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under central rule. The erstwhile state was bifurcated into two union territories - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh - after the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5, 2019.

### J&K Bank bags...

behalf of J&K Bank, Zonal Head Mumbai Rajesh Malla Tikoo received the award during the Banker's Review Meeting for the implementation of PMEGP Scheme organised by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Mumbai, Union Ministry of MSME (GoI) at Hotel J W Marriot in Juhu Mumbai.

While acknowledging the Government support on the occasion, MD & CEO Baldev Prakash appreciated the efforts of Bank staff for the achievement. He said, "Being among top 4 banks in the country for the implementation of PMEGP Scheme suitably recognizes Bank's commitment as the premiere financial institution towards realizing the socially-inclusive and financially-growing economy as envisaged by Government through effective execution of flagship economic programs."

"Besides, such a recognition will provide further impetus to the Bank's mission of empowering people financially through all the sponsored schemes devised by the Government for their socio-economic development", MD & CEO added.

Notably, the Bank has sanctioned 12455 PMEGP cases with a sanction limit of Rs 797.37 Cr during the FY 2020-21.

### Focus on education...

and Kashmir studying in Madhya Pradesh for allegedly posting an objectionable video about the Pulwama terror attack.

"We urge all Kashmiris studying outside Kashmir to desist from any activity that could disrupt peace," national spokesperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Students' Association, Nasir Khuehami, said in a press statement.

He said the minor Kashmiri student studying in Swami Vivekanand PG College Neemuch in MP had posted the objectionable video on social media regarding the Pulwama attack. The student studying under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme had posted the video in which he termed the Pulwama terror attack, in which 40 CRPF personnel were killed on February 14, 2019, as an act of revenge for the Babri masjid demolition, he added.

A complaint has been filed on behalf of the college against the student and the accused is presently in police custody (since Tuesday), Khuehami said, quoting college Principal Vijay Jain.

He has been arrested and booked for sedition under section Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 124A (sedition), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 505 (whoever makes, publishes or circulates any statement, rumour or report). The mobile phone and laptop of the student have been seized and are being checked, he said.

"We urge all Kashmiri students to focus on their education and not to write provocative things on social media to add fuel to the fire. We request students to avoid debates and don't get provoked on sentiments and not involve themselves in the mess," he added.

All Kashmiri students pursuing studies outside (J&K) in Indian states should be patient, keep calm and control their emotions. They should save their careers

instead of getting provoked. Their life, career and well-being are more important than social media posts and they should not give anybody a chance to ruin their career; he said.

"We must respect everyone's sentiment and avoid outburst of emotions as it may hurt the sentiments of others. The objectionable post has hurt the sentiments of people that is wrong and unjustified," he said, adding that sedition is a very harsh punishment and the action will ruin the career of the minor student.

Reconciliation is the only way to further the cause of engaging with the students of Jammu and Kashmir; Khuehami said.

### 38 IM members...

the banned terror outfit. One of them turned approver. The court concluded the trial against 77 accused in September last year.

Four more accused were arrested later; but their trial has not commenced yet, a government lawyer said.

Bombs had exploded at various spots in Ahmedabad, including the state government-run civil hospital, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation-run LG Hospital, on buses, parked bicycles, in cars and other places, killing 56 persons. As many as 29 live bombs were also found in Surat in the next couple of days, though none of them exploded.

The trial was conducted after the court merged 20 FIRs of Ahmedabad and 15 FIRs of Surat.

The state government had transferred the investigation to the Ahmedabad crime branch, under the supervision of the then JCP Ashish Bhatia, who is now serving as the Gujarat DGP.

Nine judges presided over the case, starting with Bela Trivedi, in whose court charges were framed against the accused on February 15, 2010. Justice Trivedi is now the judge of the Supreme Court.

Special judge A R Patel, who handed over the judgement, started hearing the case from June 14, 2017.

Police had claimed that members of IM, a radicalized faction of SIMI, were behind the blasts. The investigators had claimed that IM planned the blasts as a revenge for the 2002 post-Godhra riots in Gujarat in which over a thousand persons, most of them from the Muslim community, died.

Survivors and kin of those killed in the blasts welcomed the court verdict.

College student Yash Vyasa was nine years old when he suffered severe burn injuries after a bomb went off at the trauma ward of the civil hospital.

"My mother and I have been waiting for this day for the last 13 years. I am happy that the court gave death penalty to 38 persons responsible for killing innocent people, including my father and brother; he said.

The court should have given capital punishment to all the convicts, said Yash, now a 22-year-old second year science degree student.

### COVID: One more...

on Thursday, of these, 87 were discharged in Leh and 18 in Kargil, they said.

With these, the total number of cured patients is 27,051, they said.

Of the total of 54 fresh cases from Union Territory, 46 such cases were reported from Leh district and 8 from Kargil district, they said.

The union territory has recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil, since the outbreak in 2020, they said, adding that no death was reported from the Union Territory on Thursday, they said.

### 9 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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SOPORE: Police on Friday seized 9 vehicles for illegal mining and extraction of minerals. As per details, a party from Police Station Dangiwaicha along with Incharge Police Post Watergam under supervision of SDPO Rafiabadd Ameen Bhat seized 9 vehicles involved in illegal mining and extraction of minerals at Laiser crossing area of Sopore. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Dangiwaicha and further investigation started.

### 16 vehicles loaded with minor mineral seized

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POONCH: Acting on directions of Deputy Commissioner, Inderjeet, a joint team of Mining and Police departments laid Nakas at various locations. During checking, the joint team led by SSP Poonch, Rohit Baskotra and District Mining Officer, Javed Iqbal seized 16 vehicles including 3 in Surankote, 4 in Mandi, 2 in Loran, 3 in Mendhar and 4 in Mankote. The DMO also lodged FIR against owner of a JCB and excavator in Police Station Mandi. The DMO further said that department will take strict action against violators in coming days. The teams also checked compliance to notified rates of minor minerals by stone crushers and mineral blocks and advised consumers to purchase same only from legal sources.

### Burglar nabbed, stolen property recovered

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RAJOURI: Police on Friday arrested a burglar and recovered stolen property from his possession thereby working out a case of theft. Police said that a case of theft was registered in Rajouri city police post on 11 February when some unidentified burglar decamped with valuables including electronic items.

On this, a team of police headed by Incharge Police Post Rajouri, SI Danish Maqbool Dar under supervision of SHO Rajouri Fareed Ahmed started investigation and rounded up some suspects who were put to questioning. A suspect broke out during questioning and confessed his involvement in crime. The accused, identified as Mohd Arshad, son of Faqar Din Bhatti, resident of Nagrota, Rajouri, was arrested and FIR No 63/22 under sections 454/380 of IPC.

On his disclosure, stolen property was also recovered which included a UPS valuing Rs 5,000, a computer monitor CPU valuing Rs 30,000, a DSLR of Rs 45,000, a smart watch of Rs 10,000 and a wrist watch of Rs 2,500. Further investigation is going on. SSP Rajouri Mohammad Aslam said that more than one dozen cases of theft have been worked out across district in past some time and accused were put behind bars with recovery of stolen property valuing several lakhs.

### Ramban Police rescues woman from stalker

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

CHANDERKOTE: Quick response of Ramban Police saved a woman from stalker at Chanderkote area on Friday.

As per details, a distress telephonic call was received at Police Station Chanderkote by a complainant (name withheld) that one person namely Anayat Ali, son of Yaqoob Ali, resident of Kunfer, Chanderkote, who happens to be driver of vehicle (JK14-F-4999), misbehaved with her and started chasing her when she was on way to her rented accommodation on foot.

On reaching JP Gate, she observed that the stalker is continuously following and later started passing obscene comments besides trying to outrage her modesty. On receiving phone call, SHO Chanderkote immediately rushed to the spot and saved her from clutches of accused, who was arrested on the spot. On this, FIR No. 18/2022 under sections 354/354D/294/509 of IPC was registered against him at Police Station. The police team which affected arrest of accused person was led by PSI Ishan Sharma & SHO Chanderkote Insp P D Singh under supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban Pardeep Singh Sen and with overall supervision of SSP Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

### 24 bovines rescued, 3 smugglers nabbed

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/NAGROTA: Police on Friday foiled various bovine smugglings bids by rescuing 24 bovines and arrested three smugglers.

As per details, acting on specific inputs regarding transportation of bovine animals, a party of Police Station Ramban intercepted a Truck (JK14A9461). On checking, it was found laden with ten bovines which were rescued. The driver of truck, identified as Tariq Ahmed Gujjar, son of Khalid Hussain, resident of Jakheni, Udhampur was arrested and FIR No. 42/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 PCA of Act was registered against him at Police Station Ramban.

In a similar incident, a party from Police Station Chanderkote intercepted a Tata Mobile (JK20-8510), which was on its way towards Srinagar. During checking, it was found laden with 6 bovines which were rescued. The driver of vehicle fled away from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. FIR No. 22/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 PCA of Act was registered at Police Station Chanderkote.

Meanwhile, a party from Police Station Batote intercepted a Mahindra Tata Mobile (JK02-BG-3589) and found it laden with 5 bovines which were rescued, but driver of vehicle fled away taking advantage of darkness.

FIR No. 15/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Batote.

The overall arrests and rescue operations were made by police parties of different police stations headed by SHO Ramban Insp Sandeep Charak, SHO Chanderkote Insp P D Singh & SHO Batote Insp Sudhir Sadotra under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban Pardeep Singh Sen with the overall supervision of SSP Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

Nagrota Police also rescued 3 bovines at Ban Toll Plaza Nagrota Naka from a Mahindra Balero bearing number JK 3767. FIR No.62/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act was registered at Police Station Nagrota and two accused, identified as Mohd Shabhan, son of Mohd Shafi and Pritam Singh, son of Kapoor Singh, both residents of Chhaba, Ramban, were arrested on the spot.

The arrests and recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Insp Vishav Pratap Singh under overall supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar.

The total number of COVID-19 active cases in Ladakh is 416 including 333 cases in Leh and 83 in Kargil district, they added.

### Active cases settle...

load in a span of 24 hours.

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

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

### ACB nabs Guard...

resident of Zanakote Srinagar, while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 5,000 through a broker namely Mohammad Yaseen Bhat from complainant. Both of them were arrested and taken into custody by ACB. The bribe money was also recovered from their possession in presence of independent witnesses," said official, adding that further investigations is going on.

### Land Passbooks to...

departments.

Pertinently, the land passbooks being issued to every landholder contain sentry from the Jamabandi in revenue estate so as to enable him to make its use for credit facilities and for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The land passbook prescribed by the Revenue Department is true to the record and can be generated online by landholder without visiting a Patwari or Tehsildar or any Revenue office.

With scanning and digitization of land records already under implementation for the convenience of citizens and under good governance initiative of the Government, the department in tune with the statute laid has also framed the Jammu and Kashmir Land Passbook Rules-2022 for online issuance of Land Passbook.

The Land Passbook is progressive in the sense that it is in tune with e-governance, and for the convenience of citizens issued in trilingual form which will make these as an easy and simple document for reference and record.

Land Passbook is an evidently valid entity carrying same evidentiary value as if being certified copies of Record-of-Rights for all intents and purposes before courts and financial institutions. It is an authoritative document for grant of financial assistance by a financial institution.

Each Land Passbook has a unique ID and QR code as an additional security feature. With the help of QR code any institution, individual or an agency can verify the credentials and authenticity of the Land Pass Book.

It is going to be a tool for redressal of various grievances, litigations, disputes at various forums and for reference.

### NIA arrests IPS...

the Police Medal for Meritorious Service after the investigation into the Hurriyat terror funding case. Negi was part of the NIA team that probed the cases related to fake currency circulation, terrorist recruitments by ISIS, use of trade across the Line of Control (LoC) to finance terror activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

He was also part of the NIA team that probed the case that led to the arrest of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) leader Waheed Para.

### Army, District Admn's three-day snow carnival begins at Bhadarwah to boost tourism



A cultural group presenting traditional dance during the carnival. (Pic by Raja Rehber Jamal)

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BHADARWAH: A three-day snow carnival to showcase the beauty of snow filled meadows and harness its adventure potential began on Friday at the snow-covered Jaie meadow in Jammu and Kashmir's additional district Bhaderwah. The three day carnival to revive tourism sector which got badly effected due to COVID-19 pandemic is being organised by Indian Army's Rashtriya Rifles unit based at Bhadarwah in collaboration with district administration.

The event was inaugurated by District Development Council Chairman Doda Dhananther Singh Kotwal at snow filled Jaie meadow along with DDC Doda Vikas Sharma, CO 4RR Col Rajat Parmar, SSP Abdul Qayoom and ADC Bhadarwah Dil Mir Chowdhary.

SDM Thathri Athar Amin Zargar, SDPO Bhadarwah Meer Gafoor and SHO Jatinder Singh Rakwal were also present on the occasion.

In this event, snow games were included like snow skiing, sledging, Zorbing ball, snow trekking, hot air balloon, horse riding, snow volleyball and tug of war beside Cultural activities, Bhadarwah Dheku and tribal folk dances. These games

were carried out for the first time here at Jaie during winters.

Speaking on the occasion, Col. Rajat Parmar said that the Indian Army intends to help develop Bhadarwah at par with other tourist destinations in Jammu and Kashmir. He said that the virgin tourism destinations in Bhadarwah have huge potential to attract adventure tourists which needs to be fully exploited. He also added this carnival can act as catalyst to revive tourism and to explore various unexplored tourism destinations to provide much wider choices to the tourists.

District Development Commissioner Doda Vikas Sharma stated that the 21st centuries tourist are looking for new experience and Bhadarwah will be one of those places that will give them the real experience that they are looking for.

Dhananther Singh Kotwal, Chairman District Development Council Doda, said that this initiative of the Army will be a great thing for revival of our economy. Students Icey Sharma and Shalni Kotwal while expressing their gratitude to Army said that it's great event for the local talent as well.

### 1,194 vaccinated, 3,882 samples collected in Ramban

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RAMBAN: As per District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh, Health Department on Friday administered Covid vaccine doses to 1194 persons including 1135 children in the 15-17 years age group in the district.

Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of

Rs. 30,300 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 92,76,050.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC. As per daily bulletin issued by the Chief Medical Officer, Ramban, Dr. Mohammad Fareed Bhat, the Health Department has collected 3882 samples including 772 RT-PCR and 3110 RAT samples besides administering Covid vaccine to 1194 persons at various dedicated Vaccination Centres in the district.

## CRIME REPORT

### 3 die after vehicle falls into gorge

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Three persons died after the vehicle they were travelling in, fell into a gorge in Bani area on Friday.

As per details, a vehicle, on its way to Bani, when reached Kardoh area fell into gorge as driver lost control over it. On receiving information, police rushed the spot and launched rescue operation. Three dead bodies were recovered from the spot while operation is still on to search others, as there was no clue regarding number of people traveling in it. The identity of deceased is yet to be ascertained.

Meanwhile, a cyclist was also died after getting hit by a car in Satwari area. He was identified as Sunil Kumar, son of Hoshiyar Nath, resident of Jeevan Nagar.

### 3 narco smugglers nabbed; 12.3 gm heroin recovered

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UDHAMPUR: Police on Friday arrested three drug peddlers in 2 different cases and recovered 12.3 gm heroin like narcotic substance from their possession.

As per details, a party from Police Post Roundomil Udhampur led by SHO Udhampur Insp Chaman Gorka assisted by PSI Akhilesh Khajuria Incharge Police Post Roundomil under supervision of DySP Hqrs Sahil Mahajan while performing Naka checking at Roundomil, intercepted two suspects, who on seeing police tried to flee but were apprehended by alert cops. On frisking of both suspects, identified as Abhinandan Khajuria, son of Davinder Khajuria, resident of Indra Nagar, Udhampur and Rahildeep, son of Gopal Krishan, resident of Barrian, Udhampur, 7 gm Heroin like narcotic substance was recovered. Duo was arrested and FIR No. 65/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Udhampur.

In another case, a party from Police Post Tirki led by SHO Rehambal Insp Nishant Gupta and assisted by Incharge Police Post Tikri PSI Abdul Satar under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Udhampur Sahil Mahajan intercepted one Rakesh Singh, son of Kartar Singh, resident of near CEO Office Udhampur and recovered 5.3 gm heroin like substance from him. He was arrested and FIR No. 36/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Rehambal.

### 4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Friday arrested 4 drug peddlers in Kulgam, Pulwama & Handwara and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

As per details, on specific information, a party from Police Station Kulgam at a checkpoint established at Laroo crossing intercepted a suspect, who was identified as Bilal Ahmad Wani, son of Mohd Yousuf Wani, resident of Gonipora Hyhama, Kupwara. During search, 14 Kg Poppy Straw was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and shifted to police station, where he remained in custody.

Meanwhile, Police Station Pulwama received information through reliable sources that one Jamsheed Ahmad Sheikh, son of Ajaz Ahmad Sheikh, resident of Tahab is indulged in drug peddling and has hoarded a large quantity of narcotic substances in his house. Acting swiftly, a party from Police Station Pulwama along with Executive Magistrate concerned raided the spot and recovered 5.5 Kg cannabis leaves along with 125 gm of grinded cannabis leaves. The accused was arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remained in custody.

In Handwara, officers at a checkpoint established at Dedikoot crossing intercepted two suspects, who were identified as Akhter Khan, son of Ayaz Khan, resident of Dedikoot and Tahir Ahmad Sofi, son of Sanaullah Sofi, resident of Bategam. During search, 10 gm Brown sugar was recovered from their possession. They were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective Police Stations and investigation started.

### Illicit timber seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: Police on Friday seized illicit timber at Hayanpalpora in Kangan area of Ganderbal.

As per details, acting on specific input about timber smuggling at Hayanpalpora Kangan, a party from Police Station Kangan under supervision of SDPO Kangan Syed Yasir Qadri raided a spot and seized illicit timber from one Abdul Karim Kumar, son of Gh Mohd Kumar, resident of Hayanpalpora, Kangan. However, accused involved in crime managed to escape from spot and efforts are on to arrest him. Accordingly, FIR No. 21/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Kangan and further investigation started.