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Delimitation exercise about...

the country will function on the basis of the Constitution or whims. Shah said once the court takes a decision on the matter everyone should accept it. On the issue of implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), Shah said there was no question of going back on it.

He, however, said the decision is linked to the Covid situation.

It is my personal belief that people of all religions should accept the school's dress code. And the issue is now in court, and the court is conducting its hearings on the matter. Whatever it decides should be followed by all, Shah said in an interview with Network18.

Ultimately, it has to be decided whether the country will function on (the basis of) the Constitution or whims. My personal belief only remains until the court makes a decision. And once the court makes a decision, then I should accept it, and everyone should accept it.

"But, I still personally believe that every student should function according to the dress code and uniform mandated by the school, he added.

Asked about the involvement of the Campus Front of India on the issue, the minister said, "These people may have their active involvement, but I'll just say that their intentions will not come to fruition."

"The people of India will accept the court's judgement once it comes."

The hijab issue in Karnataka had triggered a major controversy across the nation. The matter had its echo in the ongoing assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh too.

According to a statement from the news group, Shah said on the CAA implementation: As long as we are not free from COVID-19, this can't be a priority. We have seen three waves. Thankfully, things are getting better; the third wave is receding. The decision is linked to the Covid situation. But there is no question of going back on it. The question does not arise."

He also hit out at the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party for withdrawing cases registered under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) during their respective tenures in Uttar Pradesh.

The law and order issue is important. And now PM Modi has also spoken on terrorism. He spoke in Hardoi on the Ahmedabad blasts case in which 38 accused have been sentenced to death. He said these terrorists were freed from jail during the SP regime, he said.

Eleven such instances took place during the SP and BSP eras when UAPA and POTA cases were withdrawn. What do SP and BSP have to say about security in the country? They will have to answer the public, he added.

Shah expressed confidence of his party's victory in the politically significant state.

Hybrid JeM terrorist...

Rajwar area of Handwara, Police along with 21RR and 92BN CRPF established a special joint Naka near Sultanpur the bridge.

During checking of pedestrians and vehicles, one suspect, the hybrid terrorist, on noticing the joint forces tried to conceal his presence and flee from spot but was apprehended tactfully by the alert party.

Incriminating material, arms and ammunition including one pistol with magazine and five pistol rounds were recovered from his possession.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused is a hybrid terrorist of proscribed terror outfit JeM and working on the direction of his Pakistan handlers across the border. He also confessed that he was in the area to carry out an attack.

Accordingly, a case vides FIR No. 42/2022 registered under relevant sections of law in Police Station Handwara and further investigation is in progress.

J&K sees 104...

The officials said Doda district recorded the highest of 29 cases followed by 24 cases in Kishtwar.

There are 1,692 active cases in the Union territory, while the number of recovered patients is 4,45,971, they said.

The death toll due to the pandemic stands at 4,747.

Officials said there were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union territory as no fresh case was reported since Sunday evening.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 34 fresh COVID-19 cases, taking the overall case-load in the Union Territory to 27,835 while the active cases gone down to 341, officials said.

Since the coronavirus outbreak in 2020, the Union Territory has recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil, they said. There was no death reported from Ladakh on Sunday, they said.

As many as 91 patients were cured and discharged from hospitals in Ladakh. Of these, 67 were discharged in Leh and 24 in Kargil, they said.

With these, the total number of cured patients is 27,266, they said.

Of the total of 34 fresh cases from Union territory, 31 such cases were reported from Leh district and 3 from Kargil district, they said.

DCGI grants restricted...

overcoming our global fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

In an application sent to the DCGI on February 9, Srinivas Kosaraju, the head of quality and regulatory affairs at Biological E Limited, had said the firm had received approval for conducting phase 2/3 clinical study of Corbevax among children and adolescents aged 5-18 years in September.

"Based on the no-objection certificate, Biological E has initiated the clinical study in October 2021 and has evaluated the available safety and immunogenicity results of the ongoing phase 2/3 study, which indicated that the vaccine is safe and immunogenic," he said.

"The proposed application is for obtaining permission for restricted use in an emergency situation in adolescents aged 12 to less than 18 years based on interim results (of the ongoing phase 2/3 clinical study) considering the current pandemic and widespread of COVID-19 vaccine in India," Kosaraju had said in the application.

The Corbevax vaccine is administered through the intramuscular route with two doses scheduled 28 days apart and is stored at two to eight degrees Celsius temperatures and presented as 0.5 ml (single dose) and 5 ml (10 doses) vial pack.

According to the health ministry, the company has conducted phase 1/2 and 2/3 clinical trials of its COVID-19 vaccine in the country.

Further, it has conducted a phase 3 active comparator clinical trial to evaluate superiority against Covishield vaccine, it said.

CRIME REPORT

Man killed, three injured in Rajouri accident

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A man was killed while three other sustained injuries in a road accident in Rajouri town on Monday morning.

Police officials informed that the accident took place when a tempo-traveler moving on Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch highway hit a tipper near Army water point station of Rajouri, due to which a person died while three others got injured. The deceased was identified as Sajjad Ali, son of Mohammad Ali of Swari village of Rajouri and injured, they said, have been hospitalized at GMC Rajouri.

Theft case solved, two arrested & six quintal iron recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Monday solved a theft case by arresting two accused persons and recovered six quintals of iron.

As per details, on February 18, a written complaint was received from manager of AFCON Company, Nachalana regarding theft of some iron material from their workshop at Hingni during intervening night of February 17-18, 2022 by some unknown persons. FIR No. 14/22 under sections 457/380 of IPC was registered at Police Station Ramsoo and investigation of case was entrusted to PSI Arjun Choudhary. Acting swiftly, a police team visited the place of occurrence and enquired from few people in nearby locality to fetch some clue about stolen items. After getting some leads, police team arrested two persons namely Shabir Ahmad, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Hingni Ramsoo and Furgaan Ahmad, son of Abdul Rehman, resident of Shabanwass, Banihal. On their disclosures, some stolen items (weighing 6 quintal) along with a Load Carrier (JK02-CA-4238), which was used in crime, was seized. Further investigation is underway to retrieve other stolen items. The recovery and arrest were made by the police team under the supervision of Inspector Nazir Ahmed, SHO Ramsoo and SDPO Banihal Nisar Ahmed Khoja and overall supervision of Mohita Sharma, SSP Ramban.

Bid to smuggle Govt ration foiled, accused arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Monday foiled a bid to smuggle Govt Ration at Ramsoo



Mahima Datla said, "Once fully vaccinated, children can resume their activities and educational pursuits in schools and colleges without any apprehension."

She thanked all the participants in the clinical trials, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) and Department of Biotechnology of the Union government, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (TSTTHI) and the principal investigators and clinical site staff who have extended their support during the last several months.

2,250 square Km...

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, who chaired a meeting to review the working of forest department, directed the department to restore 1000 square kilometres forest area during the next year in convergence with the funds available under labour component.

Gera informed that the campaign 'Har Gaon Hariyali' has been well received by the people at large and the panchayats in the UT are locked in a healthy competition of outdoing one another on the issue of plantation.

The Chief Secretary directed the department to repair all 3,700 ponds within next six months.

He said repair and rejuvenation of these ponds will recharge the ground water and improve the whole ecosystem of lives and livelihood in the villages.

Saying that the practice of the people feeding monkeys on the national highways and tourist places has to be stopped, the chief secretary said the department needs to improve enforcement thorough heightened vigil and imposition of fines to deter people from doing so as it causes unnecessary accidental deaths of monkeys.

Dr Mehta said the forest department needs to put a high premium on climate mitigation and ensure that vehicular pollution is effectively checked and the violators are suitably penalized.

He asked the department to ensure that visibly polluting vehicles from outside the UT are not allowed entry at Lakhapur border.

The Chief Secretary directed the forest department to erect hoardings and billboards at Lakhapur border carrying unequivocal directions from the department for the interstate commuters that the vehicles not conforming to the pollution norms will not be let into J&K.

Holding plastic littered on the roadsides and in and around forest areas as the terrible pollutant and eye sore, he asked the department to mount a campaign titled- 'Say No to Plastics' in the media advising the people against the use of the plastics.

Dr Mehta also asked the department to spearhead a plastic cleanliness campaign on war footing across J&K.

Appreciating the conservation works carried out in the surroundings of the Wular lake, the chief secretary said the unrivalled beauty of the lake needs to be celebrated and asked the department to hold Wular lake festivals thrice- during spring, summer and autumn in a year.

Court grants 8-day...

custody for a period of eight days and shall be produced in the court on February 28, 2022," Court directed.

Rs 26 lakh cash, original Jamabandis, Roznamcha Registers, Lathas, Mussavis and trace maps especially of revenue villages Sunjwan and Chowdhi were seized during the 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.

The raids followed the investigation in FIR 182/2021 registered on November 7, 2021 in Police Station Channi Himmat regarding missing of revenue records viz. Lathas, Masavis of village Chowdhi and Sunjuwan of Tehsil Bahu.

SC seeks reply...

their adherence. Moreover, it may be just and appropriate for this court to frame guidelines for regulation and effective implementation for fundamental duties in exercise of the plenary and extra-ordinary power of this court under Article 32 and 142 of the Constitution until the scheme in this regard is formalised by the respondents," said the plea filed through advocate Karunakar Mahalik.

The plea said the fundamental duties are intended to serve as a constant reminder to every citizen that while the Constitution conferred on them certain fundamental rights specifically, it also requires citizens to observe certain basic norms of democratic conduct and behaviour because rights and duties are correlative.

The fundamental duties are an important tool to protect the unity and integrity of several institutions including the judiciary. It is submitted that every citizen must learn how to respect the institutions of this country. There have been cases where Fundamental Duties have been brazenly flouted by the people including the officers of the law and which in turn resulted in violation of fundamental rights of other citizen, the plea said.

Dutt said his plea aims to address the issue of national importance and to promote commitment amongst citizens towards each other and towards the nation as it contributes towards development and progress of the nation.

The petitioner is constrained to invoke the jurisdiction of this court because the existing laws are inadequate for ensuring performance of the fundamental duties, it said.

The plea further added that except for some scattered legislations, there is neither a uniform policy nor a comprehensive code for enforcement of fundamental duties.

It said that while citizens show a serious concern towards fundamental rights, they often forget that there is a corresponding Constitutional and moral obligation upon them to perform the fundamental duties.

It is further apt to state that at the advent of COVID-19 pandemic and then the manner in which it was cynically exploited to stoke communalism, on social media and TV channels... Therefore, it is need of the hour that certain moral obligations be converted to legal obligations by enacting legislation and framing guidelines, so that if in future such situation arises, we as a nation shall be seen standing together with united efforts", it said. The plea also sought direction for setting up of an independent high-powered committee, headed by a retired chief justice or judge of this court or High Court and consisting of distinguished citizens from different fields/professions and concerned officials of the stakeholders and the respondents, to scrutinise and review the entire legal framework relating to the effective implementation of Part IV-A of the Constitution and recommendation of appropriate guidelines needed to be laid down by this court.

It sought directions to Centre and states for framing of guidelines for taking appropriate steps to sensitize people and spread general awareness among the citizens in relation to performance of fundamental duties under the Constitution.

and arrested an accused in this regard.

As per details, on Feb 20 2022, at around 1530 hrs an information was received through reliable sources that a truck (PB02-N-9845) of Makroo Trading company, is loaded with Govt ration (Rice), which is being smuggled by some private persons in connivance with Govt officials of CAPD Deptt for illegal sale FIR No. 15/2021 under sections 408/420/109 of IPC was registered at Police Station Ramsoo in this regard and special Naka was laid to intercept the truck.

In due time, Naka party successfully intercepted the vehicle and arrested its driver identified as Rinku Singh, son of Joginder Paul, resident of Patalpur Pathankot. Approximately 22.5 ton of Government ration (rice) along with truck has been seized. The overall recovery and arrest was made by the police team under the supervision of Inspector Nazir Ahmed, SHO Ramsoo and SDPO Banihal Nisar Ahmed Khoja and under overall supervision of SSP Mohita Sharma. Further investigation is underway to unearth the nexus.

65 bovines rescued, 2 smugglers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Monday rescued 65 bovines under 'Operation Kamdhenu' and arrested two smugglers.

As per details, acting on specific inputs regarding transportation of bovines, a party from Police Station Ramban intercepted two trucks (JK02AJ4071 & JK02AP2481). On checking, the vehicles were found laden with 48 bovines, which were rescued. The drivers disclosed their identity as Mohd Rafiq, son of Gh Rasool, resident of Khassan Reasi and Zewal Islam, son of Amaanullah, resident of Batote, Ramban respectively. Both smugglers were arrested and FIR Nos 46 & 47/2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act were registered against them at Police Station Ramban.

In a similar incident, a party of Police Station Chanderkote intercepted a truck with any registration number and on checking, found it laden with seven bovines which were rescued. The driver of vehicle fled from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. FIR No. 23/2022 under sections 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 police stations led by SHO Ramban Insp Sandeep Charak, SHO Chanderkote Insp P D Singh & SHO Batote Insp Sudher Sadotra under supervision of DySP Hqs Ramban Pardeep Singh Sen under overall supervision of SSP Hqs Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

Meanwhile, a party from Police Station Batote intercepted a truck without any registration number and on checking, found it laden with seven bovines which were rescued. The driver of vehicle fled from the spot taking advantage of the darkness. FIR No. 16/2022 under sections 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 police stations led by SHO Ramban Insp Sandeep Charak, SHO Chanderkote Insp P D Singh & SHO Batote Insp Sudher Sadotra under supervision of DySP Hqs Ramban Pardeep Singh Sen under overall supervision of SSP Hqs Ramban, Mohita Sharma.

Institute launched in...

originated in Kashmir it is often called "Kashmiri Shaivism".

It later went on to become a pan-Indian movement termed 'Trika' (The Trinity) by its great exegete, sage Abhinavagupta, and particularly flourished in Odisha, Karnataka and Maharashtra. "Kashmiri Shaiva Institute has been launched here as first research, studies, teaching and publication centre of excellence across the globe on Kashmiri Shaivism", Secretary KSI Vijay Kumar Kaul told reporters here.

The institute was setup by the globally acknowledged Ishwar Ashram Trust on Kashmiri Shaivism.

Proof of demand...

of illegal gratification and the acceptance thereof. The proof of demand of bribe by a public servant and its acceptance by him is sine qua non for establishing the offence under section 7 of the PC Act, the bench said in its 17-page judgement.

The top court delivered the verdict on the plea filed by the accused challenging the high court judgement.

The bench said that evidence of the complainant in the case about demand for bribe by the appellant was not at all reliable.

Hence, we conclude that the demand made by the appellant has not been conclusively proved, the bench said, adding that the version of the complainant in his examination-in-chief about the demand made by the appellant from time to time is an improvement.

Thus, this is a case where the demand of illegal gratification by the appellant was not proved by the prosecution. Thus, the demand which is sine qua non for establishing the offence under section 7 was not established, the apex court said.

While allowing the appeal, the bench said the conviction for the offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(1)(d) read with section 13(2) of the PC Act is set aside and the appellant is acquitted of the charges framed against her.

According to the prosecution, the appellant was working as a commercial tax officer at Secunderabad and the complain