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individual is necessary for the complete transformation of society. We must rededicate ourselves towards establishing an egalitarian and inclusive society as a befitting tribute to Dr Ram Manohar Lohia", said the Lt Governor.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor also conveyed his best wishes on the release of the second volume of the book titled "Dr Ram Manohar Lohia- Rachnakaron Ki Nazar Mein".

He said the young generation must be told about the significant contribution of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia to India's freedom struggle and upliftment of downtrodden.

The Lt Governor invited the students to visit Jammu Kashmir and experience the new and transformed J&K UT.

The Lt Governor also paid tributes to the revolutionary freedom fighters and great sons of Maa Bharti- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru.

Rama Shankar Singh, Chancellor ITM; Prof Rajkumar Jain; Kumar Prashant, President of Gandhi Peace Foundation; KC Tyagi, Former MP; Prayag Shukla and large number of students and faculty of ITM, Gwalior were present.

Rahul Gandhi sentenced...

these brave sons of Mother India.

A host of Congress leaders including Kharge and General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra attacked the BJP and its government at the Centre.

The BJP on its part asserted that the law has to take its course if Rahul Gandhi abuses people and slammed the Congress over its criticism of his conviction, asking whether the opposition party wants "complete freedom" for him to "abuse" others.

In its order, the court noted that the seriousness of the accused's crime increased because a speech delivered by a member of parliament has a "very wide impact on the public."

"And if the accused is given less punishment, then it sends a wrong message to the public and the purpose of defamation is not fulfilled and anybody will easily slander someone."

The court also said the Supreme Court had in the past asked the accused to remain alert in the future after he apologised in a 2018 case for his 'chowkidar chor hai' remark.

"Despite the Supreme Court alerting the accused, there appears to be no change in his conduct." The defamation case was filed against Gandhi for his alleged remarks "How come all the thieves have Modi as the common surname?" on a complaint lodged by BJP MLA and former Gujarat minister Purnesh Modi.

The MP from Wayanad in Kerala made the remarks while addressing a rally at Kolar in Karnataka on April 13, 2019 during the Lok Sabha poll campaign. Purnesh Modi welcomed the verdict.

According to the Representation of the People Act, a person sentenced to imprisonment of two years or more shall be disqualified "from the date of such conviction" and remain disqualified for another six years after serving time.

P D T Achari, a former Lok Sabha Secretary General and Constitution expert, said if the appellate court stays the conviction and the sentence then the disqualification will remain suspended. "The disqualification will last for eight years (in case he is disqualified)," he said, adding that a disqualified person can neither contest, poll or vote for a certain period. Sources said after going through the judgment, the Lok Sabha Secretariat will take a call on issuing a notification announcing a vacancy in the lower house.

11 SHOs including...

from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Satwari, Inspector Arti Thakur has been transferred from Police Station Women Cell and posted as SHO Bagh-e-Bahu.

Inspector Vijay Kumar has been transferred from Police Station Janipur and posted at DPL Jammu, Inspector Kunal Singh Jamwal has been transferred from Police Station City and posted at SHO Domana, Inspector Sikander Singh has been transferred from Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and posted as SHO Janipur. SI Manohar Lal has been transferred from Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and posted as Incharge SHO Jhajjar Kotli, and SI Mohinder Singh has been transferred from Police Station City and posted as Incharge SHO City.

Div Com accords...

satisfaction with the pace of project execution by JSCL and directed officials to maintain synergy and complete other projects within the stipulated time frame.

The chair was informed that JSCL has approved necessary details for electric buses and depot design, specifications and colour schemes as per contract conditions. Service provider Tata Motors has started production of a prototype e-bus which will be inspected by JSCL upon invitation.

The Div Com emphasised the need to expedite and operationalise electric buses. The BoD also approved a tentative plan for routes for electric buses in Jammu. Seven intra-city and five inter-city routes have been identified. The intra-city routes include Jammu Railway Station to Panjirthi while inter-city routes include Jammu Airport/Railway Station to Katra helipad.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on ambitious projects such as the Integrated Command Control Center (ICCC), Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) and WebGIS projects. The board was informed that JSCL may consider extending the terms of the cloud-based data centre for 12 months at the same rates as in the existing contract agreement. The board decided to explore more options and choose a financially stable option.

The Board of Directors also approved the re-rendering of two Smart City projects: the Smart Toilet Project and IT Smart Parking Project. Both projects were terminated by Jammu Municipal Corporation due to discrepancies. The board also approved a new logo for Jammu Smart City Limited.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Avny Lavasa; Director Tourism, Jammu, Vivekanand Rai; Vice Chairman, Jammu Development Authority (JDA) Pankaj Magotra, ACEO, JSCL Rakesh Gupta; Director School Education Jammu, Dr Ravi Shankar and SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli while Chief Executive Officer, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRTC), Jammu Ankita Kar and DD, CPWD, Nominee Director; MoUHA joined the meeting online.

Manager IT, JSCL, J P Singh; Director Technical, JSCL SL Kapoor; GM Finance, JSCL & nodal officer for e-buses project Ashish Anand; GM IT, JSCL, Manoj K Joshi; DGM, JSCL Gurmeet Singh; Assistant Director Archives & Archeology Dr Sangeeta Gupta, Chief Engineer I&FC Manoj Gupta; Chief Engineer, JPDCL Sandeep Seth; Additional SP Traffic, Jammu Raj Paul Singh and Superintendent Engineer, UEED Ashwani Kumar were also present.

Ghulam Nabi Azad's...

his unvarnished opinions on leading politicians from across the political divide-from his confrontation and comradeship with former Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesri, political tricks played by N D Tiwari, Mufti Mohammad Sayeed to his personal equation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi."

According to Vasundhara Raj Baigra, Director of Marketing, and Publications, Rupa Publications India, this is a book that belongs on the reading list of every political aficionado.

SC order on...

order to ensure transparency in the working of the Commission and for conduct of free and fair elections in the country, the government of the day appointed two additional commissioners in October 1989, who continued only till January 1990.

Later, on October 1, 1993, two election commissioners were appointed and the concept of present-day multi-member Commission is in vogue since then, he noted.

"No specific law has been made by Parliament as envisaged under Article 324 (2) of the Constitution of India for appointment of chief election commissioner and the election commissioners," Rijju said.

According to Rule 8 of the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, the appointment of the CEC and other election commissioners requires the approval of the prime minister and the President, he said.

"So far senior members of civil service and/or other serving or retired officers of the rank of secretary to the Government of India/chief secretary of the state governments are appointed as election commissioners, and the senior-most among the three election commissioners as chief election commissioner."

"The appointments to the posts of the CEC and election commissioners are in consonance with the constitutional values that uphold the integrity and credibility of the Commission," Rijju said.

Infiltration down, security...

still remaining," Singh added.

He said those who have been sent with weapons to kill people and create trouble here will also be eliminated. "The action on this count is on," the police chief said.

Singh also said that the security grid would be strengthened further. "Our security grid on the border is strong. Some more posts are being opened to strengthen the security grid further."

Replying to a question about action against a journalist, he said people from various sections of society were found involved in terrorism in the past. "Tough action has been taken against them as per the law. Law is equal for all," he said.

Apart from terrorism, the second-biggest challenge for police is drug smuggling and drug peddling, Singh said.

"Jammu and Kashmir has launched a big movement in all districts against the menace of drugs. Police teams are lodging cases against drug peddlers and in some instances, weapons and drugs were recovered. These are coming from Pakistan. Tough action has been taken against them," he said.

600 cameras for...

fully operational, the adaptive traffic control system (ATCS) is expected to cut down waiting time at traffic signals by almost half, they said.

They added that the new system, which would automatically detect violators like those jumping a red light and also generate an e-challan, is being implemented under the smart city project.

"Red Light Violation Detection System will allow traffic cops to keep a track on violators and generate e-challan, which would then be handed over to the violator", he said.

The system would consist of camera-mounted sensors for better detection of traffic violations, which would relay the data to the central control room managed by the traffic department, officials said.

The system is connected to the control room and is monitored round-the-clock, they said. "It also helps the police to detect and register cases against persons for not wearing helmets, over speeding, triple-riding, stop line violations, speaking over the phone while driving and other violations," he said.

These cameras also function effectively during night hours as recording takes place only if there is vehicle movement on the roads, he added.

The Lt Governor said ICCO, as a nerve centre of civic operations, will bring together all different departments to manage the city's utilities and civic services.

ICCC will ensure quick response in the time of emergency, he added.

An intelligent traffic management system equipped with the latest traffic technology will make city traffic safer and more efficient. The technological solutions will improve integrated and networked mobility, increase road safety and congestion-free traffic flows on busy routes, Sinha said.

NIA searches locations...

busted in Bihar last year. The houses of eight suspects located in Nagpur in Maharashtra, Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, and Valsad, Surat and Botad districts in Gujarat were searched and "incriminating" material, including digital devices (mobile phones and memory cards) and documents, seized, the federal agency said in a statement.

The case stems from a July 2022 FIR registered by the Bihar Police at the Phulwari Sharif police station in Patna against members of the 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' module that was being "operated and controlled" from Pakistan.

Marghoob Ahmad Danish alias Tahir, administrator of a WhatsApp Group 'Ghazwa-e-Hind', launched by a Pakistani national, was arrested in the case, the NIA said. The agency had filed a chargesheet against him in January.

Danish, the agency said, had created 'Ghazwa-e-Hind' groups on different social media platforms, including WhatsApp, Telegram and BiP Messenger.

"He had also created a dedicated WhatsApp group for Bangladeshi nationals, with the title 'BDGhazwa E HindBD'," it said.

"Marghoob had added many persons from India as well as from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Yemen, in these groups," the agency said.

The module aimed to "radicalise" impressionable Indian youngsters with the ultimate objective of conquest of India - 'Ghazwa-e-Hind', the NIA said.

The members of this group were being radicalised with the aim to convert them into "sleepers cells" for carrying out terrorist activities, it alleged.

GDC Khour observes Shaheed Diwas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KHOUR: NCC Unit of Govt. Degree College Khour observed Shaheed Diwas to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters who fought for India's independence from British rule.



NCC cadets along with faculty during the event.

On this occasion students and staff of GDC Khour pay homage to the Martyrs' and freedom fighters namely Bhagat Singh, Raj Guro and Sukhdev, who laid their lives for the freedom of India. Speaking on the Occasion Prof.(Lt.) Arun Sharma shared with the students the life history of the three Martyrs and how three heroes of our nation were hanged to death by the Britishers. These heroes fought for the welfare of the people and sacrificed their lives for the same cause. He advised the students to take inspiration from these freedom fighters.

The entire program was organized by Professor (Lt.) Arun Sharma (NCC Officer of the College) under the guidance of Dr T K Sharma, Principal GDC Khour.

involved in illegal trade. The arrest and recovery was made under overall supervision of SSP GRP Jammu & SDPO GRP Jammu.

Bootlegger arrested with illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARI BRAHMANA: GRP on Thursday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 52 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession.

As per the details, a team of Police Post GRP Bari Brahmana while performing duties at Fatak point railway track at Km 88.2, rounded up suspect, who on seeing police party, tried to escape from the spot. However with the swift action of police team, the suspect was apprehended and during search, 52 bottles (quarters) of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession. A case under 48 Excise Act was registered at Police Station GRP Jammu and accused was arrested, later identified as Saman Kumar, son of Damodar Dass, resident of Jharkhand, at present Bari Brahmana. Further investigation of case is going on. The arrest and recovery was made under the overall supervision of SSP GRP Jammu, SDPO GRP Jammu, SHO GRP Jammu and Incharge Police Post GRP Bari Brahmana.

Illicit timber seized, 2 accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Police on Thursday seized illicit timber in village Saterseran Wagora and arrested two accused involved in crime.

As per details, a party of Police Post Wagora under the supervision of SDPO Kreeeri Khalid Ashraf arrested two persons identified as Mudasir Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Nabi Mir & Farooq Ahmad Mir son of Souf-din Mir, both residents of Saterseran Wagora and recovered 7 logs of illicit timber from their possession at Saterseran Wagora. Both accused were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law was registered and investigation started.

Man found dead under suspicious conditions

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
POONCH: A man died under suspicious circumstances in Poonch on Thursday. According to information, people on seeing a person lying unconscious in area, informed police which reached the spot and took him to the hospital for treatment. But during investigation, doctors declared him as brought dead. He has been identified as Sachin, resident of Uttar Pradesh. Police is investigating the matter.

Woman dies in accident, husband injured

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: A woman died in an accident in Lakhampur area, while her husband got seriously injured. According to information, a couple, which was going on a motor-cycle, got hit by truck near Hatli Morh road, due to which they got injured. Both were taken to the hospital, where woman died during treatment. The deceased was identified as Sushma Devi, wife of Pawan Singh, resident of Mahanpur while her husband was identified as Pawan Singh, son of Mast Ram and is undergoing treatment. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Setting woman on fire: Accused sent on 6-day remand; victim's condition critical, statement recorded

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The accused, who was arrested for setting a woman on fire by throwing petrol in Bishnah area, has been taken on remand for six days and his interrogation is being done. On the other hand, the condition of woman remained critical in hospital but police has recorded her statement on Thursday. Police also got video of the woman, which was made by his own brother. In the video, taken at the time when woman was brought to hospital after fire was extinguished, she was seen revealing name of accused.

According to the information, one Vicky Kumar, son of Des Raj resident of Chak Jarala set ablaze a woman, namely Indu Bala, daughter of Raj Singh, resident of Chak Chua on Tuesday due to which she received about 90 per cent burn injuries and is undergoing treatment. Later accused tried to commit suicide by jumping into a well, but the police saved and arrested him.

During the investigation, he told police that the woman had left her husband and came to her maternal home and both had a love affair. He told that now when he was going on marry somewhere else, she was pressurizing him to marry her. Irked over it, he stopped her in a street on Tuesday, both had an argument, after which he threw petrol and set her on fire. The police is further probing the matter.

CRIMEREPORT

9 vehicles seized for illegal mining, dump of mining material seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a quest to stem the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by police in which teams of Police Station Gharota, Police Stations Akhnoor, Kanachak, Police Posts Pouni chak, Phallian Mandal, Chinore and Border Police Post Kirpalpur acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 9 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles included a Tractor (JK02AQ-2588) and a Dumper bearing (JK02CD-0128) seized by Gharota Police; a tractor-trolley (JK02CV-5583) seized by Akhnoor Police; a tractor trolley (JK02CE-9798) seized by Kanachak Police; a tipper (JK02CN-1847) seized by Pouchhak Police; a JCB bearing chassis no. BCECH10BTJ2200377 seized by Phallian Mandal Police; 2 tractor-trolleys bearing Chassis Nos MBNAAALFEJHHQ1232 and HYBDS857487S3 seized by by Chinore police and a trolley without registration number seized by Kirpalpur Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Gharota Inspr Joginder Singh Chib, SHO Akhnoor Inspr Harjeet Singh, SHO Kanachak Inspr Rahul Mahajan, In-Charge Police Posts Pouchhak SI Ram Rattan, Phallian Mandal-PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, Chinore-PSI Rajesh Kumar and Kirpalpur-ASI Romesh Chander in their respective jurisdiction.

On the other hand, acting stringently on information, a team of Police Station Akhnoor raided at the suspected location in their respective area and seized a dump in the area. A team of Police Station Akhnoor led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal assisted by SHO Akhnoor Inspr Harjeet Singh along with the team of District Geology mining Department Jammu raided the location under the jurisdiction of Police Station Akhnoor and seized an illegal dump of mining material, belonging to one Rajinder Singh, son of Arjun Singh, resident of CK Pur, Akhnoor.

Three missing persons traced, reunited with families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police on Thursday traced three missing persons and reunited with their families.

As per details, a missing complaint was lodged at Police Station Gandhi Nagar by the legal heirs of a woman stating that she went missing from her house. In this regard, investigation started and a team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Gandhi Nagar Insp. Pankaj Sharma did hectic efforts and traced missing woman.

Similarly, another complaint was lodged at Police Station Arnia by legal heirs of a girl stating that she went missing from her house. A team of Police Station Arnia led by SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh assisted by SHO Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch and SI Sikander Singh, after putting in strenuous efforts, traced the missing girl. Similarly, another complaint was lodged at Police Post Manwal by the legal heirs of a girl stating that she got missing. A team of Police Post Manwal led by SDPO Nagrota Sultan Mirza assisted by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Sikander Singh and Incharge Police Post Manwal PSI Sanjeev Sharma, after putting in strenuous efforts, traced the missing girl.

Subsequently family-members of all missing persons were informed and they were handed over to their respective families after completing all the legal formalities.

PSA warrant of notorious criminal cum history-sheeter executed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Police on Thursday executed PSA warrant of notorious criminal cum history-sheeter on Thursday.

As per details, arrest warrant of a notorious criminal namely Ranjeet Singh alias Tinku, son of Shamsheer Singh, resident of village Marjali, Tehsil Bhalwal was executed by a team led by SHO Gharota Inspr Joginder Singh Chib constituted under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal. It is pertinent to mention that accused is a notorious criminal and history-sheeter of said Police station and was involved in heinous criminal cases including attempt to murder, stabbing, snatching

etc which included FIR Nos. 144/2017 under sections 341/323/34 RPC at Police Station Kanachak; 44/2019 under sections 307/341/323/34 of RPC at Police Station Kanachak; 118/2022 under sections 341/323/147 of IPC at Police Station Gharota; 122/2022 under sections 364/341/242/323/201/34 of IPC at Police Station Nowabad and 30/2023 under sections 307/34 of IPC & 4/25 of Arms Act at Police Station Akhnoor. Finally arrest warrant has been executed and accused has been shifted to Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

Two inter-state heroin suppliers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Under guidance of SSP Samba Benam Tsh, Police has arrested two interstate suppliers of heroin including Samba district's most wanted heroin supplier 'Bachu'.

The arrested heroin suppliers were identified as Shamasu Din alias Bachu, son of Masoom Ali and Mushtaq Ahmed alias Nayat, son of Zahoor Hussain, both residents of Rakh Barotian, Vijaypur. They used to collect consignment of heroin from Punjab and supply it further to small suppliers and individual addicts of Samba and Jammu districts on huge margins. The inter-state heroin suppliers were nabbed by a team of officers comprising of PSI Vaneet Kumar, PSI Maneesh Sharma, SHO Ghagwal Bharat Bhushan and SHO Vijaypur Tribhawan Khajuria. A case under relevant sections of NDPS Act was registered at police station Vijaypur and investigation is going on.



Shopkeeper arrested; Charas, Ganja, cash recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KATHUA: Intensifying its action against drug dealings and to neutralize activities of drug peddlers within the district, Kathua Police on Thursday nabbed a shopkeeper and recovered approximately 400 gm Charas, 150 gm Ganja like narcotics along with cash amounting to Rs 4,20,000 at Chapper Morh area.

As per details, an information was received through reliable sources at Police Station Hiranagar that one Sudesh Mehta, son of Parkash Chand, resident of Chapper Tehsil Hiranagar District Kathua is indulged in Trade/Selling of Charas/Ganja in his shop at Chapper Morh area. Acting swiftly a police team led by Insp Amit Sangra SHO Hiranagar under the supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan conducted a surprise check in his shop and recovered a significant quantity of Charas and Ganja in his possession. On thorough checking approximately 400 gm Charas, 150 gm Ganja like narcotics along with cash amount of Rs 4,20,000 were recovered from possession of accused. He was arrested and FIR No. 42/2023 under section 8/20 of NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Hiranagar.



Drug peddler arrested with Ganja

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: GRP Jammu on Thursday arrested a drug peddler and recovered Ganja from his possession.

As per the details, a team from Police Station GRP Jammu led by SHO Inspector Rohit Dev Singh during patrolling/checking near Loco Shed at Railway Station Jammu intercepted a pedestrian. During checking, police team recovered 1 Kg Ganja from possession of accused, who was arrested on the spot. He was identified as Pawan Kumar, son of Kaniya Lal, resident of Garah Tehsil Rajnagar District Chatterpur (MP) at present Bagad Mandi, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. A case under section 08/23, 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station GRP Jammu and investigation started to ascertain source of the consignment and other persons