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are targeted to be connected by March, 2024. 17985.10Km road length has been constructed under the scheme against the sanctioned programme.

Under PMGSY-III 521.09 Km road length has been upgraded so far with an expenditure of Rs.11723.57 crores has been incurred so far.

J&K has exceptionally performed in making progress and achieving goals under PMGSY since 2019 there by constructing 9000kms of the road length. Notably, J&K UT has consecutively ranked 3rd at the National level during 2020-21 and 2021-22 in terms of road length constructed in a year.

LG expresses gratitude...

Raj Shri Giriraj Singh Ji for approval of 12 road upgradation projects & construction of a bridge under PMGSY-III Batch-III at a cost of Rs. 152 Cr.

The road upgradation projects will benefit hundreds of habitations in 6 districts of J&K UT. The two lane bridge for border district of Poonch will ensure greater ease of travel and it will connect villages to prosperity and contribute in overall socio-economic development".

28 Inspectors among...

Singh from DPL Jammu to Police Station Gangyal as SHO; Inspector Sudhir Sadotra from Police Station Bus Stand to Police Station Gandhi Nagar as SHO; Inspector Vijay Kumar from DPL Jammu to Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu as SHO; Inspector Rajeshwar Singh from DPL Jammu to Police Station Nagrota as SHO; Inspector Satvir Singh from DPL Jammu to Police Station Bakshi Nagar as SHO; Inspector Sushil Kumar from Police Station Pacea Danga to Police Station Satwari as SHO; Inspector Arun Parkash from DPL Jammu to Police Station Domana as SHO; Inspector Brahamdev Singh from DPL Jammu to Police Station City as SHO; Inspector Sunil Dutt from DPL Jammu to Police Station Janipur as SHO; Inspector Rakesh Singh from Liasion Officer; All Sub Judges District Court Jammu to Police Station Hajjair Kotli as SHO; Inspector Sham Lal from DPL Jammu to Police Station Kanachak as SHO; Inspector Neeraj Choudhary from DPL Jammu to Police Station Khour as SHO; Inspector Sukhbir Singh from DPL Jammu to Police Station Arnia as SHO; Inspector Arjun Mangotra from DPL Jammu to Police Station Gharota as SHO; Inspector Mohd Qasim from DPL Jammu to Police Station Peer Mitha as SHO; Inspector Surinder Kumar from DPL Jammu to Liasion Officer; All Sub Judge District Court Jammu; Inspector Arti Thakur from Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu to DPL Jammu; Inspector Rakesh Sharma from Police Station Bakshi Nagar to DPL Jammu; Inspector Sushil Choudhary from Police Station Domana to DPL Jammu; Inspector Vishav Partap Singh from Police Station Nagrota to DPL Jammu; Inspector Surinder Raina from Police Station Nowabad to DPL Jammu; Inspector Sumeet Sharma from Police Station Satwari to DPL Jammu; Inspector Kirti Sharma from Police Station Women Cell to DPL Jammu; S-I Mohinder Singh from Police Station City to DPL Jammu; and L/PSI Mandeep Kour from DPL Jammu to Police Station Women Cell as SHO.

BJP winning 370...

of the start of the party's convention, he said every booth worker should now focus on polling booths and ensure at least 370 more votes for the party at each in the upcoming polls than in 2019.

Briefing reporters on Modi's speech, BJP General Secretary Vinod Tawde said the prime minister told the meeting that the opposition will raise "unnecessary and emotional issues" during the polls but party members should stick to the issues of development, pro-poor policies and the country's rising global standing.

Tawde said the party will launch a campaign to reach out to beneficiaries of various central government schemes from February 25.

Modi noted he has been the head of a government, including more than 12 years as Gujarat chief minister; for nearly 23 years and there has been no allegation of corruption. "It's been an 'aarop mukh' and a 'vikas yukt' period," he said in his briefing, noting that there has been no such instance of such a long tenure of anyone not drawing any taint.

My Govt's top...

grassroots mobilization in securing electoral triumphs and advancing the party's agenda. "As we prepare for the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly elections, it is imperative that we intensify our grassroots efforts to secure victory", he added. Azad emphasized that his government had sanctioned numerous development projects aimed at enhancing education, healthcare, infrastructure, and tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Azad highlighted key accomplishments, including the sanctioning of degree colleges, medical colleges, universities, schools, roads, bridges, yatri niwas, hajj house, and various other vital projects.

Meanwhile, Azad attacked National Conference and denounced its history of political opportunism and power-seeking tactics.

He accused the NC of prioritizing their hunger for power over the interests of the people



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing gathering of party workers in Nagrota on Saturday.

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Azad pointed out that the NC had previously formed alliances with the BJP, despite ideological differences, and remained silent on critical issues such as the revocation of Article 370.

"I was aware of their talks with BJP in 2014", he added.

He emphasized that it was he who spoke out against the revocation of Article 370, demonstrating a commitment to defending the rights of the people of J&K.

"It is regrettable that the NC has consistently put their thirst for power above the welfare of the people," Azad said, adding, "Even after the revocation of Article 370, they are willing to beg the BJP for alliance partnerships, further exposing their opportunistic nature."

Azad reaffirmed his dedication to working for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, emphasizing his commitment to honesty and integrity in leadership.

He reiterated his stance against misleading the public and underscored his focus on addressing the real issues facing the region.

Azad urged DPAP workers to actively communicate these achievements to the public, emphasizing their role in highlighting the positive impact of government initiatives on communities across J&K.

Among others who were present in the meeting were Vice chairman GM Saroori, General secretary RS Chib, Anita Thakur, Provincial president Jugal Kishore Sharma, General secretary Vinod Mishra, Chief, spokesperson Salman Nizami, state secretary Sunita Arora, Mohinder Sharma Distt Sr Vice President, state secretary Riyaz Naz, State Zonal president Choudhary Gharu Ram, Shafiq Shabnam, Zonal president PR Manhas, District president Gourav Chopra, Ashok Bhagat, Sobat Ali, Prabha Salathia, Anoop Khajuria, Minority Cell Kirtan Singh, Fatima Farooq, Farooq Ahmed Shakri, Zonal General Secretary Suraj Prakash, Kulwant Singh Chib, Ranjeet Kour, Rajinder Singh Pinky, Ashutosh Raina, Kamalpreet Singh, Sanjay Dhar, Sheikh Zafarullah and others.

BSF to hold...

DG, Border Security Force announced expansion of Beating Retreat ceremony at BOP Octroi Suchetgarh, from existing two days to four days a week which shall now be organized every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

Y. B. Khurania also informed that extended celebrations shall feature diverse array of activities and events, including cultural performances, local cuisine showcases, souvenir shopping points and much more.

Chief Secretary expressed his satisfaction regarding important initiative of increasing frequency of the ceremony, which has been consistent demand of residents of the Border area.



CS Atal Dulloo holding discussions with Special DG, BSF Y. B. Khurania.

The ceremony presents a remarkable opportunity to boost Border Tourism, stimulate economic growth and highlight rich cultural and natural heritage of the area which is globally renowned for its picturesque Gharana wetlands and historic Shri Raghunathji Temple. Keeping in view, the large number of tourist foot fall in the Jammu and Kashmir in the recent years,

Chief Secretary expressed positive hopes that the announced extension of ceremony at the outpost, shall allow larger number of local and non-local tourists to cherish beauty and charm of the locale, foster greater appreciation and create lasting memories.

Atal Dulloo also assured support to elevate the region's profile as a must-visit destination on the tourism map which shall herald prosperity for the border residents through tourism activities.

J&K Administration fully...

Officer (CEO), Darul-Intikhab.

The program was attended by representatives of major news outlets of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

The participants were briefed about all the important aspects of media during election process including spread of information/ disinformation, fake news, media certification and monitoring committees.

The representatives were also apprised about code of ethics for social media operation and regulations regarding poll day coverage.

Chief Electoral Officer stressed upon the crucial role of Media as a watchdog for fair and transparent elections.

National level master trainers Chand Kishore Sharma and Riaz Ahmed Butt imparted training on several topics including Media centers, restrictions of exit and opinion polls, enforcement of MCC and other regulations.

Chief Electoral Officer J&K in his closing address apprised the participants on various election related aspects highlighting the need for a check on fake news and the role of media in ensuring a civil discourse both during and after the election processes. He also emphasized upon the importance of maintaining good practices and transparency to ensure peaceful and fair elections.

Chief Justice visits...

works being executed on the building. He was apprised by the officers of Housing Board, through a detailed PowerPoint Presentation, about the present status of various ongoing works in the court complex building.

During the inspection, the Chief Justice expressed satisfaction over the pace of progress and quality of work being carried out at the site. He stated that the new court complex in Kulgam is poised to address the growing demand for judicial services in the region and cater to the needs of the local populace on its account. After completion, the new court complex in Kulgam is expected to serve as a beacon of justice, facilitating the resolution of disputes and dispensation of justice in a fair and efficient manner, he maintained. He said that it will provide a conducive environment for legal proceedings, thereby enhancing access to justice for all citizens.

In his address, the Chief Justice emphasized the pivotal role of Judiciary in upholding the rule of law and ensuring equitable access to justice for all citizens. He underscored the importance of the newly established court in extending legal services to remote areas, thereby bridging the gap between the law and the people it serves.

The Chief Justice directed the Managing Director J&K Housing Board to keep a provision for making a Vulnerable Witness Deposition Complex within the new under construction court building besides establishing a crèche facility in there preferably in the ground floor with an attached washroom.

Regarding construction of Lawyers Chambers, the Chief Justice directed for making available one video conferencing room for the lawyers. In addition, one consultation room should also be made available in the lawyers building so that the junior lawyers or the lawyers who might not get separate chambers to their clients in the said consultation room, he asked the concerned.

Later, the Chief Justice interacted with the lawyers and emphasized the need of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism especially the mediation and Lok Adalat. He advised the lawyers to opt amicable settlement of the cases through ADR mechanism.

Meanwhile, the Chief Justice had an exclusive meeting with all the district officers in which the Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, SSP Kulgam and other officers participated.

The Chief Justice emphasized the need for deeper cooperation and coordination among different official functionaries including that of judiciary for optimum outcome. He stressed upon the role of legal services institutions especially District Legal Services Authority in timely justice dispensation, enacting as a bridge between the Judiciary, the Executive and Police administration.

The Chief Justice also gave directions to the Secretary DLSA to provide the copy of Legal Service Authority Act to all the officials of the district along with the rules so that they are able to know about the mandate of law as provided under Legal Services Authority Act.

Further, the Chief Justice directed the Deputy Commissioner to ensure participation of Para-Legal Volunteers in all the public outreach activities being carried out by all departments including Social welfare, Health Department and Education department. He also directed him to take effective steps in ensuring that the construction of residential quarters for the judicial officers are raised on priority.

After the inspection, the Chief Justice along with Administrative Judge Kulgam visited the site proposed for construction of Munsiff Court Quazigund. He maintained that establishment of Munsiff Court in Quazigund reflects a collaborative effort between various stakeholders, including the judiciary, government authorities and local communities. This initiative reaffirms the collective commitment towards fostering a legal framework that is responsive to the needs of the populace.

Advocates of District Court Kulgam submitted their charter of demands to the Chief Justice requesting that powers under Guardian and Succession Act must be given to Judicial officers posted at Quazigund. They also demanded sanctioning of a new court comprising Civil Judge, Senior Division/ Railway Magistrate having jurisdiction over Railway matters for Quazigund.

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Purray said Tendulkar spent an hour at the manufacturing unit and interacted with a small bunch of fans. Later, Sachin Tendulkar visited the Martand Temple in the Mattan area of south Kashmir's Anantnag district before heading to Pahalgam for the night.

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Ahead of PM...

who helps in locating such tunnels used by "anti-national elements".

Modi is visiting Jammu on February 20 to inaugurate and lay the foundation of 209 projects worth Rs 3,161 crore. He will also address a public meeting at the Maulana Azad Stadium in the heart of Jammu.

As part of the heightened security arrangements in view of Modi's visit, the officials said, the BSF and the police conducted a joint two-hour-long anti-tunnelling operation in the Ramgarh sector of Samba district. The operation started around 9.45 am and search teams did not find anything suspicious on the ground, they said.

The officials said BSF troops guarding the IB and police personnel manning the border posts have been put on maximum alert, especially after the recent ceasefire violation by Pakistan Rangers, and have been asked to maintain a tight vigil on any suspicious movement from across the border.

SPPND GDC Samba organises Ek Sehar Jawanon Ke Saath

SAMBHA: The NCC/ NSS Units of SPPND GDC Samba organised a border visit Ek Sehar Jawanon Ke Saath to 161 Batalion BSF under the aegis of IQAC. The visit was held under the patronage of Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri, Principal of the college. About 40 students and 10 faculty members visited the Border post. CO Surendra Kumar Commanding Officer 161 BN B.S.F Samba coordinated the visit. The students and faculty were given a guided tour of the Border and acquainted with the various weapons used by the forces in guarding the border. It was a maiden experience for the students to walk close to the fence at the Indo-Pak Border and witness a wide display of fire arms and special equipment used by the forces. They also had a close look at the vast land across the border and various outposts manned by the B.S.F forces. CO Surendra Kumar Commanding Officer 161 BN B.S.F Samba exhorted the students to work hard for a bright future and choose Armed forces as a career option as it held a promising future. Prof. (Dr.) Twinkle Suri apprised the students about the role of armed forces in guarding the Nation and the exemplary work being done by them. She stressed that these visits will ensure that the students understand the importance of Independence and Sovereignty. The hosts were delighted to have the young students amidst them. The students also interacted with the officers enthusiastically put forward their queries.



DGP terms action against narcotism as anti-terror, pro-people, pro-youth

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SRINAGAR: Director General of Police, J&K, R.R Swain on Saturday said that action against narcotism is an effort where many anti-national, anti-social elements are being hit in a single action

"Stringent action against narcoties is anti-terror, pro-people, pro-youth and also anti-organised crime that leads to other crimes", the DGP said while chairing a meeting of senior Police and civil administration officers of North Kashmir Range at district Police lines Baramulla.

He directed the officers to make a planned roadmap with the intention to eradicate narco terror trade from Jammu and Kashmir: Go deep into the NDPS case investigation and assess the knowledge and differentiate between drug dealer, drug peddler and the victim in order to reach the desired destination of uprooting the base of narcotism, he added.

DGP emphasised upon officers for mapping the human resources of Police Stations, adding that there are many things to do beyond the routine duties. He said that resources available at the Police station level must be used for improving the core policing practices such as investigations. He directed for focusing on the emerging threats of cybercrime adding that proper utilisation of the services of Technology Teams deputed recently in every district would be highly useful.

The DGP also presided over a scheduled public interaction cum grievance redressal programme.

The DGP's 2nd Public grievance redressal programme in North Kashmir also witnessed a massive response as around 400 persons turned for the programme and placed their grievances directly to DGP J&K. He heard all the grievances pertaining to police services very patiently and assured time bound redressal of genuine issues.

Talking about the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir Police Parivar which is extended to the families of martyrs, deceased and retired personnel, the DGP said that issues of housing are being looked into at the highest level. He emphasised upon district officers to streamline and strengthen the functioning of Police schools and hostels in each district for which every possible support will be provided by the Police Headquarters.

The jurisdictional officers attending the meeting briefed the DGP regarding the different measures which are in place to maintain the prevailing peaceful atmosphere.

IGP Kashmir V K Birdi, IGP POS, PHQ B S Tuti, DIG NKR Shri Vivek Gupta, DC Baramulla Minga Sherpa, SSP Baramulla Nagpure Amod Ashok, SSP Kupwara Shobhit Saxena, SSP Handwara Dawood Ayoub, SSP Sopore Divya D & SSP Bandipora Lakshay Sharma, CO IR 4th Showkat Ahmed Dar, AIG (T&P) PHQ Manoj Kumar Pandith and SSP Traffic Rural Kashmir Ravinder Pal Singh attended the meeting.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Public Grievance redressal programme, the DGP said that going out from the station headquarters of Srinagar/ Jammu is an effort to address the public grievances of people residing in rural districts. He said that besides the people having grievances about different police services, a good number of policemen are also attending the public grievance redressal programmes to get their grievances resolved. He said the grievances pertaining to police headquarters are being addressed in the shortest possible time and added that PHQ is also ensuring that issues pertaining to other departments are appropriately handled through a structured follow-up system.

The DGP said we are planning for increasing the frequency of public grievance redressal programmes at different levels to ensure that a multitude of complaints from the public are effectively addressed.

He said that being a policeman is always a very difficult job and its primary aim is to provide justice, which entails differentiating right from wrong. In line with this objective, the Jammu and Kashmir Police is taking strict action against those responsible for pushing the youth towards terrorism and drugs, the DGP added.

Regarding the establishment of more drug de-addiction centres, the DGP said that it is a much-required facility in present times and assured that the matter would be taken up with the concerned government authorities.

The DGP on his arrival paid tributes to the J&K Police fallen heroes by laying wreaths at the martyrs memorial.

In an emotionally charged moment in the evening, DGP honored the father of Jammu Kashmir Police's fallen hero, Mudasir Ahmad. Mudasir Ahmad, who was a Shaurya Chakra awardee (Posthumous), paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving the nation and protecting its citizens.

The DGP, along with other high-ranking officers, extended their heartfelt gratitude and respect to the family of the fallen hero. This heartwarming ceremony served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the brave men in uniform who risk their lives for the safety and security of the public.



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2 smugglers arrested, 4 bovines rescued

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SAMBHA: Police on Saturday foiled bovine smuggling attempt in early morning hours in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, arrested two bovine smugglers, rescued four bovines and seized vehicle used in the illegal transportation of bovines.

A Police team of Police Station Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at naka NHW Tapyal, signalled to stop a Mahindra load carrier without number coming from Kathua side for checking.

But the driver of the vehicle accelerated the speed in order to fled away from the spot and hit the vehicle with naka road barrier. The alert cops successfully intercepted the vehicle and during checking four bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified as Adil Hussain S/o Mohd. Beeru R/o Mai Chak district Kathua and Talab Hussain S/o Mir Hussain R/o Mai Chak district Kathua have been arrested and vehicle seized. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

A case FIR No. 20/2024 u/s 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act, 3 PDPP Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

Drug peddler nabbed with heroin

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SAMBHA: Police on Saturday nabbed one drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh and recovered heroin (chitta) like narcotic substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Ramgarh while performing vehicle checking duty at Naka Koulpur, intercepted a person moving on suspicious circumstances. During frisking of the said person, heroin like narcotic substance has been recovered from his possession by the police.

The arrested drug peddler has been identified as Balkar Singh, son of Charan Singh, resident of Barota Camp, Ramgarh. A case FIR No. 15/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered against him at Police Station Ramgarh and further investigation is underway.

Missing minor girl traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMANA: Police has traced out a minor missing girl in which a case under relevant section had been registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and reunited her with the parents after completing all legal formalities.

As per details, On Feb 5, 2024, a written complaint was lodged by the mother of minor missing girl, a resident of Teli Basti Bari Brahmana, stating therein that her minor girl who is dumb went missing from residence.

Acting on the complaint, a case FIR No.17/2024 U/S 363 IPC got registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and search started to trace the said minor missing girl. During the course of investigation, concrete efforts were made by the police to recover the said missing girl including issuance of Lookout Notice from District Police Headquarters Samba. With continuous strenuous efforts, a police team of Police Station Bari Brahmana headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmana has traced out the said minor missing girl and after producing her before Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Samba, handed over to her legal heirs upon completing all other legal formalities.