and JK21D 6601) were seized and offenders namely Davinder Singh, son of Mohinder Singh, resident of Vijaypur; Kuldeep Kumar, son of Jattu Ram, resident of Raya Vijaypur ; Vijay Kumar, son of Tej Ram, resident of Gandala Udhampur and Kirpa Ram, son of Rattan Lal, resident of Mali Udhampur were also arrested.

Meanwhile, at Police Station Chassana FIR Nos 4 and 5 of 2022 were registered & Tractor bearing Engine No. H4001-SOK 37686, tractor-trolley bearing engine number 0065510144C3 were seized for carrying stolen minor minerals. Legal proceedings were initiated against Mohd Aslam, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Dhamni. Further Investigation in all cases is going on to nab actual beneficiaries of economic crime.

Pertinently Reasi Police has registered 15 case FIRs, arrested 14 offenders with seizure of 12 vehicles including JCBs involved for theft of minor minerals in last two weeks. Allottees of blocks of minor minerals and owners of transporting vehicles were also booked. SSP Reasi, while sharing details, conveyed that Reasi Police is committed for protecting public property & 'Rights of Consumer' & enforcing genuine rates of goods & services in the jurisdiction. "Police is also committed to eradicate economic crime of illegal min-

ing as well as overcharging from consumers. Any citizen having grievance regarding overcharging in buying minor minerals or in its transportation are advised to immediately approach nearest police unit for legal action warranted under law. Rates of minor minerals & it's transportation are notified by competent authority & already shared through social & print media," he added.

4 gamblers arrested; stake money seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Acting tough against social crimes, Police on Friday arrested 4 gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

As per details, following an input about gambling activities in orchards at Sangrama, a police party under supervision of SDPO Sopore raided a gambling site and arrested four gamblers, who were identified as Mohd Ramzan Bhat, son of Gh Mohd Bhat, resident of Arampora Sopore; Bilal Ahmad Bhat, son of Mohd Subhan Bhat, resident of Chinkipora Sopore; Feroz Ahmad Ganie, son of Mohd Maqbool Ganie, resident of Hathishah Ningli and Nasrat Rasool Sofi, son of Gh Rasool Sofi, resident of Panjipora. Officers also seized stake money amounting to Rs 1,03,000 and playing cards from the gamblers, who were shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 13/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Tarzoo and further investigation started.

Drug peddler arrested, 15 Kg poppy straw recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from society, Police on Friday arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, based on credible information, a party from Police Station Awantipora arrested a drug peddler identified as Nisar Ahmad Khanday, son of Gh Hassan, resident of Chersoo, Awantipora and recovered 15 Kg Poppy Straw from his possession. He was shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 19/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Awantipora and further investigation started.

Firing case solved, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, Jammu Police in Seohra area has arrested an accused involved in a firing incident.

Giving details, SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli said, "Information was received at Police Station Satwari through reliable sources that a scuffle took place at Seohra village in which one Ashwani Charak, son of Madan Lal, resident of Karan Nagar, Jammu fired with his pistol, due to which two persons received bullet injuries. The injured persons were shifted to nearby hospital for treatment and were identified as Jagdish Giri, son of Mohal Lal, resident of Seohra Jammu and Bhushan Giri, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Billawar. FIR No 28/2022 under sections 307 of IPC 3/25 of IA Act was registered at Police Station Satwari and investigation started. SSP Jammu further said that special teams were constituted led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma comprising SHO Satwari Insp Sameer Jeelani, who rushed to the spot and rounded up accused." The arrest was made under supervision of SP City South Deepak Digra.

Three narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday nabbed three narco smugglers and recovered 70 gm heroin from their possession.

As per details, during checking near Valmiki Chowk area, a team from Police Station Gandhi Nagar constituted under supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma and led by SHO Gandhi Nagar Insp Pankaj Sharma, a suspect was intercepted who turned suspicious on seeing police team. On checking of suspect, identified as Hassan, son of Sham Lal, resident of Valmiki Colony, 30 gm heroin was recovered. He was arrested and FIR No. 32/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Gandhi Nagar.

On other hand, at another Naka laid by team of Police Station Nowabad constituted under supervision of DySP Hqrs Swati Sharma and led by SHO Nowabad Insp Rajesh Khajuria assisted by Incharge Police Post Canal Road PSI Ishfaq Ahmed Kasana, police rounded up two suspects, travelling in a vehicle (JK02BV 0101) near Bhagwati Nagar area, identified as Wasim Qureshi, son of Late Nasir Ahmed, resident of Mendhar and Shabir Ahmed, son of Ghulam Rasool,

resident of Shopian. On search, 40 gm heroin was recovered. The duo was arrested and FIR No 18/22 under sections 8/21/22/25/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Nowabad. The vehicle was also seized.

Bootlegger arrested, 40 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday arrested a bootlegger and recovered 40 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Domana constituted by SDPO Domana Sunil Singh and led by SHO Domana Insp Mahesh Sharma assisted by Incharge Police Post Pouni Chak PSI Nitish Khajuria, while on patrolling duty at Santra Morh area, rounded up a suspect namely Suraj Prakash, son of Munshi Ram, resident of Ghou Manhasan, who was selling illicit liquor in area. During search, 40 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from him. He was arrested and FIR No 50/2022 under section 48(A) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Domana.

4 missing cases worked out, missing minor girl traced within 24 hours

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu Police worked out four different missing cases and also traced out a missing minor girl within 24 hours.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Peermitha by guardian of a minor girl namely Aftab Ahmed Lone, son of Jander Lone, resident of Padena Kishtwar, at present staying at Baba Jeewan Shah Gali, Jammu, stating that on February 10, 2022 at about 1700 hrs, his minor girl went out of house but didn't come back. On this, FIR No. 06/22 under section 363 got was registered at Police Station Peermitha and investigation started.

After this a team of Police Station Peermitha under the supervision of SDPO North Sharad Kalu and led by SHO Peermitha Insp Zahoor Mushtaq did strenuous efforts and with help of CCTV footages of area, finally traced the minor girl from Bus-stand area. The girl was produced before child welfare committee and was medically examined. She was handed-over to her family members after completing all legal formalities.

Meanwhile, four different missing reports were lodged at different police stations i.e., two different missing reports of two women dated January 20, 2022 and January 27, 2022 at Police Station Arnia, one missing report of a person namely Deepak Kumar, son of Krishan Lal, resident of Rajpura Mangotrian Jammu dated June 22, 2019 at Police Station Bakshi Nagar and a missing report of one Suram Chand, son of Chet Ram, resident of Ramnagar at present Nai Basti at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. After this, special police teams of concerned police stations did strenuous efforts and with help of technical aid and timely human intervention, traced all missing persons.

The teams were led by SHO Arnia Insp Tilak Raj Sharma, SHO Bakshi Nagar Insp Harjeet Singh and SHO Gandhi Nagar Insp Pankaj Sharma. All traced persons were handed-over to their respective families after completing all medico-legal formalities.

3 burglars arrested; stolen items recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KUPWARA: Police on Friday arrested three persons for their involvement in a burglary incident in Arampora area of district Kupwara.

SSP Kupwara, Yougal Manhas while giving details of incident, informed that on February 9, 2022, police received a complaint from owner of a mobile telephone shop, alleging that some unknown persons after breaking shutters of his shop located in Arampora market, decamped with cell-phones and other electronic accessories worth more than Rs 3 lakh. "Acting on complaint, action was initiated which led to arrest of three persons, from whose possession the stolen goods were recovered", the SSP said.

The accused were identified as Aamir Ahmad Teeli, son of Ghulam Mohammad Teeli; Rahi Hasan, son of Ghulam Hasan Teeli and Aaqib Ah Mir, son of Reyaz Ahmad Mir, all residents Drugmulla Kupwara, the SSP further informed, adding that FIR No. 28/2022 under sections 457/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Drugmulla. The case was solved by a team of Police Post Drugmulla led by Incharge SI Mushtaq Ahmad under the supervision of DySP Headquarters Rashad Younis.