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Major Revenue Scam in South Jammu

Rs 26.63 lakh cash; missing Jamabandis, Roznamcha registers, Lathas seized during raids at 21 locations in Jammu, Samba

JAMMU: Rs 26.63 lakh cash, original Jamabandis, Registers, Roznamcha Lathas, Mussavis and trace maps especially of revenue Sunjwan and Chowadhi have been seized during simultaneous raids at 21 locations in Jammu and Samba districts on Sunday.

Raids were conducted at the houses and offices of three serving Revenue officials including a Naib Tehsildar, a teacher and a Probationer Sub Inspector (PSI), 5 retired employees and 8 private persons including property dealers. Most of these accused are already facing FIRs in various wings of J&K Police.

Staff of Tehsildar Bahu has been detained while four persons have been arrested. They include Sadiq Poswal, property dealer Mohd Bashir, retired Tehsildar, Dharam Pal and Ghulam Rasool, both retired Girdawars

Arrest of few more retired revenue officials and property dealers is likely to be made shortly. Scrutiny of the seized documents is going on minutely and further arrests are likely in next few days. All of these accused were on the radar of the authorities

Following the suspicious



Teams scrutinizing seized land files; bundles of revenue registers including Jamabandis, Roznamchas & Lathas seized during the raids in Jammu on Sunday, (More pics on Pg-9)

Jamabandis, Lathas and other land records in Jammu South, 21 joint police-revenue teams on Sunday raided houses and offices of many land grabbers, property leaders and revenue officials in Sunjwan, Chowadhi, Greater Kailash, Sanjay Nagar. Janipur, Gujjar Nagar, Bahu, Sidhra, Trikuta Nagar Extension and Satwari areas in Jammu and Sarore in Samba District.

The persons raided upon were allegedly involved in murky land deals, forgery, >> Houses, offices of Naib Tehsildar, Teacher, PSI, 5 retired revenue officials and 8 property dealers raided; staff of Tehsildar Bahu detained

>> Retired Tehsildar, two Girdawars; a property dealer arrested

encroachments over state land; etc. based on the inputs received fromvarious

The raids followed the

182/2021 registered on November 7, 2021 at Police Station Channi Himmat regarding missing of revenue records viz. Lathas, Masavis of village Chowadi and Sunjwan of Tehsil Bahu.

The raids carried out in the wee hours were continuing at few places till the last reports arrived.

Further, the searches were held as per the laid down procedures consisting of 21 sep-

arate teams and comprising of Executive Magistrates, Police Officers and other officials including lady constables and independent witnesses. The areas were segregated into sectors, supervised

by senior police and Revenue officers.

Revenue records in various forms and in huge quantum have been recovered during searches including various incriminating documents, papers pertaining to land deals, bank locker keys etc the contents of which will be verified in due course of investigation.

Unaccounted cash amounting to Rs. 26.63 lakh has also been seized during searches. The agencies are also looking into the aspects of money laundering, dis-proportionate assets, invoking of provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act, PMLA Act, etc. Many persons raided today already have FIRs, cases registered against them in past under various penal

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It pertinent to mention that seized documents includes Jamabandis, Roznamcha Registers, Lathas, Mussavis and trace maps especially of revenue villages Sunjwan and Chowadhi. Arrests of few retired revenue officials and Property dealers have also been made. Scrutiny of the seized documents is going on minutely and further arrests are likely.

The Government is committed in its resolve to eradicate all kind of corruption the Revenue fromDepartment. Simultaneously, the revenue functioning is also being made more transparent and accountable with various people-friendly initiatives like issuance of land passbooks in three languages, Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani Program, SVAMIT-VA Scheme for rural Abadi Deh lands survey, digitisation of Jamabandies/ Girdawari Registers/ RoR and issuance of online fards in a phased manner, together with making various revenue related services online.

Offline teaching for 'all classes' in Jammu to start today

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Sunday ordered commencement of 'offline' teaching for all classes after and after February 28 in winner zone schoolsJammu and Kashmir.

The J&K State Executive Committee (SEC) however kept attendance at indoor gatherings to 50 per cent of the authorized capacity while cinema halls, theatres, restaurants, clubs, gymnasiums and swimming pools

J&K reports 151 new **COVID cases; Ladakh 55**

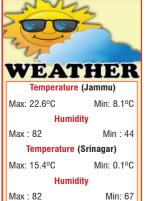
STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday recorded 151 new positive COVID cases, 90 from Jammu division and 61 from Kashmir division, thus taking the total number of positive cases in the Union Territory to 452306

Moreover, 496 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 228from Jammu Division and 268 from Kashmir Division.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 452306 positive cases. 1949are Active

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Sunset: 18:21 Hours

Sunrise: 07:09 Hours

have been permitted to function at 25 per cent of the authorized capacity with due precautions. Announcing the guidelines

February 21 in summer zone after a fresh review of the COVID-19 situation, the SEC, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary A K Mehta, said that the Winter Zone Schools of J&K shall commence offline teaching for all classes after February 28 when winter vacation come to end.

"The Head of the Institutions must ensure

PDP

Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday

urged people to vote for

PAGD allies in the next J&K

assembly polls to defeat the

BJP and its associates,

which, she said, were ham-

pering the case of restoration

of the Union Territory's spe-

cial status in the apex court.

She also reiterated her call

for a peaceful struggle for

the restoration of snatched

Active COVID cases

in India decline

JAMMII:

that guidelines related to vaccination for students above 15 years, social distancing norms and Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) are followed strictly including regular screening at the entrance of the Institution," reads the order issued here.

"All the Summer Zone School students in J&K of Classes 9th to 12th between 15-17 age group whose routine offline teaching commenced from 14

rights, saying the August 5,

2019 development was like

an earthquake and its after-

shocks are still continuing

with this government taking

away something on a daily

The PAGD is a coalition of

six parties, including the

National Conference, PDP

restoration of Jammu and

CPI(M). seeking

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Suspected LeT terrorist arrested in Doda **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BHADARWAH/JAMMU:

A suspected Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist was arrested in Doda district, officials said on Sunday. Adil Iqbal Butt, a resi-

dent of Sazan-Bajarni village, was apprehended by a joint search party of police, Rashtriya Rifles and Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) during checking of vehicles at Thathri on Saturday, the officials They said a pistol, two

STATE TIMES NEWS

Kashmir administration is

now hosting the 'Janbh-agi-

dari Empowerment' portal

on a different server with

higher bandwidth for swift

access to it by the public, an

The intervention came fol-

lowing complaints about

slow speed and bandwidth

issues, which caused disen-

official on Sunday said.

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Jammu and

JAMMU:

from the possession of the suspected terrorist.

Preliminary investigation revealed that he was being handled by Mohd Amin alias Muzamil alias Haroon alias Umar, a terrorist from Doda who is presently operating from Pakistan, the officials said.

They said a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at police station Thathri and further investigation is

to different server for speed

chantment amongst users

despite its great value as an

information platform, the

administration spokesperson

He said Chief Secretary A

K Mehta recently reviewed

the issue of slow speed and

outages on the portal with

the IT department and

directed it to upgrade the

server to improve the brows-

said.

ing speed.

SSP Reasi, SP South Jammu among nine officers transferred

Amit SSP Reasi; Mamta SP South Jammu; Shalinder SSP Security (w): Aftab Addl SP Bhadarwah: Mushim Addl SP Poonch

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on Friday transferred SSP SP South Jammu among nine police officers.

According to order issued by Shaleen Kabra, Principal Secretary, Department, Shridhar Patil, IPS, AIG (Tech) shall hold the additional charge of Director. Telecommunication; Amit Gupta, JKPS, Commandant

has begun to open quickly

enough, improving the whole

experience of visiting the

portal, the spokesperson

said. He said around 70,000

people have accessed the

With increase in the band-

width, the portal is expected

to receive more hits in near

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portal till now.

Home Police

JAMMU: The government transferred and posted as has been posted as Addl. SP SSP Reasi vice Shalinder Bhaderwah; Singh, JKPS, who has been posted as SSP Security Workshop; Randeep Kumar, JKPS, awaiting posting in PHQ, has been posted as Commandant IRP-2nd Bn; Pawan Kumar Parihar, JKPS, awaiting posting in PHQ, has been posted as Commandant 1RP-I6th Bn; Mohd Aftab Mir, JKPS,

IRF-16th Bn has been awaiting orders of posting, Sharma JI Crime, Jammu has been transferred and posted as SP South Jammu vice Deepak Digra, who has been posted as Dy.CO IRP 24th Bn. and Mushim Ahmad, JKPS. Workshop has been transferred and posted as Addl. SP Poonch

Farooq calls for larger role by women J&K: 'Janbhagidari Portal' moved After the move, the portal

in policy planning, decision-making **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMII: Asserting that the National Conference has all along been striving for gender equality, party president Farooq Abdullah on Sunday laid emphasis on political empowerment of women and their larger role in policy planning and decision-mak-

"Involvement of women in decision-making and policy planning is necessary for

achieving comprehensive, unbiased and sustainable development, which will eventually lead to harmonious growth of the society,' Abdullah, a former chief minister, said.

Interacting with the newly constituted provincial women wing of the party at a function here. Abdullah referred to measures taken by his party over the years

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LG announces launch of Digital Jammu Kashmir to make all villages digitally literate

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Vote only for PAGD allies in

next assembly polls: Mehbooba

COVID-19 cases in India fell below 20,000 after 51 days, taking the total virus tally to 4,28,22,473, while the active cases dipped to 2,24,187, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Sunday.

A total of 19,968 cases have been reported in a day while the death toll climbed to 5.11.903 with 673 fresh fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The daily COVID-19 cases have remained below one lakh for 14 consecutive days. India reported 16,764 corornavirus infections

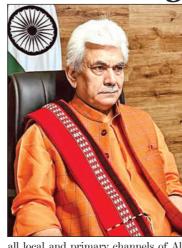
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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor,

Manoi Sinha on Sunday announced that the Government has decided to launch Digital Jammu Kashmir to fulfill the Prime Minister's resolve of making all villages digitally literate; saving under this campaign, the administration will work towards digital services and digital literacy in coming days. "Digital technology plays a vital role

in inclusive growth and bridging the gap between government's programmes and citizens", Sinha said during this month's episode of the 'Awaam Ki Awaaz' programme, dedicated to the young achievers of Jammu & Kashmir.

The radio programme was aired on



all local and primary channels of All India Radio (AIR) in the UT and

Welcoming the suggestion of Rahul Kumar from Samba with regard to PPP Model to bridge the digital divide and create an enabling environment for Digital Inclusion, he said the government is committed to remove all the social imbalances.

The Lt Governor congratulated Aroosa Parvaiz, class XII topper from Kashmir Zone.

"It is a remarkable feat and one that will inspire youngsters in the years to come, he added.

The Lt Governor also congratulated the students who have passed the 10th and 12th board exams, and wished them a successful future.

Referring to the suggestion of. Sheeba Nair of Oasis NGO on post-

Covid Educational reforms, the Lt Governor observed that education and health of children are the biggest responsibilities of the administration.

Last year, education in the post-Covid phase had to prioritize health and now, with the cases on decline, opening of schools and creation of Happiness Zones, we are aiming to facilitate an interactive environment that was missing in the online mode of classes.

Responding to the suggestions of Naveed Ahmad from Baramulla; Umair Hassan; Zahoor Indraabi from Kulgam ; Rishu Gupta and Mohammad Iqbal pertaining to expansion of National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the UT; introduction of Philosophy ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

TERROR FUNDING CASE Ailing Watali moved out of jail,

put under house arrest STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Kashmiri businessman Zahoor Watali, arrested by the National Investigation Agency in 2017 in a terror financing case, has been moved out of a jail and put under house arrest to facilitate treatment for a terminal disease.

A special NIA court earlier this month rejected Watali's application for a regular bail but took a compassionate view of his illness and allowed him to avail treatment from house but in judicial custody.

Taking into consideration the advice of doctors

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