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and their families. "It is our duty to take care of you, your children and parents. Our government is always working for the forces of the country with the same zeal with which you are working for this country," he said.

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## In-service candidates...

Deputy Commissioners/SSPs and HoDs to allow the in-service candidates wishing to appear in the above said examination, subject to sanction of leave, the order states. Accordingly, I am directed to request you to kindly permit the in-service candidates, working under your administrative control, to appear in the Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination-2023, which is scheduled from March 26, 2024 to April 3, 2024, the GAD order added.

## BJP names 111...

Shettar, who recently returned to the party from the Congress, has been fielded from Belgaum and former state minister K Sudhakar from Chikballapur. In Kerala, state chief K Surendran has been fielded from Wayanad, where Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is contesting.

Sitting MP Varun Gandhi has been denied a ticket from UP's Pilibhit and UP minister Jitin Prasad fielded in his place. Longtime Bareilly MP and former Union Minister Santosh Gangwar has also been dropped and Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar was named the candidate.

The BJP has fielded Atul Garg from Ghaziabad, as sitting MP and Union Minister; Gen VK Singh (ret'd) expressed his unwillingness to contest the polls.

In its fifth list, the party has announced candidates from Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Sikkim, Telangana, UP, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, among other states.

## Has Omar Abdullah...

that Omar Abdullah is making target to those who protect them and the entire nation as well. The junior Abdullah is unhappy with the peace, prosperity and development of Jammu and Kashmir post-August 2019. Now he want to stoke controversy on meaningless issues and want to incite people emotionally," he said. He maintained that NC, PDP and other political parties are trying to derail peaceful atmosphere in valley, however the PM Narendra Modi led government is resolute to choke all means which lead to bloodbath in valley.

## 'A terrorist is...

justification." He said one should be able to spot the difference and figure out a way how to deal with it.

In his address, Jaishankar recapped India-Singapore relations dating back to the independence struggling days when Subhas Chandra Bose established the Indian National Army and made the Delhi Chalo' call.

"He (Neta ji) remains a visible inspiration for our entire nation," Jaishankar said as he joined some 1,500 Indian diaspora members at the screening of the Singapore-made short film on Netaji.

As India has globalized, the two countries' relations that began as Look East policy and then on Act East policy has gone on to India being in the Indo-Pacific the story in many ways actually began in Singapore, Jaishankar shared with the business-focused Indian community here.

The more India globalizes, every aspect of that will be reflected in the intensity and quality of relationships with Singapore, Jaishankar underscored.

"Singapore has been our partner in the globalization of India and that role and companionship is something that we value," said Jaishankar, who is on a three-day visit to the Asian financial hub.

Jaishankar also updated the Singapore-based Indian community on the accelerated pace of infrastructure development in India and highlighted "Bharat being a global friend".

"This is India which will not be pressured, which will state its mind. If it has to make a choice, we will make a choice for the welfare of our citizens So, the idea is of much stronger, more capable India and willing to take the tough course," he said.

Jaishankar assured that this is an India which looks after its citizens and people of Indian origins.

"As more and more Indians settle in different parts of the world, it is our responsibility to secure them, to ensure their wellbeing if they are in a difficult stage, to bring them home," he said. Ukraine and Sudan were cited as examples of where Indians were caught between the wars among others.

"The capable India, the diplomatic India, the reformed India, the protective India in many ways the innovative India," he stressed, pointing to the global respect won by the Chandrayan landing on the Moon.

There is also India, which is a friend of the world. "Friendships begets more friendship," he said, pointing to the supply of vaccines to nearly 100 countries during Covid-19.

"And we step forward at times of difficulties," said Jaishankar, adding that India gave a package of USD 4.5 billion to Sri Lanka during the island state's economic crisis.

"Across the Indian Ocean today, if there is a problem, and the very difficult situation in the Red Sea, we have 21 ships fighting piracy and boarding and searching vessels.

"We have done in the last three months more than 1,000 search missions," Jaishankar told Non-resident Indians on the level of global service being provided by India. These are examples of responsible India."

Nimit Shedh, from the Singapore Gujarati Society, said, "It was very insightful (address)."

"The Minister has shared with us how India has come a very long way, it makes us very proud," said Puneet Pushkarna, a Singapore-based businessman at the Jaishankar interaction here.

## Police sets up...

the establishment of the election helpline underscores the commitment of the police to uphold the credibility and transparency of the electoral process.

"By facilitating communication and assistance, the police aimed to ensure a safe and secure environment for voters to exercise their democratic rights," it said.

## Shiv Sena workers...

said that if their government comes to power in Jammu and Kashmir, they will review and shut the Maharashtra Bhavan.

"Don't threaten us, otherwise we will ensure that you do not enter Maharashtra. We will not tolerate such hostile behaviour towards Maharashtra," said Kayande.

Notably, the state government has decided to purchase land in Jammu and Kashmir to construct the Bhavan for devotees and tourists from the state which will be constructed on a 2.5 acre land at Budgam in Srinagar.

Kayande also questioned Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray's "silence" on remarks made by Abdullah.

"Uddhav Thackeray is part of the gang that wants to bring back Article 370, the abrogation of which was the dream of Balasaheb Thackeray," Kayande alleged.

"Balasaheb Thackeray would not have tolerated the thought of not allowing Maharashtra Bhavan in J&K. It is extremely shameful that Uddhav Thackeray sat beside Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti during the INDIA alliance event at Shivaji Park. Why is he silent? Does Uddhav Thackeray agree with Omar Abdullah?" she questioned.

## Four evading police...

connection with cases registered in 1998, 2011, 2014 and 2022, respectively.

"The arrested persons were produced before the court of law," the spokesman said.

## CRIME REPORT

### Theft case solved; 2 arrested, stolen bike recovered

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SAMBA: Police on Sunday solved a theft case registered at Police Station Samba within 24 hours, arrested two thieves and recovered stolen bike from their possession.

On March 23, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Post Goran by one Sarban Kumar, son of Ram Ditta, resident of Jallapur, Sumb tehsil and district Samba stating therein that an unknown person has stolen my motorcycle bearing registration No. JK21G-3304 alongwith some cash from my shop at Jallapur; Sumb.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 78/2024 u/s 457/380 IPC has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started to work out the said theft case.

With use of physical and technical surveillance, team led by Incharge Police Post Goran arrested the accused Sunny Kumar, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Ward No. 1, Pakki Mandi Samba who upon sustained questioning confessed his involvement in the instant case. Furthermore, co-accused namely Ashok Kumar, son of Churu Ram, resident of Ward No 10, Araazi Samba was also arrested who had received the stolen bike from the accused Sunny Kumar and concealed inside his house. The stolen splendor motorcycle has been recovered from the house of Ashok Kumar upon his disclosure.

## 8 drug peddlers arrested

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SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 08 drug peddlers in Baramulla, Kulgam & Ganderbal and recovered contraband/ psychotropic substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, a police party of Police Post Mirgund headed by Incharge Police Post Mirgund under the supervision of SDPO Pattan at a checkpoint established at Mirgund Pattan, intercepted a vehicle Truck bearing registration number JK05K-7086 with 03 persons on board. During search, 13 syrups & 1 plastic bottle (containing 1 litre of Codeine Phosphate substances) was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Feroz Ahmad Dar son of Mohd Amin resident of Khanbiyar Pattan, Aijaz Ahmad Wani son of Nazir Ahmad resident of Palhallan & Gulzar Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Akbar resident of Wanigam Kreeri.

In Kulgam, a police party of PC Nillow at a specific checkpoint established at Mohipora Tengpora Crossing intercepted a vehicle (Truck) bearing registration number PB13X-7399 with four persons on-board. During search of the vehicle, officers

were able to recover 05 Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance. They have been identified as Madan Lal son of Shingara Ram resident of Babri Gurdaspura, Mohan Singh son of Delip Singh resident of Bit Kathara Gurdaspura, Manzoor Ahmad son of Abdul Samad Mir & Mohd Afzal son of Mohd Subhan both, residents of 'Tenghal Kulgam.

In Ganderbal, a police party led by SHO Police Station Kangan under the supervision of SDPO Kangan Shri Muzaffar Jan-JKPS at a checkpoint established at Naranag Kangan intercepted a person identified as Maroof Ahmad Jagal son of Mohd Yousuf Jagal resident of Naranag Kangan carrying a nylon bag. During search, contraband cannabis like substance was recovered and seized from his possession.

They have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody. vehicles used in the commission of crime have also been seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective Police Stations and investigations have been initiated.

## 6 arrested, 6 vehicles seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

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KULGAM/BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the elements involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have arrested 06 persons and seized 06 vehicles in Kulgam & Baramulla.

In Kulgam, a Police party of Police Post Mirbazar during Naka checking at Mirbazar Chowk intercepted 02 vehicles (Tractors) bearing registration number JK18-5362 & Chassis no



MBNBF52ACLD91775 loaded with illegally extracted minerals. The accused drivers identified as Irshad Ahmad Naikoo son of Mohd Ayoub Naikoo and Shah Nawaz Ahmad Naikoo son of Mohd Ayoub Naikoo both, residents of Chadder Khrevan were arrested and the vehicles used in the commission of crime have also been seized.

In Baramulla, a Police party assisted by Incharge PP Delina under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla seized 2 tippers, 2 tractors & arrested 4 drivers involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. They have been identified as Maroof Ahmad Soff son of Ghulam Mohiuddin, Abdul Majeed Soff son of Abdul Rashid both residents of Juhama Baramulla, Irfan Hussain Malla son of Ghulam Hassan resident of Hanjiwera Payeen & Mukhtiyar Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Nabi resident of Boniyar.

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## 4 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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SAMBA: Intensifying its drive against illegal mining in the district, Samba Police has seized four vehicles in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

A Police team of Police Post RakhAmb/Talli headed by Incharge Police Post RakhAmb/Talli while performing patrolling duty in Pangdour area, has seized three dumper bearing regd. Nos. JK02CX-2949, JK21J-6888 and JK02CJ-7281 for illegal mining/transportation of construction material in the area.

Similarly, a Police party of Police Post Supwal

headed by Incharge Police Post Supwal during vehicle checking at Naka Supwal has seized tractor trolley without registration No. for illegal mining/transportation in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

## Missing woman traced, reunited with family

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JAMMU: Police on Sunday traced a missing woman and reunited with her family.

An information was received at Police Post Pouni Chak about the missing of one lady (name withheld) R/o Jammu and whose missing report was entered at Police Post Pouni Chak on March 18, 2024.

Acting upon this, a Police team of Police Post Pouni Chak led by Incharge Police Post PSI Vijay Kumar after strenuous efforts, with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing lady and after completing all legal formalities the said lady has been reunited with his family & missing report has been closed accordingly.

## Drug peddler apprehended, heroin recovered

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R S PURA: Continuing its drive under operation Sanjeevani against drug peddlers, a Police Party of Police Station R.S Pura while on routine patrolling established naka at Talli Morh near Convent



School, R.S Pura for checking/frisking.

During naka checking/frisking police party found one pedestrian on the way from Langriyal towards R.S Pura. On seeing police party, the said pedestrian turned back and try to flee from the spot. On this police party of Police Station R.S Pura successfully overpowered the pedestrian. On preliminary questioning the said person disclosed his name as Nikhil Chib alias Gho, son of Surjeet Singh, resident of Satraiyan Tehsil Suchetgarh District Jammu. During his personal search 1.80 grams of Heroin (chitta) like substance recovered from his possession.

In this regard case FIR No. 54/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stand registered at police station RS Pur and investigation of the case taken up.

## 4 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

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JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which Police teams of PP Sidhra and PP Belicharana acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 04 vehicles involved in illegal mining. Details of the vehicle seized are as under:

03 Mining vehicles in which 02 Tractors trolleys and 01 Tipper loaded with Sand/Bajri bearing registration no's/chassis no's: JK02CV-7466 (Tipper); MBNAJ46AFLTH46865; MBNAK48ACMT-23735 and PP Belicharana seized 01 Dumper loaded with Bajri bearing registration no: JK02CU-2425.

The recoveries were made by I/C PP Sidhra and I/C PP Belicharana in the area under their respective jurisdiction. DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same.

## DDC Chairman inaugurates medical camp



Dignitaries during the camp at Nagrota Gujroo.

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BILLAWAR: In Nagrota Gujroo, Billawar, an impactful initiative unfolded as retired Col Mahan Singh, the DDC Chairman of Kathua, inaugurated a day-long Medical Camp orchestrated by Hari Prabhu Sanstha. The event witnessed the esteemed presence of notable figures such as Social Activist ID Soni, SC Gupta President, Dr. Ashok Gupta, Kailash Gupta, SK Sharma, and others. Senior doctors from TR Gupta Public Charitable Trust, including Dr. Ashok Gupta, Dr. Kuldeep Gubgotra, Dr. VP

Gupta, alongside specialist doctors, technicians, and laboratory staff, graced the occasion with their expertise. The camp attracted hundreds of patients from remote areas, eager to avail themselves of the medical facilities provided. Generously, free medicines, courtesy of TR Gupta Charitable Trust, were distributed to attendees, underscoring the commitment to community welfare. Col. Mahan Singh lauded the noble endeavor of the trust, urging the public to rally behind and actively participate in such humanitarian causes.

## DEO Rajouri inspects MCMC cell

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RAJOURI: District Election Officer (DEO), Rajouri, Om Prakash Bhagat undertook a comprehensive inspection of Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) Cell established at PWD Dakbunglow here.

During his visit, the DEO engaged with staff deployed at cell stressing on the paramount importance of operating with utmost sincerity and diligence to ensure smooth functioning of the cell.

He emphasized on the piv-

otal role of MCMC centre at the district level, highlighting its adherence to the guidelines set forth by the Election Commission of India.

The MCMC cell stands as defence against paid news, playing a pivotal role in safeguarding the sanctity of electoral process during the Lok Sabha Elections-2024.

The DEO underscored the necessity of adopting a proactive stance to uphold principles of a free, fair, transparent and seamless electoral conduct.

Through meticulous scrutiny, the committee ensures that political advertisements slated for telecast or broadcast across various mediums, including television, radio, social media platforms, and cable networks, comply with the regulatory framework established by the Election Commission.

Member Secretary MCMC (District Information Officer) Rajouri, Mohd Navaz Choudhary also accompanied the DEO during the visit.

## Training sessions for Micro Observers, BLOs held at Kishtwar

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KISHTWAR: To ensure smooth conduct of Lok Sabha Elections 2024, a series of training sessions were held for Micro Observers and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in Kishtwar today.

Organised by District Election Authority (DEA) under the close supervision of Deputy District Election Officer Kishtwar, Idrees Lone, the sessions aimed to equip Micro Observers and BLOs with the necessary skills and knowledge to effec-

tively monitor polling stations and maintain the integrity of electoral process.

During the training session election officials, stakeholders, Micro Observers and BLOs discussed strategies and best practices for ensuring transparency and fairness during the upcoming elections.

The Deputy DEO emphasised the pivotal role of Micro Observers in safeguarding the democratic process and stressed their contribution to maintaining the credibility of elections.

National Level Master Trainer (NLMT) ICE, Riaz Ahmed Butt, focussed on enhancing coordination among different departments and agencies involved in election process to streamline operations and ensure the smooth conduct of elections in Kishtwar.

The training session aimed not only to enhance the capacity of Micro Observers but also to underscore the commitment of election authorities to conduct free and fair elections in Kishtwar.