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Cong makes people...

thought do not have the right to rule Punjab even for a moment". Referring to the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission report, he said it was his government which implemented them.

"History is witness that the Congress has always betrayed farmers," Modi said.

"There was a demand for implementing the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission report for several years but they continued to sit on the file. Congress governments only spoke lies," he said.

He said when his government was formed at the Centre, it implemented the recommendations of the commission, and that it was in his government's time, there was a record purchase of foodgrains.

Attacking the Congress government in Punjab, Modi said every trade has been captured by the mafia in Punjab.

He also said that because of the Congress government's policies, nobody was ready to make investments in Punjab.

In entire Punjab, one voice is coming out and that is to make the B-JP-led alliance victorious and form a "double engine" government, the prime minister said.

"Double engine government means speedy progress. It means weeding out sand mafia and drug mafia from the state. The double engine government means flourishing of trade, giving jobs and creating new avenues of self-employment," Modi said. "Give one chance to us, give me five years and then see how the double engine government takes Punjab on a speedy path of development," he said.

The BJP is contesting the elections in alliance with the Amarinder Singh-led Punjab Lok Congress and the Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa-led Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt).

Court upholds PSA...

sustaining an order of detention," the Court observed.

Justice Tashi Rabstan while quashing detention under PSA of Showket Ahmad Dar observed that grounds of detention supplied to detainee is just a copy of police dossier, which was placed before District Magistrate for his subjective satisfaction which shows total non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority.

He has dittoed Police direction without applying his mind to the facts of the case. With these observations, Justice Tashi Rabstan upheld order No. 43/DMP/PSA/20 dated November 26, 2020, order No.13/DMP/PSA/21 dated March 4, 2021 issued by District Magistrate Pulwama, order No. DMS/PSA/56/2021 dated October 18, 2021 issued by District Magistrate Srinagar, order No. 87/DMS/PSA/2021 dated October 18, 2021 issued by District Magistrate Shopian, and quashed order No. DMB/PSA/10 dated October 18, 2021 issued by the District Magistrate Budgam.

J&K reports 232...

surveillance. Besides, 5532798 persons have completed their surveillance period. Meanwhile, the COVID-19 death toll in Ladakh climbed to 228 with one more fatality, while 47 new cases pushed the infection tally to 27,641, officials said.

The only fatality was reported from Kargil district, they said.

While 168 Covid deaths have been recorded in Leh, 60 were reported from Kargil.

The number of active cases in Ladakh stands at 467, including 374 in Leh and 93 in Kargil, officials said.

Of the new cases, 38 were in Leh and nine in Kargil, they said.

A total of 102 patients, 68 in Leh and 34 in Kargil, were discharged, taking the overall recoveries to 26,946, they said, adding that 1,223 sample reports tested negative in Ladakh.

Over 174.59 Cr...

and above with specified co-morbid conditions.

The country launched vaccination for all people aged more than 45 years from April 1 last year.

The government then decided to expand the vaccination drive by allowing everyone above 18 years of age to be vaccinated from May 1 last year.

The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from January 3 this year for adolescents in the age group of 15-18 years.

India began administering the precaution doses of the Covid vaccines to the HCWs, the FLWs including the personnel deployed on poll duty and those aged 60 years and above with comorbidities from January 10 this year amid a spike in the number of coronavirus cases fuelled by its Omicron variant.

Div Com expresses...

waste from all stages- from collection to disposal.

The Div Com directed district officers to form a team, constituting ADDC, ACD, XEn REW and District Panchayat Officer, to conduct field visits, identify locations for plastic management plants and finalise their shed design. He suggested that PRI members be taken for exposure visits to these plants and encouraged to help develop the same in their respective Panchayats.

The meeting was attended in person by Director Rural Sanitation, Director Rural Development Department, Deputy Director Planning and other concerned officers while Additional District Development Commissioners, Assistant Commissioner Development, District Panchayat Officers of all the districts of division participated through video conferencing.

The meeting was convened to review projects under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and other governmental schemes for rural sanitation.

The Additional District Development Commissioners briefed the Div Com about the action plan and status of works being done in convergence under SBM (G),

MGNREGA, 14th FC and other schemes in their respective districts.

The meeting was informed that Rs 291.52 crore has been approved for Jammu and Kashmir under SBM (G) Phase-II for solid liquid waste management works.

It was informed that a total of 622 villages were supposed to be covered this FY 21-22 for solid waste & grey water management & 53 villages were supposed to set up Plastic waste management units (PWMUs).

However, no progress in the above could be actually achieved.

Assistant Commissioner (Panchayats) of all districts were directed to prepare model estimates of SLWM projects in their districts for few panchayats; which can then be replicated in all other areas in a phased manner.

Detailed discussion was also held on grey water management in Panchayats.

The Div Com expressed dissatisfaction over dismal progress on various aspects of the projects and directed the Additional Deputy Commissioners, ADDCs and District Panchayat Officers to conduct field visits in their respective districts. They were told to assess ground situation and take appropriate action to expedite the works.

DB upholds Section...

The Courts are always slow in interfering in religious matters or with sentiments based on religion or on practices of any community and aforesaid provision only saves the killing of animals in a manner required by religion or any community. The aforesaid provision, in no way, offends the provisions of the Constitution so as to declare it to be unconstitutional rather it is in aid of the object for which the aforesaid Act has been enacted. DB further said that if any offence is committed in killing of animals it is open to make a complaint and initiate action in accordance with law and in case in some religious places, the practice of sacrificing animals is being carried on in violation of the Act, the petitioner is free to approach the concerned Head of the Administration of the District, who will consider the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law," the Court observed and disposed of the petition.

BSF, CISF recruitment...

last year. They have been demanding enhancement of the vacancies to provide them employment as they have cleared all the rounds required to obtain the jobs. They had also staged protests for over two months last year outside the local office of the BJP.

The protestors added that they have already crossed the age limit to stand a chance for recruitment in future.

Assembly Poll: J&K...

Punjab Vidhan Sabha," read an order issued by Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department.

CRIME REPORT

5 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police has arrested 5 drug peddlers in a series of actions in Baramulla and Pulwama. Huge quantity of contraband substances were also recovered from their possession.

In Baramulla, during routine Naka checking, a police party under supervision of SDPO Kreeri Tariq Mehmood arrested 2 drug peddlers identified as Shakil Ahmad Beigh, son of Fayaz Ahmad, resident of Faqirbagh Chandoosa & Imtiyaz Ahmad, son of Ab Sattar Chopan, resident of Watergam and recovered 160 gm Charas from their possession.

Similarly, a police party under supervision of SDPO Tangmarg Hilal Khaliq arrested 2 drug peddlers identified as Nadeem Ahmed Chak, son of Ghulam Mohiudeen, resident of Qazipora Tangmarg and Parvaiz Ahmad Bhat alias Uka, son of Habibullah Bhat, resident of Ferozpora Tangmarg and recovered 230 gm Charas from their possession. Moreover, in Pulwama, based on specific information, a party from Police Post Nawa conducted a raid at house of one Mohd Ramzan Wani, son of Ab Razzak, resident of Singoo, Narbal and recovered 30 Kg Bhukki from house. The accused was arrested and 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 saves Rs 7 lakh during last week

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Cyber Police Kashmir Zone, in its continuous endeavour to extend services to general public, successfully saved an amount of Rs 7 lakh of gullible people, during past week, which was lost in various frauds/seams. Cyber Police Station Kashmir Zone, Srinagar received multiple complaints in past one week wherein complainants got duped in various KYC frauds/seams by fraudsters. The victims received fake messages and links on their cell-phones for completing KYC of their SIM cards with warning that their SIM card will be deactivated in case they don't follow the process. The victims were also advised to call on provided fake Customer Care Number where fraudsters introduce themselves as Customer Care Executives of telephone service providers like BSNL/ Jio/ AirTel/ Vodafone and asked them to complete KYC verification by downloading some remote access apps like Quick Support, Team Viewer, Any Desk etc. Unaware of these trending cyber frauds, the victims downloaded these apps on their cell-phones giving complete access to the fraudsters. The fraudsters after gaining access of their cell-phones directed them to make some sort of recharge on their banking apps. The fraudsters not only recorded victim's User ID but also password and later swindled their hard-earned money from bank accounts. The victims after realizing that they have been trapped in a cyber fraud, immediately reported matter to Cyber Police Station, Kashmir Zone, Srinagar.

Acting swiftly, Cyber Police Station Kashmir Zone, Srinagar after strenuous efforts, were successful in saving an amount of Rs 7laks of various victims. General public is advised not to entertain or believe persons calling in the name of customer care executives and refrain from downloading any remote access apps like Team viewer, quick support, Any Desk App etc. on their advice/directions. These legitimate apps are remote software tool, which provides complete access of the users' cell phones/computer to third party. Victims in particular and general public at large have appreciated work of Cyber Police Station Kashmir Srinagar for saving their hard-earned money.

Excavator, 3 vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: District Administration on Thursday launched a massive crackdown across the district to curb menace of illegal mining. On the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Rahul Yadav, a team led by District Mineral Officer, Rajinder Singh laid Nakas at various locations of the district. The team seized an excavator involved in illegal mining and 3 vehicles carrying sand and Bajri without valid documents from Bhini and Ujh Nallahs of Billawar. It was an entire day's exercise and all seized vehicles were handed over to the police which would be released only after recovering penalty.

The teams also checked the enforcement of notified rates of minor minerals at the locations of stone crushers and mineral blocks and advised consumers to purchase minerals only from legal sources besides staying away from illegal mining. Moreover, the general public was appealed to remain vigilant against any issue pertaining to mining in areas, exorbitant rates etc and immediately report matter to District Administration about any forceful action and violation of mining rules under MM(D&R) Act-1957 and SRO-105.

Two narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR: Police on Thursday nabbed two drug peddlers and recovered 26 gm heroin from their possession.

As per details, Mendhar police arrested two drug peddlers namely Rajat Sharma, son of Chaman Lal Sharma, resident of Gohlad, Mendhar and Rameez Ahmed, son of Mohd Aziz, resident of Ari, Mendhar and recovered 26 gm heroin like substance from their possession. FIR No. 30/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Mendhar. The arrests and recovery were made under supervision of SDPO Mendhar DySP Sheezan Bhat assisted by SHO Mendhar Insp Manzoor Kohli and PSI Prince Jasrotia.

Jawan shoots himself dead

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: An army soldier ended his life by shooting himself to death using his service rifle in Nagrota area on Thursday.

As per details, an army soldier affiliated with 60 Rashtriya Rifles allegedly shot himself to death at place of his posting. The slain soldier was posted at Romeo Force Rear Headquarters

in Nagrota and was. identified as Biswajit Gogai, son of Atul Gogai, a resident of Goraguri of district Golaghat, Assam. A case has been registered at Police Station Nagrota in this regard.

Two arrested for beating man

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JAMMU: Police on Thursday arrested two persons for beating at man at Bus Stand Jammu.

As per details, two persons namely Raj Kumar alias Dahla Pradhan, son of Late Satbir Kumar, resident of Kabir Basti and Rakesh Kumar alias Sethi, son of Late Krishan Lal, resident of Bhim Nagar, B C road were apprehended by Bus Stand Police for assaulting a person namely Pawan Singh, son of Late Shankar Singh, resident of Near Shiv Mandir B C road, Jammu. Both were apprehended and booked in FIR no.04/2022 registered under sections 341/323/506 of IPC.

Two absconders nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI/SAMBA: Police on Thursday nabbed two absconders who were evading arrest since long. As per details, an absconder wanted in a case registered at Police Station Rajouri was arrested by police team headed by PSI Sahil Chowdhary. The absconder was identified as Mohammad Razaq, son of Mandhi, resident of Namblan Chitti Bakri. The accused was wanted in FIR No. 337/2013 registered under sections 341/325/336/147/323 of RPC and was absconding since 2013 whereas a general warrant of arrest under section 512 of CrPC was issued against him by District Judicial Mobile Magistrate Rajouri. The accused has been produced in the court of law for further course of action.

Meanwhile, Samba Police under supervision of SSP Samba, Dr Abhishek Mahajan, arrested an absconder wanted in a case registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana in 2016. As per details, a team of Police Station Bari Brahmana succeeded in apprehending absconder namely Sukhwinder Singh, son of Darshan Singh, resident of Ward No. 3 Bhour Camp, Jammu from Chatha, Satwari, who was wanted in FIR No. 83/2016 registered under sections 279/337/338 of RPC at Police Station Bari Brahmana. Accordingly, he was produced in the court of law, thereby executing the arrest warrant issued under section 512 of CrPC.

3 gamblers arrested, stake money recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: Police on Thursday arrested three gamblers and recovered stake-money from the spot.

As per details, on receiving an information about gamblers, a team of Police Station Bhadarwah led by SHO Bhadarwah Insp Jatinder Singh Rakwal assisted by Probationary Sub Inspector Deepak Kumar acted swiftly and raided at outskirts of Drudu and nabbed three gamblers along with stake money and one deck of playing cards. In this regard, cognizance was taken under section 13 Public Gambling Act at Police Station Bhadarwah. The accused were identified as Vinod Kumar, son of Gambir Singh, resident of Konda; Sandeep Kumar, son of Chuni Lal, resident of Dhruadu and Chain Singh, son of Khem Raj, resident of Naota, Bhadarwah. The arrest and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO Bhadarwah Abdul Mir Gafoor; Incharge ASP Bhadarwah Raj Kumar and under overall supervision of SSP Doda Ab Qayoom.

2 vehicle-lifters arrested, 4 stolen vehicles recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police on Thursday arrested two persons and recovered 4 stolen vehicles from their possession.

As per details, acting upon a reliable information that some persons are involved in vehicle theft, Srinagar police arrested two accused car-lifters namely Sahir Amin Dar, son of Mohd Amin Dar, resident of Kursoo, Rajbagh (Thag) and Imtiyaz Ahmad Dar, son of Ghulam Qadir Dar, resident of Aqal Mir, Khanyar in two different cases. Two cars and 2 bikes were also been recovered from accused.

Drug peddler arrested with cannabis

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police on Thursday nabbed a drug peddler and recovered 98 gm narcotic substance (Cannabis) from his possession.

Police said that under operation 'Sanjeevani', on a specific information received through a reliable sources that one Jatiner Singh, son of Preme Singh, resident of Dhossa, Tehsil Gandoh is indulged in selling narcotics to youth and carrying some drugs with him for selling, a party of Police Station Gandoh led by SHO Police Station Gandoh Vikram Singh assisted by PSI Anil Kumar Incharge Police Post Changa under supervision of Incharge Addl SP Bhadarwah Raj Kumar; arrested the accused and recovered 98 gm Narcotic Substance (Cannabis) in presence of Executive magistrate 1st class Gandoh. FIR No. 09/2022, under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Gandoh and investigation started.

Mission Youth remodels J&K youth into ambassadors of socio-economic growth

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Government launched a groundbreaking initiative of Mission Youth with the objective to act as a conduit for aspirations and concerns of youth of J&K. The mission is intended to provide a platform for unparalleled transformation of the youth into ambassadors of hope, peace and socio-economic growth through systematic interventions across various domains. The mission lays emphasis on all individuals between the age group of 15 to 25 years with twin related aims: to effectively support and encourage young individuals in fulfilling their potential and aspirations while addressing their needs and concerns and to efficiently endorse young people to shape their future as per their aspirations.

For holistic and pragmatic youth engagement and empowerment in J&K on sustainable lines, Mission Youth envisions setting-up of specially tailored youth centres with the state - of-the-art architecture in all 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir; primarily designed to present a safe youth-appelling environment with manifestation of hope, security and aspirations of the youth.

MUMKIN Scheme: Under the umbrella of Mission Youth, the Mumkin Scheme is one of the prominent schemes of the J&K government with the aim to facilitate the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to establish a sustainable livelihood in the transport sector by providing financial assistance for acquisition of new small commercial vehicles.

The applicant has a full liberty to choose any small commercial vehicle of any approved models/makes of his/her choice. The small commercial vehicles include taxis, mini-buses, light commercial vehicles, tempo and any other mode of transportation of similar nature under public carrier permit. The scheme is being implemented by Mission Youth, J&K through district level committees constituted for the purpose.

TEJASWINI (THE RADIANT) is another scheme to empower and inspire women for income generation for activities either in manufacturing, service, trading, small business etc. Its core focus is to facilitate soft finance for setting up new units/enterprises or for expansion/modernization of existing units or for acquisition of fixed assets (Plant and machinery, equipment, furniture & fixtures). Under the scheme, the eligible potential female entrepreneurs are facilitated to avail financial assistance under Mudra Loan from J&K bank to the extent of 5 lakh. The scheme banking partners extend a loan facility to the extent of 100% of the project cost under the scheme where Mission youth provides an amount of Rs 50000 or 10% of the project cost under the scheme.

Youth Clubs:

The Mission Youth empowers youth as important stakeholder in Participatory Good Governance and in this regard 4239 Youth Clubs were constituted on Mission Mode across J&K to mark International Youth Day 2021.

These youth clubs are engaging volunteers, who will get an opportunity to work through real challenges and make meaningful change in the society.

The opening up of youth clubs is another golden chapter in J&K's history with the creation of the 4239 Youth Clubs under Mission Youth in a record time, the J&K Government had taken a firm step towards making the Youth a partner in the Governance process and UT's development.

Youth Data Bank and Interactive Digital Platform:

The initiative is intended to address shortcomings of official statistics regarding youth of J&K. The initiative will result in the creation of a repository of consistent and reliable youth statistics required for short and long-term planning and implementation of youth engagement and empowerment programmes.

The initiative will also facilitate establishing direct communication linkages with the youth for greater engagement. The major activities to be taken under this initiative are detailed as under:

To develop a target-specific database of young population; to capture about 75 critical contours of young population ranging from demographics to psychi-social interactions; to effective mechanism for information dissemination; to provide all youth related services through digital platform; promote concept of "Digital India"; to design area, gender, age specific engagement programmes for youth; formation of youth groups for perennial updation of dates and registration of Young Achievers as Youth Icons.

Tourist Village Network Programme:

Besides these programmes, the J&K administration led by the Lieutenant Governor, Shri Manoj Sinha had launched 'Tourist Village Network' under Mission Youth to provide further impetus to the tourism industry.

Under the initiative, over 75 villages in the UT would promote tourism and provide sustainable employment for the local youth from these areas.

The initiative is aimed at transforming 75 villages of Jammu and Kashmir known for historical, picturesque beauty and cultural significance into tourist villages.

The youth-led sustainable tourism initiative will strengthen the rural economy & community entrepreneurship, empower youth & women by providing direct and indirect employment opportunities.