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of Forests, Planning and Projects, in the office of PCCR, J&K. Tawheed Ahmad Deva, IFS presently posted as I/c Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Kashmir has been transferred and posted as I/c Conservator of Forests, (Working Plan) Circle, J&K; Irfan Ali Shah, IFS presently posted as I/c Conservator of Forests, (Working Plan) Circle, J&K has been transferred and posted I/c Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Kashmir; Mohan Choudhary, IFS presently attached in the office of Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu has been placed at the disposal of the Government of UT of Ladakh.

Feroz Ahmad Chaket, ACF presently posted as DFO, Anantnag Forest Division has been placed at the disposal of the Government of UT of Ladakh; and Mohd Ramzan Mir, RO- presently posted as District Soil Conservation Officer, Anantnag has been transferred and posted as DFO, Anantnag Forest Division.

After losing SSG...

city has been witnessing terrorist-related violence since last year.

Many encounters between security forces and militants have taken place within the city's limits besides some targeted killings of civilians being carried out by the The Resistance Front, a shadow group of the banned terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba. The Jammu and Kashmir administration had withdrawn SSG protection after it was decided to downsize the elite unit established in 2000.

This move came over 19 months after the Centre issued a gazette notification Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Adaptation of State Laws) Order, 2020, on March 31, 2020, under which it amended the Special Security Group Act of the erst-while Jammu and Kashmir government by omitting a clause that provided former chief ministers and their families with SSG cover.

The officials said the SSG was in the process of being "right-sized" by reducing number of personnel in the elite force to "bare minimum" and that it will be headed by an officer below the rank of superintendent of police as against a director, who is in the rank of an inspector general of police or above.

The SSG has now been entrusted with the security of serving chief ministers and their immediate family members.

The decision entailed withdrawal of security cover of National Conference leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah, PDP chief Mehbooba and Congress leader Azad at a time when a number of terror incidents have taken place in Srinagar where all of them except Azad reside.

Farooq Abdullah and Azad, however, will continue to be provided National Security Guard cover, whose personnel are known as Black Cat commandos, as both have been categorised as Z-plus protectees.

Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba also continue to have Z-plus security cover while in Jammu and Kashmir but are likely to have a reduced security outside the Union Territory.

The security to the leaders would be provided by the district police as well as the security wing based on threat assessment, the officials said.

Some of the SSG personnel would be posted with the security wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police for a "close protection team".

The officials said that remaining personnel of the SSG are likely to be posted to other wings so that the police force could make best use of their training and knowl- edge. The vehicles and other gadgets have been transferred to the police's security wing.

J&K reports 440...

69,171 COVID tests have been conducted in last 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Ladakh's COVID-19 infection count rose to 27,400 during the past 24 hours as 61 more people tested positive for the virus, officials said.

Fifty of the fresh cases were reported from Leh district and 11 from Kargil dis- trict, the officials said.

According to the officials, no coronavirus-related deaths were reported the previ- ous day and the death toll remained unchanged at 226 with 167 fatalities in Leh and 59 in Kargil.

Seventy-four more patients -- 49 in Leh and 25 in Kargil -- were discharged after recovering from COVID-19, pushing the number of recoveries to 26,604 in Ladakh.

The officials said the number of active cases in Ladakh dropped to 570 -- 433 in Leh and 137 in Kargil.

Person not named...

Provident Fund investment scam registered at Hazratganj police station of Lucknow, which was initially probed by Uttar Pradesh Police but was later trans- ferred to the CBI.

The bench said, "It is not in dispute that the petitioners have not been named as accused in the said crime. If the petitioners have not been named as accused in the said crime, the question of quashing the stated FIR or the case, now under investi- gation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arising from the said crime, does not arise as the petitioners will have no locus to seek such a relief."

It added, "In other words, the petitioners not being named as accused in the said crime or the case now registered by the CBI on the basis of the said crime cannot be permitted to ask for quashing of the proceedings concerning some other persons (accused)."

The bench said in its recent order that the court does not intend to examine the relief sought by Hukum Chand Garg and others and added that they can take recourse to appropriate remedy as and when they are named by the investigating

agency (CBI) in connection with the stated offence, now under investigation.

The bench, however, added that the investigating officer of the CBI shall give 48 hours' advance notice to the petitioners before proceeding against them so as to enable them to take recourse to appropriate remedy, as may be advised.

It said all contentions available to both sides are left open and clarified that this order is in the peculiar facts of the present case and the response filed by the respon- dents in this petition.

The bench noted that on an earlier occasion, the court had noticed that a lookout notice was issued against the petitioners.

"It is now clarified that the said lookout notice was issued by the local police (UP Police) investigating the crime at that time, which notice has lapsed with the pas- sage of time," the bench said.

The top court added that in that sense, the writ petitions filed by the petitioners to challenge the lookout notice would also not survive for consideration and it can be pointed out to the high court where the petition is pending.

The case in question is popularly called the Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) Provident fund investment scam and it was registered at the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow and probed by Uttar Pradesh Police.

The CBI took over the investigation on March 5, 2020. Among those named were Praveen Kumar Gupta, the then secretary of UP Power Sector Employees' Trust, and Sudhanshu Dwivedi, the then director (finance) of the UPPCL.

The prime allegations were that money was invested in private sector companies in a wholly illegal and malaafide manner to earn huge illegal commissions in violation of the provisions of the Companies Act, Employees Provident Fund and provisions of the Indian Trust Act, 1882.

Radical elements trying...

to redraw the assembly constituencies of Jammu and Kashmir, was formed in March 2020.

It is headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai and has Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and the state election commissioner of Jammu and Kashmir as its ex-officio members.

In its draft report shared with its five associated members -- all Lok Sabha mem- bers from Jammu and Kashmir -- the delimitation panel has proposed an overhaul of assembly and Lok Sabha constituencies in the union territory.

Abdullah, while advocating talks between India and Pakistan, said the friendship between the two countries would break the waves of animosity.

It seems that the relations between India and Pakistan will become better. If there is friendship between the two countries, this wave of animosity will break, the Srinagar Lok Sabha MP.



Two detained outside Jammu's Technical Airport on suspicion

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two persons were detained on Sunday after they were found moving in a suspicious manner outside main gate of Technical Airport here, officials said. Ravinder Lal (55) of Rajasthan and Kavi Chettri (30) of West Bengal were picked up by technical airport security personnel at Satwari around 5 am, the officials said, adding that duo was handed-over to Police Station Satwari for further questioning.

30-yr-old man died, 6 injured in Reasi mishap

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: A 30-year-old man was killed and six persons got injured when a vehicle, they were travelling in, fell into a gorge in Reasi district on Sunday.

As per details, at about 0100 hours, one Eco car (JK11B-2928) met with an acci- dent at Kalidhar area of district, resulting in on spot death of one Mohammad Javed (30), son of Abdul Aziz of Surankote, Poonch and injuries to six persons. The injured were shifted to GMC Jammu and were identified as Mohammad Hafiz (22), son of Mohammad Azam of Surankote; Wasim Anzum (18), son of Muneer Hussain of Kotranka; Mohammad Taj (25), son of Khadim Hussain of Surankote; Mohammad Arif (22), son of Mohammad Sabri of Poonch, Zaheer Ahmed (22), son of Mohammad Latif of Poonch and Amir (19), son of Manwar Hussain of Rajouri.

Girl rescued within 36 hours of abduction

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A minor girl, abducted in Samba district, was rescued within 36 hours of crime, police said on Sunday.

As per details, on February 11, 2022, information was received at Police Station Bari Brahmana regarding kidnapping of a minor girl from lower Jallo Chak area, Bari Brahmana. Acting swiftly, FIR No. 35/2022 under section 363 of IPC was registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and search started to recover kid- napped girl. After hectic efforts made by team of Police Station Bari Brahmana led by SHO Bari Brahmana Insp Rajesh Sharma under the supervision of SDPO Bari Brahmana, Shivali Kotwal, the kidnapped girl was recovered from Salehar, Tehsil Bishnah. The whole operation was carried out under overall supervision of SSP Samba, Dr Abhishek Mahajan.

4 drug peddlers arrested; huge quantity of contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police in a series of actions has arrested 4 drug peddlers in South Kashmir and recovered huge quantities of contraband substances from their possession.

In Anantnag, Police Station Bijbehara received specific information through reli- able sources that two persons namely Sameer Ahmad Dar alias John Dar, son of Ab Gani Dar, resident of Gund Baba Khalil Naina and Mohd Ashraf Sofi, son of Mohd Ismail Sofi, resident of Kanderpora, Guree have indulged in drug peddling and hoarded huge quantity of narcotic substances at their houses. On receipt of infor- mation, Police party from Police Station Bijbehara along with concerned Executive Magistrates raided specific locations. During search, 11 Kg Charas Powder & 62.5 Kg Bhukki respectively were recovered from their houses. The accused along with one more drug peddler identified as Mohd Younis Sofi, son of Ab Rashid Sofi, resi- dent of Kanderpora Guree were arrested and shifted to police station.

Similarly in Pulwama, a party from Police Station Kakapora at a checkpoint established at Naman Kakapora arrested a drug peddler identified as Khurshed Ahmad Rather alias Adnan, son of Shabir Ahmad, resident of Kralpora Chadoora, at present Naman Kakapora. During search, 145 gm Charas was recovered 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 investigation started.

Two-storey building gutted, property worth lakhs reduced to ashes

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: A shopping complex cum residential building caught fire in Sartingal area of Bhadarwah, reducing the two-storey structure and three shops in same building to ashes on Sunday afternoon. The fire brigade took over two hours and around 6 water tankers to douse flames.

Incharge Fire services Bhadarwah Zakir Hussain Butt said that no casualty was reported as fire tenders reached the spot within 10 minutes averting major tragedy in the thickly populated area. According to initial reports, the building caught fire due to leak- age in cooking gas cylin- ders. However, a police official present on the spot, said that cause of



the fire was unknown and an experts' team has already conducted a Panchnama of location. Bhadarwah police has registered a case of accidental fire and launched an investigation.

Zakir Hussain Butt said, "Three shops and building belonging to one Mohd Ashraf were reduced to ashes in fire. However, no casualty was reported in the incident though property worth lakhs of rupees was gutted." Inmates of the house and local- ity swiftly vacated their houses and took all LPG cylinders out of the building. According to an eye witness, Sarpanch Butla Parveen Jaryal, "We spotted smoke bil- lowing from shopping complex. Locals present tried their best to extinguish the fire but it spread so rapidly that it could not be controlled till fire tenders reached the spot."

Man held with 3 Kg poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Doda Police on Sunday nabbed a man and recovered 3 Kg poppy straw from his posses- sion.



SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom said that under operation 'Sanjeevani', during the routine Naka checking at Phagsoo Morh Thathri, a party from Police Station Thathri led by SI Amandeep Singh apprehended one Mohd Iqbal, son of Mohd Din, resident of Nagari Doda and recovered 3 Kg narcotic sub- stance (Poppy Straw) from his posses- sion, which he was carrying in bag for selling purpose. He was arrested and FIR No. 22/2022, under sections 8/15 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Thathri. The recovery was made under supervision of Insp Amrit Katoch SHO Thathri and Meer Gafoor SDPO Bhadarwah.

Two absconders evading arrest since long nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/RAMBAN: Continuing efforts for arresting absconders wanted in dif- ferent cases, Police on Sunday nabbed two absconders.

As per details, a team from Thannamandi Police Station led by SHO Shokat Amin raided at Shahdara Sharief village and succeeded in arresting an absconder name- ly, Waseem Ahmed, son of Khurshed Ahmed Malik, resident of Shahdara Sharief. The accused was involved in FIR no 166/2014 under sections 452/323 of RPC. He was absconding since 2014 and evading arrest, despite a warrant of arrest under section 512 of CrPC issued against him by JMJC Thannamandi. The absconder shall be produced in the court.

Meanwhile, Ramban Police also apprehended an absconder, who was evading arrest from last 4 years. Information was received through reliable sources about presence of an absconder and a team from Police Station Chanderkote led by SHO Chanderkote Insp P D Singh under supervision of Dy SP Hqrs Ramban Pardeep Singh Sen and overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban, raided the sus- pected locations and arrested absconder from Chanderkote. The absconder, identi- fied as Mohd Shakeel, son of Mohd Yaqoob Gujjar, resident of Chanderkote and was involved in FIR No. 154/2011 under section 188 of RPC registered at Police Station Nagrota, was handed over to party of Police Station Nagrota.

11 bovines rescued, 3 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/JAMMU: Continuing its drive against bovine smuggling and its propaga- tors, Police on Sunday foiled attempts to smuggle bovines by rescuing 11 bovines besides arrested 3 smugglers.

As per details, a party from Police Station Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at Naka NH Tapyal, Ghagwal intercepted a Mahindra vehicle (JK08P/9894) and during checking, found 5 bovines laden inside it, which were rescued. FIR No. 24/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

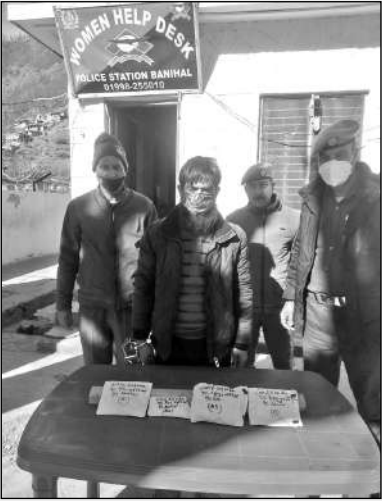
Meanwhile, Nagrota Police during Naka checking at Ban Toll Plaza intercepted a truck (PB07BY-6932), which was on its way to Udhampur from Jammu and dur- ing checking, found 3 bovines laden in it. The driver identified as Goshan Ali Shah, resident of Budhal, Rajouri and Gulzar Ahmed, resident of Kulgam were arrested and a case under relevant section of law was registered against them.

In another action, Miran Sahib Police also resenud 3 bovines from a vehicle (JK02BA-6506) and arrested a smuggler, identified as Arfan Ali, resident of Miran Sahib.

Narco smuggler nabbed with 80 gm Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Sunday foiled a narcotics smuggling bid at Banihal by arrest- ing a smuggler and recovered 80 gm Charas from his possession. As per details, dur- ing routine Naka checking at Banihal Darpora link-road, a pedestrian who was on way from Banihal towards Darpora, tried to flee on seeking police, but alert cops chased and intercepted him for checking. On enquiry, he disclosed his identity as Gulzar Ahmad, son of Ghulam Mohi-u-din Dar, resident of Darpora Chanjloo, Banihal. During search, 80 gm Charas like substance covered in corn- husk was recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and FIR No 22/2022 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Banihal. It is pertinent to mention here that accused is a notorious drug-ped- dler and a history-sheeter of area against whom FIR Nos 61/2004 under sections 341,336,337,147 of RPC; 185/2006 under sections 457/380 of RPC; 247/2006



under sections 457/380/511 of RPC; 251/2006 under sections 457/380 of RPC; 76/2012 under sections 341,323,307,325 of RPC have already been registered. The overall recovery and arrest was made by police party led by Insp Naem-ul-Haq, SHO Banihal under supervision of Nissar Khoja, SDPO Banihal and overall super- vision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.

Theft case at Dastageer Sahib Shrine solved; 2 arrested, Rs 8,090 recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Sunday solved a theft case at venerated shrine of Hazrat Sheikh Syed Abdul Qadir Jeelani (Dastageer Sahib) in Khanyar area of Srinagar by arrested two accused. As per details, investigation into the case led to arrest of



three more accused, who had committed burglaries in Srinagar city.

As per details, on February 10, Khanyar Police Station received informa- tion that donation box at Dastgeer Sahib Shrine in Khanyar has been broken and cash has been looted during intervening night February 9-10. Accordingly, FIR no 05/2022 under sections 380, 427 of IPC was registered and investigation started. During investigation of case, technical means of investigation were employed and after obtaining initial leads about one of accused persons, two teams were constituted at Police station Khanyar under supervision of Mohammad Yasser Parrey, SDPO Khanyar to nab cul- prits. After consistent efforts, the first accused identified as Tahir Ahmad Mir alias 90 of Harden, Kupwara was apprehended from Lolab area of Kupwara on February 13. Malla during initial questioning confessed crime and disclosed about his another associate, namely Jaffar Ahmad Mir of same area. On their instance, cash amounting to Rs 8090 has been recov- ered so far.

During their sustained examination, the arrested accused confessed to commission of other thefts in Srinagar city. Subsequently, three (3) more suspects were arrested and stolen Jewellery worth lakhs were also recov- ered. Further Investigation in going on in full swing and some more arrests and recoveries are likely in coming days.

Body found near Panzoo Bridge identified

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The man, whose body was found in Veerinag near Panzoo bridge, has been identified as Nisar Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Mohammad Dar, resident of Shamsipora Bijbhara in Anantnag district on Sunday.

As per details, 48-year-old man was missing and a report was filed with the concerned police station. Earlier some locals spotted the body lying near Panzoo bridge in Veerinag and accordingly informed concerned police station. A police team rushed to spot and took custody of the body.

Head constable injured in accidental gun-shot, hospitalised

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A JKP head constable was injured in an accidental gun-shot on Sunday at Trikuta Nagar and was hospitalised.

As per details, Head Constable Paramjeet Singh, son of Sham Singh, resident of Preet Nagar, Digiana who was cleaning his service rifle in a car got injured after it went off accidentally. He was immediately shifted to GMC Jammu for treatment. Forensic team has collected all evidences while police has registered a case for inves- tigation.

Body found at Bus-stand

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Body of a man was found in Bus-stand area on Sunday.

As per details, locals on seeing a man lying unconscious at B C road informed police, which rushed to the spot and shifted him to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. The body was shifted to morgue for identification.

Man drowns to death in Tawi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: A man drowned to death in Tawi river at Nagrota on Sunday.

As per details, a man who was taking bath in Tawi, drowned as he went to deep water. Local immediately tried to rescue him but till then he died. His body was shifted to morgue for identification.

Eve-teaser arrested from mini-bus

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: An eve-teaser was arrested from a mini-bus in Akhnoor on Sunday.

As per details, a minor girl lodged a complaint with police that a man teased her while she was travelling in a mini-bus. Acting on compliant, Police has arrested accused and started investigation.

