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card. A basic check can only provide the age bracket of the card holder without revealing the exact identity, the officials said.
The police will also cite the case of Mohammed Ismail Alvi alias Lambu, one of the masterminds of the 2019 attack on the CRPF convoy that left 40 personnel dead. A forged Aadhaar card was recovered from the site of the encounter in which he was killed. Several forged Aadhaar cards have also been found from various hideouts of terror groups in the past few months, the officials said.

Amarnath Yatra: NDRF...

said they are training six batches of 40 members each of the NDRF and only those who are deployed in Jammu and Kashmir will be part of the MRT deployment on yatra routes.

He said this is for the first time that they are training NDRF personnel at the facility which has the latest gadgets and equipment of international standards.

A total of 13 highly professional instructors, including two more Everest's -- selection grade constables Nazir Ahmad and Falil Singh -- are involved in the training of the selected batches. The training centre remains open for six months from November-December, Singh said.

Ahmad and Singh were part of the 11-member All India Police Sports Control Board team that scaled Mount Everest in May 2019.

The training included climbing a mountain, and rescue and search operation along with live demonstration -- rescuing people trapped in avalanches or in any other disaster, the officer said.

Singh said police first deployed the MRTs during the yatra in 2008 and since then, each year MRTs are deployed along with teams from NDRF, SDRF and CRPF.

As many 1,200 jawans of J&K Police are trained in mountain rescue operations in rocky and snow-bound terrain, while training was imparted to 90 CRPF personnel and 200 SDRF personnel, while it is in progress for 240 NDRF personnel, Singh said.

The officer, who is leading the MRTs during the upcoming yatra, said over 1,600 pilgrims were rescued by them in 2019 with the personnel braving life-threatening challenges in the snow-bound and high-altitude tracks.

He said each MRT team is deployed in such a way that it covers the entire yatra track from both sides, including Sheshnag, Mahagunum Top, Poshpatri, Dardkote, Sangam Top, Brarimarg and Railpathri.

"Each member of the team is well-equipped having individual kit with gaiters, overmitts and mountain rescue equipment like carabiners, jumars, descending rappels, avalanche rods, helmets, oxygen cylinder and first-aid kit besides latest communication facility," Singh said.

The refresher course for the MRTs also covers Basic Life Support Systems (BLS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and other first-aid techniques about 10 days before the commencement of the yatra, he said.

Earthquake of 3.4...

associate identified as Bashir Ahmad Kumar was being ascertained. A case has been registered and investigation initiated.

Govt declares JeM...

said Act, namely:- In the Fourth Schedule to the said Act, after serial number 35 and entries relating thereto, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely:- '36. Ashiq Ahmed Nengroo @Nengroo @Ashaq Hussain Nengroo @Ashaq Moulvi," the notification said.

Nengroo was also instrumental in helping JeM chief Moulana Masood Azhar's nephew Idrees infiltrate into Jammu and Kashmir via the Samba border. His activities clearly point towards his proximity with the JeM chief.

His effort to take his family along with him manifests that he has no plans of returning and his aim is to continue inflicting violence on the hapless civilians of Jammu and Kashmir to keep the terror-running factory up and running, an official

said.

On April 8, the government had designated Hafiz Talha Saeed, a key leader of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the son of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks mastermind Hafiz Saeed, as a terrorist.

Three days later, on April 11, Pakistani national Mohiuddin Aurangzeb Alamgir, who was involved in a terror attack on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) bus in Pulwama in 2019, was designated as a terrorist.

On April 12, Ali Kashif Jan, the Pakistani handler of the terrorists involved in the 2016 attack on the Pathankot airbase, was designated as a terrorist by the Centre.

On April 13, Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar, who was involved in a series of terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir and was one of the released terrorists in the hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814 in 1999, was declared as a designated terrorist.

The JeM has been responsible for a series of deadly attacks in India, mostly in Jammu and Kashmir, in which scores of civilians and security personnel have been killed over the years.

JeM founder Azhar, who was released by India in exchange for the release of the passengers of a hijacked Indian Airlines flight from Afghanistan's Kandahar in 1999, is one of the most wanted terrorists in India, along with LeT founder Hafiz Saeed and the LeT's "operational commander", Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi.

India has been consistently seeking Azhar's custody, but Pakistan has refused to comply.

The JeM is listed as a terrorist organisation under the First Schedule of the UAPA.

The UAPA has been enacted to provide for more effective prevention of certain unlawful activities of associations and individuals, dealing with terrorist activities and matters connected therewith.

The Act empowers the Centre to notify the name of an individual in its Fourth Schedule if it believes that he is involved in terrorism.

3,918 candidates appear...

called. The Chairman, JKPSA thanked the UT Administration and Police Authorities for their cooperation and also complimented the Observers, Principals of Colleges and Schools, Supervisors, invigilating and support staff involved with the smooth and successful conduct of examination.

Pertinently, 6020 candidates out of 9273 eligible candidates had appeared in full in J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination, 2016 which works at 64.91%, similarly, 1279 candidates out of 1750 eligible candidates had appeared in full in J&K Combined Competitive (Mains) Examination, 2018 which works at 73.08%, thus making the percentage of appearing candidates in the JKCE Mains 2021 examination the highest ever.

MHA mulls to...

the other four CAPFs and the Assam Rifles to furnish their comments. A home ministry officer said the issue was not that "tricky" and the ministry may issue a notification once the comments are received from all the forces and a decision is made.

A second-in-command rank officer, as the name goes, is the deputy of the commanding officer of a CAPF unit or battalion. So, it will be appropriate if this designation is given a proper name, a senior CAPF officer said.

For example, in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), a 2IC rank officer is called Commandant and the officer immediately senior to him as Senior Commandant, he said.

"A uniformity should be made in all the CAPFs vis-a-vis the 2IC rank," another officer said.

He said such a proposal of re-designating the 2IC rank was discussed many years ago between the CAPFs and the MHA, but nothing came out of it, the second officer quoted above said. The over 10 lakh strength CAPFs and the Assam Rifles are deployed for rendering a variety of internal security duties apart from border guarding and protecting VIPs.

Lt Gen Manoj...

was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers (the Bombay Sappers) in December

1982.

In his distinguished career, he has held several prestigious command and staff assignments in conventional as well as counter-insurgency operations in all types of terrain.

He commanded an engineer regiment along the Line of Control during the Operation Parakram in Jammu and Kashmir, an engineer brigade in the western sector, an infantry brigade along LoC and a mountain division in high-altitude area of western Ladakh and a corps in the Northeast.

His staff exposures include Brigade Major of a Mountain Brigade in the Northeast, Assistant Military Secretary (AMS) in the Military Secretary's Branch and Brigadier General Staff (Operations) at the Eastern Command headquarters.

He has served as chief engineer in the United Nations mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

He has also served as the additional director general in the military operations directorate at the Army headquarters and as the chief of staff at the headquarters of the Southern Command.

For his illustrious service, he has been conferred Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal, the Chief of Army Staff Commendation and the GOC-in-C Commendation.

Srinagar Tulip Garden...

the bloom started to shrink a bit early, Sofi said.

The official said the average lifespan of tulip flowers is three to four weeks, but heavy rains or too much heat can destroy them.

He said while the Floriculture Department had planted tulip bulbs in a phased manner so that the flowers remain in the garden for a month or more, they bloomed simultaneously.

"There are broadly three varieties when it comes to bloom -- the early, the mid and the late bloom. However, we had the whole bloom, a majestic one though, at a time because of the weather, he said.

This year the garden housed 68 varieties of tulips, including six new ones.

He said 3.60 lakh people visited the garden in the less-than-a-month period when it was open. "We had about 1.61 lakh domestic tourists and 159 foreigners as well, Sofi said. Last year, 2.25 lakh people had visited the garden.

Top Army commanders...

the officials said. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is expected to interact with the senior Army commanders and address the conference on April 21.

"During the conference, the senior leadership of the Indian Army will review the operational situation along the active borders, assess threats in the entire spectrum of conflict and undertake analysis of capability voids to further focus on capability development and operational preparedness plans," the Army said on Sunday.

The officials said the commanders also delved into infrastructure development along the LAC.

India has been ramping up infrastructure development in the border regions in view of China building new bridges, roads and related structures in key sectors along the frontier.

India and China have been holding high-level military talks to resolve the face-off in the remaining friction points in eastern Ladakh.

On March 11, India and China held the 15th round of high-level military dialogue to resolve the pending issues in the region.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process last year on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the LAC in the sensitive sector.

COVID: 5 new...

case. There are 67 active cases, while the overall recoveries have reached 4,49,128, officials said. The COVID-19 death toll stands at 4,751. No Covid-related fatality was reported in the last 24 hours, officials said. There were 51 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), they added.

CRIME REPORT

7 bovines rescued; 2 smugglers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Tightening noose over bovine smugglers, Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal on Monday rescued 7 bovines near Bagyal and arrested two smugglers.

As per details, on receiving information from reliable sources that some unknown persons are indulged in illegal trade of transportation/smuggling of bovine animals in two Mahindra Vehicles (JK08H-7466 & JK02BJ-2721), police team led by Inspr Amit Sangra SHO Rajbagh under supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan laid a special Naka and intercepted vehicle (Mahindra Load Carriers) bearing registration number JK08H-7466, driven by one Happy Kumar, son of Thoru Ram, resident of Bhambo Chack Tehsil Rangarh District Samba and another vehicle (JK02BJ-2722), driven by one Jatinder Kumar, son of Pyare Lal, Tehsil R S Pura. During checking, 7 bovines were found laden in vehicles which were rescued on spot. Both the smugglers were arrested and two vehicles involved in crime were seized. A case has been registered at Police Station Rajbagh vide FIR No. 80/2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act while further investigation is going on.

Man held for illicit distillation, approx 10 lts liquor seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: In its action against the consumption/production of illegal liquor menace, Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal on Monday seized near about 10 lts illicit liquor and arrested a person near Chak Drab Khan Kathua.

As per details, information was received from reliable sources that illicit liquor is being manufactured in Padyari and Chak Drab Khan along with other adjoining areas of Police Post Nagri. Acting swiftly, a team led by Insp Balram Sharma Incharge Police Post Nagri under supervision of DySP Headquarters Kathua Shammi Kumar during special checking/patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area near Chak Drab Khan Kathua noticed a suspect. On checking approximately 10 lts illicit liquor was recovered from possession of accused identified as Sumil Kumar alias Tinku, son of Shekhar Kumar, resident of Padyari Jakhwa Tehsil & District Kathua, who was arrested and FIR No. 148/2022 under sections 48(a) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

Police destroys poppy cultivation

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police has also launched a massive hunt against illegal cultivation of poppy/opium. In the drive, a number of FIRs have been registered against cultivators of Poppy/opium.

In a statement issued on Monday, Police said that acting on specific information through reliable sources that some farmers in Seel Bhandas and Bagla area of Doda had grown poppy plants, Police swung into action to destroy illegal cultivation besides taking action against cultivators. Police parties from Police Station Doda under the supervision of Jaswant Singh, Dy.SP Hqrs Doda, reached targeted areas and destroyed illegal cultivation of poppy at various locations in presence of Executive Magistrate 1st Class Doda.

Three arrested for illegal mining

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Continuing special drive against illegal mining, Doda Police on Monday has seized two trucks and registered FIR for illegal transportation of minor minerals in Thathri.

While giving details, Doda Police said that acting on a specific information about illegal extraction and transportation of minor minerals from Thathri area towards Kishtwar in LP

Trucks, a party of Police Post Prem Nagar led by PSI Rahul Verma, Incharge Police Post Prem Nagar stopped two trucks bearing registration numbers JK02AE-8294 & No JK02CA-5185 on NHW-244 near Thathri and on checking found them loaded with sand being taken illegally.

In this connection, FIR No. 46/2022 under sections 188/IPC was registered at Police Station Thathri against drivers namely Mohd Aslam, son of Latifullah Sheik, resident of Bhandarna, District Kishtwar and Mohd Ashraf, son of Mohd Ismail, resident of Pngumar Tehsil/District Kishtwar and Kamal Nain, son of Jeevan Lal.

Driver dies as ambulance falls into gorge

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: An Ambulance driver was killed in a road accident in Kupwara district on Monday afternoon.

As per details, a mini-ambulance (JK09A-8992) on way to Karnah from Kupwara fell into a deep gorge after the driver purportedly lost control over the vehicle near Madh Modh Teethwal, resulting in his on-spot death. The deceased was identified as Shakoor Ahmad Awaan, 40, son of Abdul Rehman Awaan, a resident of Teethwal. Police has registered a case in this regard.

Massive fire incident averted in Kotranka

STATE TIMES NEWS

KOTRANKA: Army averted a major fire incident in Kotranka market on Monday.

As per details, at around 8: 50 AM, Army at Samote, received an SOS call from an ESM, Naib Sub Kabir Khan (Retd) (electrical shop owner in Kotranka Market), about a massive fire incident near Sharma Sweet and Ice Cream Shop at Kotranka market. Fire Fighting team from the unit immediately rushed to the site. Army fire fighting team quickly analysed situation and were able to efficiently contain the fire along with support of locals and GREP personnel. Timely and coordinated action of all present helped in containing the fire and prevented its spread to nearby shops, thereby avoiding a major catastrophe.

Market checking squad books violators
POONCH: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner

Poonch Inderjeet and Naib Tehsildar Maroof Khan, a joint team of different departments conducted market checking from S K Bridge to Police station Chowk.

During drive, a fine of Rs 2800 was imposed on violators and five domestic cylinders were seized from kitchen of hotel Kashmir Flavours. Further, 3 Kg (approximately) polythene bags and expired sweet were also recovered from the premises of hotel.

5 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate drug menace, Police on Monday arrested five drug peddlers and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

As per details, a party led by SHO Police Station Kupwara

at a checkpoint established at Regipora crossing intercepted four suspects, who were identified as Rayees Ahmed Shah alias Rayees Kachur, son of Gulam Mustafa, resident of Andrahama Drugmulla; Mohd Ayoub Khan, son of Habibullah Khan, resident of Waterkhani Drugmulla; Matil Rehman, son of Majeed-ul-Rehman, resident of Neham Bagh West Bengal (AP Kupwara) and Shafiqul Rehman, son of Attula Rehman, resident of Malda West Bengal (AP Kupwara). During search, Brown Sugar like narcotics substance was recovered from their possession. The accused arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Police has registered FIR No. 88/2022 under relevant sections of law at Police Station Kupwara and further investigation is going on in the matter.

Meanwhile a party of Police Post Watergam headed by DO Police Post Watergam at a checkpoint established at Chatloora Crossing arrested a drug peddler identified as Muhammad Lateef Parry, son of Ghulam Nabi Parry, resident of Hib Dagerpora, Sopore. During search, 110 tablets of Spasmodoxyvon were recovered from his possession. He has arrested on the spot and shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 42/2022 under relevant sections of the law was registered at Police Station Dangiwaacha and investigation started.

Three gamblers arrested with Rs 1,95,000 stake money

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday arrested three gamblers and recovered stake money amounting to Rs 1,95,000 from their possession. As per details, a team of Police Station City led by SHO City Insp Rakesh Sharma assisted by PSI Gurvinder Singh while on patrolling duty received information regarding gambling activities in area. On this, police teams raided the spot and caught three gamblers along with Rs 1,95,000 stake money. Trio was arrested and FIR No.19/2022 under sections 3/4 Gambling Act was registered against them at Police Station City. The accused were identified as Govind Singh, son of Lt Sardar Tejinder Singh, resident of Partap Garh Jammu; Abhimanyu Gupta, son of Lt Rajinder Kumar Gupta, resident of Peermeetha, Jammu and Karan Gandotra, son of Lt Naresh Gandotra, resident of Partap Garh Jammu. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO North Sharad Kalu.

Youth murders friend over Rs 500

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: A youth killed his friend just for Rs 500 at Katra on Monday.

Police said that information was received that a youth has been attacked near Mata Vaishno Devi Railway Station. Acting on information, Katra Police reached the spot and found a youth lying in pool of blood. Police shifted the youth to hospital who later succumbed to injuries. The deceased was identified as Akshay (25), Rattan Lal, resident of Tan, Katra.

During investigation, it was learnt that deceased was attacked by his friend Sahil alias Munna, resident of Sareli Katra, over some money issue. Police has launched a manhunt to nab the accused.

Driver dies under mysterious circumstances

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A driver died under mysterious circumstance in Gujjar Nagar area on Monday. As per details, one Mohd Jaif, resident of Rajouri, a driver of Tavera, was found dead inside vehicle near Gujjar Nagar. His body was shifted to morgue. Police is investigating the matter.

Youth found hanging

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth was found hanging in his house at Sidhra area on Monday.

As per details, one Mohd Ltief, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Rajouri, presently staying at Sidhra was found hanging in his room.

His family shifted him to hospital where doctor declared him as brought dead. Police is investigating the matter.

CHO Poonch suspended

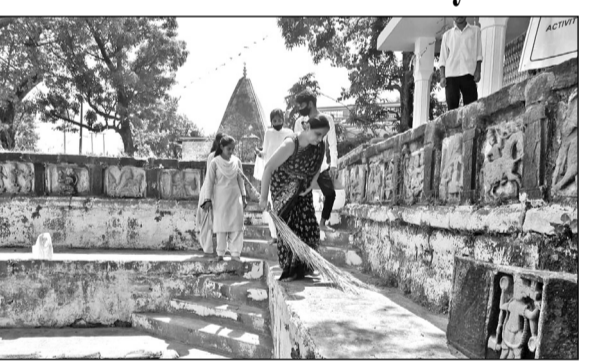
STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government on Monday suspended Satvir Singh, Incharge Chief Horticulture Officer (CHO) Poonch.

"Pending enquiry, Satvir Singh, Incharge Chief Horticulture Officer Poonch has been placed under suspension with immediate effect, in terms of Rule-31 of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956," reads the order issued by Navin Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Horticulture Department J&K.

It is further ordered that during suspension the officer shall remain attached with the Office of Director General Horticulture, Kashmir.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises cleanliness drive under Jal Shakti Abhiyaan



Faculty along with NSS volunteers carrying out cleanliness drive.

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: NSS Unit, GDC Neeli Nallah Udampur, in collaboration with the College Development Committee organised Cleanliness Drive under the aegis of Jal Shakti Abhiyaan and Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan. The programme was organised under the guidance of Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal of the College.

The students of the College along with Principal and staff members visited the "Sallan Bowl"-a natural water body adopted by the College. The Bowl was cleaned up by the NSS

volunteers. Dr. Satinder Kaur, Principal, made the students and the local people aware about the importance of natural water bodies as source of mineral rich water and its benefits on health. She further said that these water bodies are important for the sustainable development for future generation. Dr. Radha Rani, NSS Programme Officer, was the coordinator. Prof. Swati Dutt was the convener of the programme. Prof. Shaista Yasmeen and Asif Abdullah Baba were the organisers of the programme. Other faculty members were also present.

AHD Kishtwar distributes first lot of LIT Chabro Birds among poultry farmers

STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: The Department of Animal Husbandry Kishtwar on mnday distributed first lot of Low input Technology (LIT) Chabro Birds among the Poultry Farmers of far-flung areas of Block Drabshalla and Dachhan meeting the demand projected by District Development Council Members and PRIs of Drabshalla and Dachhan Blocks.

The Chabro breed of chicken is Low input Technology dual purpose breed used for meat as well as Laying purpose (egg Laying) and can be reared as backyard poultry having very efficient feed conversion ratio and suitable for prevailing climatic conditions of Kishtwar district.

The Public Representatives appreciated the efforts put forth by the Department for uplifting the socio-economic status of the public and assured to extend full cooperation to the Department for realizing the benefits extended under different schemes. They appealed to the Department to distribute the birds in all uncovered areas for increasing the production and doubling farmers' income.