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schools and colleges will become functional (within two weeks), he said. Sinha said his administration would work with all stakeholders to make up for the learning losses due to the pandemic to ensure that children have a better future. He said he had empowered the deputy commissioners, educational department and divisional commissioners of both the regions to take a decision on this.

Paying rich tributes to the seven army personnel who recently lost their lives in an avalanche during patrolling in Arunachal Pradesh, he said some of the soldiers belonged to Jammu and Kashmir and their mortal remains have been brought to their hometowns for the last rites.

"Jammu and Kashmir jawans who achieve martyrdom outside the Union Territory used to get Rs 4 or 5 lakh. We have now decided to enhance the relief to Rs 25 lakh, he said, adding he had received representation from different quarters for enhancement of the relief.

"The file was in process and was supposed to take a few more days. I directed the chief secretary to begin providing Rs 25 lakh relief with the two soldiers whose bodies reached here from Arunachal Pradesh, he said.

While speaking on the issue of withdrawal of posts referred to PSC/SSB before 31.10.2019, the Lt Governor said that only the posts where selections have not been made and results have not been declared were withdrawn.

In some cases, there are referred posts which have remained stuck since 2004. Now, recruitment rules, reservation laws have been changed. Some posts were also transferred to the Union Territory of Ladakh. Hence withdrawal of these posts was essential to ensure transparent and merit based recruitments.

He assured that these posts shall be put to fresh advertisement within two months for recruitment on fast track basis.

The Lt Governor also announced one-time relaxation to the aspirants who had already applied for the withdrawn posts. This will ensure equal opportunity to all.

We have ensured free, fair, and merit based selections in the recruitment process. The pending 3000 Class-IV posts will be filled within two months on merit basis, he added.

The Lt Governor asked the aspirants to not get misled. We are sensitive to the concerns of our people, our youth. They can reach out to my office, or the office of any senior officers and their issues will be redressed on merit, the Lt Governor said.

Replying to a question of JDA's action in Roop Nagar area to remove encroachments, the Lt Governor said that the action has been taken as per the Rule of Law and as per the directions of the High Court.

We are responsible for safeguarding the rights of rightful and legal allottees of any piece of land, but at the same time, the government also has a sympathetic view on those evicted and is considering every aspect for their settlement as well, he said.

The Lt Governor warned against miscreants who tried to give a different colour to the anti-encroachment drive and reiterated UT Government's commitment to protect the interests of the tribal communities.

The government is dedicatedly working for the welfare of tribal communities, which were neglected for the last seven decades. Implementation of Forest Rights Act, individual and community rights certificates, Transit accommodations, scholarships to tribal students etc have brought new dawn in their lives and we are making every effort to bring the tribal community into the mainstream. We are extending the best education and medical facilities, besides offering sustainable employment opportunities to the youth from tribal communities," he said.

Rs 73 crore has been allocated for Cluster Tribal Model Village. The salary of seasonal teachers has been increased from Rs 4000 to Rs 10000. Further, 500 tribal youth have been selected for specialized skill development programmes and more such youth will be acquainted with the know-how of the skills required for the modern day industries.

Moreover, 100 smart schools have already been initiated and 100 more will be dedicated to the students of the tribal community soon, he further added.

On the Government's endeavours to promote industries and business sectors in the UT, the Lt Governor said that the global investors are eager to invest in J&K.

Since Independence, J&K had received a meager Rs 14,000 cr investment, and now the New Industrial Development Scheme aims to bring more than Rs 70,000 cr worth investment in the UT, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that e-tendering and transparency have expedited the project implementation in the UT. Now, we are eyeing to complete around 45,000 projects in 2021-22 which is three-times more than the ones completed in previous years.

Around 7 or 70 lakh revenue records pages are now in public domain through Aapki Zameen Apki Nigrani initiative.

Land Pass Book will be available in three languages- Hindi, Urdu and English so that people can easily get the required information. We have also changed the Land use policy to empower farmers.

180 Services have been made online which are also being connected with a feedback system. We are also laying a mechanism to regularly assess the employees' performance to ensure good governance, observed the Lt Governor.

Speaking on the tourism sector and other recent initiatives of the government, the Lt Governor said that the J&K UT has emerged as a leader in the tourism sector over the last two and a half years. Rural Home stays with OYO group which were started recently at Pahalgal will help in building a tourist infrastructure of world standards in rural J&K.

Government of J&K has entered into an agreement of Cooperation with New Zealand G2G to improve farmers' remuneration, transfer of technology in research & development as well as marketing & value addition of sheep products of J&K.

We have also launched the first of its kind QR Code based mechanism for certification & labeling of handmade carpets of J&K. New policies and decisions of the government will also take J&K's Carpet export to Rs 1000 crore in 3 years and it will cross Rs 2000 cr in 5 years from now.

For the sportspersons who bring laurels to the UT and for the budding sportspersons, we have rolled out the J&K Sports policy-2022 which focuses on creating world class infrastructure, coaching, and varied opportunities of growth in sports. It also offers government jobs and cash rewards from Rs 10,000 upto Rs One crore for the exceptional achievements of the sports persons, the Lt Governor further added.

Replying to a query on strategy of the government for re-opening of schools and colleges in the UT, the Lt Governor said that the pandemic situation has improved and we are moving ahead for re-opening of schools & colleges while ensuring complete adherence to SoPs.

The Lt Governor lauded doctors, health workers, para medics, health department, District administration and the people of J&K for their efforts in the fight against covid pandemic.

Appreciating the hard work and dedication of ASHA workers during covid pandemic and vaccination drive, the Lt Governor announced Rs 1000 per month incentive for 3 months for all 12,789 ASHA workers.

Answering a query on the Delimitation process, the Lt Governor expressed his full faith in the Election Commission and said that the Commission will do the right thing.

The Lt Governor said we have succeeded in destroying the ecosystem of terrorism. Every citizen has to respect the Indian Constitution and National Flag.

Respect religious sentiments...

to comment on any of its decisions.

I worked with election commission as associate member in 2009. The process there is very transparent and scientific. The delimitation commission has submitted a draft to its associate members to seek their opinion. It will come into public domain and even an ordinary person can also raise an objection if he feels the need.

As far as I am concerned, I am satisfied and confident and there will be no mistake on part of the election commission, he said.

Sinha said the Union Home minister had already made it clear time and again that the assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir would be held after the completion of the delimitation of constituencies. It will be followed by government formation and restoration of the statehood.

J&K reports 458...

have been tested as negative till date. Besides, 71,789 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours. Till date 5953659 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 29839persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 6255 in isolation and 441312 in home surveillance. Besides, 5471509 persons have completed their surveillance period.

ACB registers FIR...

flats. The officers / officials of JDA, being hand in glove with beneficiary builder, willfully abused their official positions conferring undue benefit corresponding exchequer on him with to the state loss. The aforementioned acts of omissions and commissions on part of then JDA officers/officials, who remained instrumental in facilitating the construction of illegal commercial flats under the name and style 'Charam Wood Estate' and the beneficiary namely Shahid Buch, son of Mohd Amin Buch, resident of Brein Nishat, Srinagar constitute offences punishable under sections 5 (1) (d) read with section 5 (2) of J&K PC Act Svt 2006 and Section 120 of RPC, the Court observed.

Three held for...

of Beerwah in Budgam. Necessary medico-legal formalities were carried out and the girl was handed over to her legal heirs, the spokesman said.

The car used in the commission of this heinous crime has been seized, he said. Further investigation in the case is in progress, the spokesman said.

FIR No. 20/2022 under section 48 (F) of Excise Act was registered at Police Station Banihal. It is pertinent to mention here that arrested person is a notorious peddler who was earlier also arrested in FIR no 20/2019 under section 48(A).

The overall recoveries and arrests was made by police parties led by Insp Naem-ul-Haq, SHO Banihal under supervision of Nissar Khoja, SDPO Banihal and under overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.

Excise sleuths destroy working still, 8 lts illicit liquor including 21 pouches & approx 1,350 Kg Lahan

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Excise Department destroyed a working Still, 8 lts illicit Liquor including 21 pouches and around 1350 Kg Lahan during different raids carried out to arrest menace of illicit distillation and sale of illicit liquor in Kathua Excise Range

As per details, on directions of the Excise Commissioner, Kishore Singh Chib and supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive), Jammu Kusum Sharma, a team of Excise Eradication/Enforcement Wing led by ETO Eradication, Narinder Singh Anthal and comprising Inspectors Mohd Pervaiz, Dr Anil Kumar Sharma, Sub Inspectors Kulbhushan Singh & Vikas Khajuria raided Upper Saktaachak, Lower Saktaachak, Barnoti, Changi, Banyari and adjoining areas of Kathua. During raids, a working still, 8 lts of illicit liquor including 21 pouches and about 1350 Kg of Lahan was recovered by raiding team from state land & later destroyed on spot.

Male body recovered; police seeks public help for identification

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Police on Saturday recovered an unidentified male body, age about 35-36 years, apparently non-local near Syed Kadal area of Ganderbal. The body was later taken to hospital for autopsy and other medico legal formalities. After completion of all necessary legal formalities, the body was kept in mortuary at Police Control Room Kashmir. Anybody having any information regarding identity of deceased, may inform PCR Ganderbal on: 9906668731, 9419371774, 0194-2416478 & 0194-2416564 or Police Control Room Kashmir on 112.

20 quintals of spurious salt recovered, one arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: Police on Saturday arrested a person for illegally selling spurious salt on Saturday.

SSP Doda, Abdul Qayoom said that on written complaint of one Mohit Sharma, who is a representative and employee of TATA company, stating that s o m e person/firms are illegally selling spurious salt on name of TATA by copying their logo and brand n a m e . Accordingly, FIR No. 17/2022 under sections 420,481,483,486,120-B of IPC and section 63 of copy right act was registered at Police Station Bhadarwah and investigation started, during which a team of Police Station Bhadarwah raided a shop, running on the name of Malik Enterprises and seized approximately 20 quintal of spurious salt in presence

Current situation at...

with India not to mass forces at the border, he said.

"So, when a large country disregards written commitments, I think it's an issue of legitimate concern for the entire international community," he added.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

The tension escalated following a deadly clash in Galwan Valley.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February and in the Gogra area in August last year.

India and China held the 14th round of Corps Commander-level meeting on January 12 during which the two sides agreed to maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels to work out a "mutually acceptable resolution" of the remaining issues of the standoff at eastern Ladakh.

Terror module busted...

added. On their disclosure, another hybrid terrorist identified as Ashraf Nazir Bhat, a resident of Arin Bandipora, was arrested in a joint operation, the spokesperson said.

He said three terror-associates identified as Mohammad Ashraf Malik, a resident of Drungsoo, Mohammad Afzal Thokar, a resident of Kalamabad Mawar Handwara and Shabir Ahmed Shah, a resident of Sherhama Mawar Handwara, were also arrested. Incriminating material, war-like stores including a huge cache of arms and ammunition and a huge amount of cash meant for carrying out terror activities were seized from their possession. A case has been registered and further investigation is in progress, the spokesperson said.

Project to create...

growth of any region and called for active public participation in the development process.

"Jan-Bhagidari should decide how we want to drive the engine of economic growth, how we want to develop infrastructure, how we want to improve the basic facilities and improve the standard of living of the common people", he added.

The Lt Governor appreciated the efforts of Jammu Smart City Limited and its CEO, Avni Lavasa, and Principal Secretary, HUDD, Dheeraj Gupta, made towards the development of Tawi Riverfront.

The Lt Governor said that Tawi Riverfront Development will also enhance proper system of water supply, better sanitation facilities, and prevent pollution and waste in the river.

Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, H&UDD, while speaking on the occasion briefed the gathering on the salient features of the Tawi Riverfront development project.

Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor, JMC said the ambitious project of Tawi Riverfront would make the Jammu city more beautiful and would be a major tourist attraction.

Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament said that the Tawi Riverfront will take the tourism sector of Jammu to new heights.

Avny Lavasa, Commissioner JMC and CEO JSCL presented the vote of thanks. Dilbag Singh, DGP; Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu; Dr Raghav Langer, Divisional Commissioner Jammu; Purnima Sharma, Deputy Mayor JMC; Anshul Garg, DC Jammu; Public representatives; members of the Jammu Chamber of Commerce, besides other senior officers and citizens were present on the occasion.

Four poachers arrested...

rounded up and asked to participate in investigations. After hectic efforts, Police team zeroed upon one Bittu Singh, son of Belli Ram, resident of Lamsora No. 1, Tehsil Bhomag who during sustained questioning confessed the crime along with some other criminals. Bittu was arrested and on his disclosure, his '12 Bore rifle' used in the crime was also recovered & seized by Police. Other incriminating evidences regarding killing of protected wild animal have also been collected.

Two more poachers, who were involved in killing of animal were Daler Singh & Sher Singh, both sons of Shivsaran, resident of Lamsora No. 2 Tehsil Bhomag, district Reasi, were also arrested from the area. Their licensed weapons used in the crime were also seized.

One Village Defense Committee (VDC) Special Police Officer (SPO) Krishan Singh, son of Shankar Dass, resident of Lamsora, Tehsil Bhomag, who was also involved in crime along with his rifle issued by the department, was also arrested and his weapon (303 Rifle) was also confiscated besides disengaging him as VDC SPO. Shailender described the killing of beautiful animal as barbaric and conveyed that accused involved in such barbaric act shall be brought to justice at the earliest.

of Magistrate. One Mehraj Malik, son of Gh. Hassan Malik, resident of Udrana Bhadarwah was arrested from spot and further investigation of case is going on. The team of Police Station Bhadarwah comprising of SHO Bhadarwah Insp Jatinder Singh and others under the supervision of SDPO Bhadarwah Abdul Gafoor Malik conducted investigation of case under the overall supervision of SSP Doda.

Kidnapped girl recovered within 24 hours, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Working out a case of kidnapping, police on Saturday recovered a kidnapped girl within 24 hours of registration of case and arrested the accused.

Police said that on 11 February, a written complaint was lodged by girl's father alleging that her daughter has been kidnapped by one Mohd Sajid, son of Mohd Lateif, resident of village Danote Balakote, after which FIR No 28/2022 under sections of 366/109 of IPC was registered at Police Station Mendhar. SDPO Mendhar, Sheezan Bhat constituted a police team led by SHO Mendhar Manzoor Kohli and Incharge Police Post Balakote, SI Shaffiq Ahmed which started investigation. After hectic efforts, the team recovered the girl and accused namely Mohd Sajid was also been arrested. Further investigation is going on in the matter.

Three missing minor girls, boy traced; reunited with families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday traced three minor girls and a boy besides reuniting them with their families.

As per details, two different complaints were lodged at Police Station Nagrota by fathers of two minor girls, both residents of Chhattisgarh at present staying at Nagrota, stating that their minor daughters went missing since January 01, 2022.

Two FIRs No. 04 & 5/2022 under sections 363 of IPC were registered at Police Station Nagrota and investigation started.

Teams of Police Station Nagrota under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar led by SHO PS Nagrota Insp Vishav Pratap Singh put in strenuous efforts and with help of CCTV footages of the area, finally recovered both girls from possession of two accused namely Ram Krishan, son of Puni Ram, resident of Chhattisgarh, at present Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and Sanjay Kumar, son of Dhani Ram, resident of Chhattisgarh, at present Gangyal respectively.

The girls were produced before child welfare committee and were medically examined. Finally, they were handed-over to their family members after completing all the legal formalities.

Also, on finding a minor girl roaming in area under the jurisdiction of Police Station Nagrota, police teams took her to police station and provided her food. After this, with the help of CCTV footages and other human aid, the team found whereabouts of minor girl and accordingly her parents were informed. She was handed-over to family members after completing all legal formalities. On the other hand, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Satwari regarding missing of a boy namely Bilal Ahmad, son of Mir Hamza, resident of Drabshalla Kishtwar. In this regard, missing report vide DD No 25 was registered and investigation started. Accordingly, a team under supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma and led by SHO Satwari Inspr Sameer Jeelani was constituted, which after hectic efforts and help of technical aids, traced the missing boy, who was handed-over to family members after completing all legal formalities.

Theft case solved; accused held, stolen items recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday solved a theft case by arresting an accused and recovered stolen items from his possession. As per the details, a complaint was lodged at Police Post Chinore by one Anil Kumar Raina, son of O N Raina, resident of Durga Nagar, Domana regarding theft of household articles. FIR No. 20/2022 under sections 457/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Domana and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Domana under supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh and led by SHO Domana Insp Mahesh Sharma assisted by Incharge Police Post Chinore and SI Amit Roshan, after strenuous efforts and with help of CCTV footages of area, finally rounded up a suspect namely Mohammad Mukim, son of Jameel Ahmed, resident of Migrant Colony, Talwara. During questioning accused confessed his involvement in crime and on his disclosure stolen items were recovered which included 3 LED; CCTV cameras; DVR; Laptop and 3 motorcycles. The overall arrest and recoveries were made under supervision of SP Rural Sanjay Sharma.



Mysterious death case worked out; inquest proceedings converted to case of murder

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police on Saturday worked out a case of mysterious death of a man and converted inquest proceedings into a case of murder. SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom said that on February 6, 2022 Police Station Doda received an information that body of an unknown person was lying on stones near Parshulla area.

Accordingly, a party from Police Station Doda rushed to spot and after doing legal formalities, shifted body to DH Doda for post-mortem. The deceased was identified as Jia Lal, son of Jagat Ram, resident of Korapani, Assar.

SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom said that since body was found in suspicious circumstances, an inquest proceeding under section 174 CrPC was initiated to ascertain cause of death with a team under supervision of Deputy SP HQ, Jaswant Singh. During investigation technical and circumstantial evidences were collected and some suspects were questioned. During investigation police zeroed-in over a suspect who was found involved in case and had murdered the deceased. He was arrested and accordingly, inquest proceedings were converted into a case of murder with FIR No. 17/22 under section 302 of IPC in Police Station Doda.

During course of enquiry it was ascertained that deceased Jia Lal, on the fateful day, was on way to Parshulla to attend a function at his relative's house but on way he met accused (juvenile) where on some minor issue, scuffle took place between the two. After scuffle, the deceased left the place and moved on but accused, with proper planning and intention to kill deceased, very cleverly followed him and attacked him on head with axe besides dragging him to some distance. Thereafter accused managed to escape from spot. Further investigation is going on and accused (juvenile) is in police custody as per juvenile laws.

5 bovines rescued, vehicle seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBHA: Police on Saturday foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines by rescuing 5 animals and seized the vehicle.

As per details, acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines, a joint Naka by a joint party from Police Station Ghagwal & Police Post Rajpura was laid near Railway Fatak, Ghagwal. During course of checking, a Mahindra vehicle (HP38E/5756) was intercepted, in which 5 bovines were being smuggled, which were rescued. FIR No. 22/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started. All bovines were rescued and shifted to safer place. The vehicle used for transporting bovines was also seized on spot.

Trucker nabbed with 6 Kg poppy straw, bootlegger held with 7 bottles illicit of liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: In furtherance to tighten noose on narcotics smugglers under Operation Sanjeevani, police foiled a smuggling bid at Banihal.

As per details, during routine Naka checking of vehicles at T Chowk Banihal, a party from Police Station Banihal signaled a truck (PB10DS-7791) for checking. During search, 6 Kg of Poppy Straw like substance was recovered from cabin of truck. On enquiry, the driver disclosed his identity as Amarjit Singh, son of Mohinder Singh, resident of Gujjar colony, Ludhiana (Punjab), who was arrested on the spot and vehicle along with contraband was also seized. FIR No 21/2022 under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Banihal and investigation started.

Meanwhile, in another incident, a party from Police Station Banihal developed information regarding illegal sale and purchase of liquor in Banihal area. Acting swiftly, police party raided suspected location and recovered 7 bottles of JK special whiskey from possession of one Sajad Ahmad Sheikh, son of Gulzar Ahmad, resident of Veerinag Panzu, Anantnag, who was arrested on the spot.

