

!! Continuations from Page 1 !!

Shah reviews J&K.

situation, matters related to UAPA and other security-related issues. Shah appreciated the efforts of the Jammu and Kashmir administration and security agencies for significant reduction in cross-border infiltration and improvement in law-and-order situation and stressed on strengthening routine policing.

India on Thursday dismissed Pakistan's objection to the hosting of the G20 meetings in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and said these conferences are being organised across the country and it is "natural" to hold them in the two union territories too as they are its "integral and inalienable" part.

India is hosting a meeting of the G20 Tourism Working Group in Srinagar in May while a youth engagement group meeting is scheduled to take place in Leh later this month.

On April 6, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh had said militancy has not ended in Jammu and Kashmir yet, but it is on the wane as the number of ultras has declined to an all-time low.

He said local youths, who were pushed towards militancy, have now returned to the mainstream after leaving that path.

On March 30, a suspected Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast rocked a border hamlet in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, creating a huge crater in the ground.

There were several targeted killings in Jammu and Kashmir in previous years. The government had informed Parliament that as many as 118 civilians, including five Kashmiri Pandits and 16 other Hindus and Sikhs, were killed in J-K since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019 till July 2022.

Those who attended the meeting included Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, DGP Dilbag Singh and other senior officials sources said.

LG greets people...

Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, I extend my greetings and best wishes to all". "As a scholar, journalist, educationist, legal luminary and social reformer, Babasaheb has left a lasting impression on the edifice of our democracy. His noble ideals are a beacon of hope, a source of inspiration for all to strive for a united, equal, just and humane society based on mutual trust, tolerance and cooperation," the Lt Governor observed.

On this most revered day, let us rededicate ourselves to preserve and strengthen our unity and build an egalitarian society, said the Lt Governor.

Drone carrying cash...

Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, sources said. According to them, suspicious movement of an aerial object was noticed in the Beri Patan and Siot areas of the Line of Control on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday which led to the initiation of the operation.

"We can only share that a drone has been successfully tracked and recovery has been made. More details will be shared later," an official said.

Repeated attempts of smuggling arms, cash and narcotics using drones to fuel terror activities have become a major challenge for security forces along the International Border and the Line of Control.

Arguments conclude, appeal..

seeking prior permission from the Jammu Development Authority. The JDA initially did not act against the high profile former Deputy Chief Minister and later on an RTI application filed by the whistle-blower Advocate Muzaffar Ali Shah, the Jammu Development Authority disclosed that despite being informed about the alleged illegal construction from the Khilafwarzi Wing, JDA did not proceed against the high profile violators. Subsequently, on the complaint of whistle-blower Advocate Muzaffar Ali Shah, the JDA issued a demolition notice to the former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Kumar Singh and his wife Mamta Singh whereby JDA has directed them to remove the illegal construction on their own within five days failing which the JDA's Khilafwarzi Wing would remove the violations. Against said demolition notice, Mamta Singh had filed an appeal before the J&K Special

Tribunal, Jammu and the Special Tribunal while taking cognizance of the appeal stayed the operation of the demolition notice. The stay has been extended from time to time and in the meantime, JDA filed its response stating that it's a case of 'Major Violation' and appeal merits to be dismissed.

SMVDS Board files...

Supreme Court) and Justice Sindhu Sharma while issuing notices in the PIL, had directed AAG Raman Sharma to file a comprehensive reply to the PIL.

The matter further came to be listed on October 28, 2022, February 06, 2023, February 22, 2023 and finally on March 2, 2023, came up before a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Puneet Gupta and after considering the submissions of Advocate H.A. Siddiqui with Advocate Supriya Singh Chouhan appearing for the petitioner, which adjourned the matter on the request of Advocate General D C Raina appearing for the Government of J&K, who looking into the sensitivity of the matter assured the Division Bench to come up with a reply within four weeks and matter was deferred for April 13, 2023. On Thursday, Shrine Board filed its response but PIL could not be taken up for hearing and same has been directed to be listed on April 26, 2023.

Six DySPs get ...

10-A (56600-179800) of the Pay Matrix, in favour of Parkasho Devi, Hamid Ullah Rah, Fayaz Ahmad Bandy, Abdul Majid Malla, Raman Kumar and Lateef Ahmad," read an order issued by Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, J&K.

Menace of illegal...

curiae to assist it in the matter. On February 13, the top court had taken suo moto cognizance of the issue while dealing with the bail plea of an accused who was booked for alleged use of firearms in Uttar Pradesh.

The top court said the phenomenon of use of unlicensed firearms in serious offences was "very disturbing".

"Unlike the Constitution of the United States where the right to bear firearms is a fundamental freedom, in the wisdom of our founding fathers, no such right has been conferred on anyone under the Constitution of India," the bench had said.

The court said it is of the greatest significance to preserve life and resort must not be made to unlicensed firearms.

"In particular, if unlicensed firearms are freely used, this will sound the death knell of rule of law. We deem it appropriate, therefore, to make use of this case to ascertain and do whatever may be necessary so that the problem of unlicensed firearms is firmly dealt with by the authorities," it said.

Opposition brought India...

the government and levels allegations against it. "They do all types of negative work. They have no positive attitude."

The minister said that it was bad luck for the country that they got that multi-party government earlier. "Now, the people would not like to have such an alliance government, which will again erode the dignity of the country and bring a bad name to it," he said.

Judges are like...

Lahoti, former Chief Justice of India, she said that while writing a judgement don't go into the verbosity of the document.

She also deliberated that a litigant must understand that why a case is in his favour or against, that should come out from the judgement. The basic factors that should be considered, is to maintain integrity while passing a decision and it should not be influenced by any other matter even our own prejudices and biases. We have to consider the facts while writing a judgement that it should be based on the provision of law, the aspect on which we are doing and how we are going to write the judgement. Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Member, J&K Judicial Academy, in his special address, citing the case of Barendar Kumar Gosh said that the trial Judge quoted from the sonnet 'On His Blindness' of a famous English poet John Milton i.e., "They also serve who only stand and wait" while turning the plea of innocence of Barendar Kumar Gosh in a robbery and murder case quoting that even if you were

caught with 2 gm heroin were arrested and FIR 84/2023 under sections 8/21/22/25/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. Moreover, cash amounting to Rs 21560 was also recovered from three peddlers.

Also on another Naka at Maralian Morh, Miran Sahib, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO R S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq rounded up two suspects, who were coming from Kotli Mian Fateh towards Miran Sahib. During search, 6 gm heroin was recovered from accused namely Manpreet Singh alias Nikka Jinda, son of Mohinder Singh, resident of Simbal Camp Tekri Tehsil R S Pura and Manjot Singh alias Shalu, son of Daljeet Singh, resident of Simbal Camp ward-1 Tehsil R S Pura. Duo was arrest and FIR No. 79/2023 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Miran Sahib.



16 vehicles seized, 16 arrested for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

AWANTIPORA/BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Thursday seized 16 vehicles and arrested 16 persons in Awantipora and Baramulla.

In Awantipora, a party led by SHO Police Station Khrew under the supervision of SDPO Pampore seized eight vehicles (2 JCBs, 5 tippers & a loader) and arrested 8 persons for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Wuyan. Similarly, Police party led by SHO Police Station Awantipora under the supervision of SDPO Awantipora seized three vehicles (tippers) and arrested 3 persons involved in illegal extraction of sand at Hatiwara and Aghanjipora.

In Baramulla, officers from PS Baramulla under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla Sajjad Bukhari seized 5 vehicles (2 tippers, 3 tractors) and arrested 5 persons at Chakloo Baramulla for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. They were identified as Javid Ahmad son of Bashir Ahmad Bhat resident of Qazi Hamam Baramulla, Shabir Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Nabi Dar resident of Zoogiyar Sheeri, Manzoor Ahmad Ganie son of Ab Khaliq Ganie resident of Mohalla Khawaja Sahib Kakar Hamam Baramulla, Suhail Ahmad son of Ghulam Nabi Sheikh resident of Chakloo and Mudasir Ahmad Sofi son of Ab Rahim Sofi resident of Chakloo Baramulla. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and further investigation started initiated.

3 drug peddlers arrested; contraband recovered

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Thursday arrested 3 drug peddlers in Handwara & Baramulla and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Handwara, a party of Police Station Vilgam during naka checking at Dahama crossing intercepted a suspicious person who attempted to flee but was apprehended tactfully. During search, around 30 gm Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohd Afzal Shah, son of Abdul Gafar resident of Gund Momin.

Similarly, a police party of Police Station Kralgund during patrolling at Reshipora Wuder apprehended a person, who attempted to avoid police party in a suspicious manner. During search, around 40 gm Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He was identified as Waseem Ahmad Mir son of Gh Hassan Mir resident of Zathan Rafiabad.

In Baramulla, a police party led by SHO Police Station Chandoos under the supervision of SDPO Kreeri at a checkpoint established at Bandi Payeen Baramulla intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 56 Spasno-Proxyvon Plus tablets were recovered from his possession. All accused persons were arrested and shifted to respective police stations. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and further investigation started.

Drug peddler nabbed with approx 696 gm Ganja

KATHUA: Kathua Police on Thursday arrested one Maheswar Mahilik, resident of Ghanteshwar, Kolidia, Bhandrak Odhisa, at present CTM Labour Colony Hatli Morh Kathua who was involved in smuggling Ganja-like Contraband substance.

As per details, while receiving information from a reliable source about his illegal activities that Maheswar Mahalik was found to have a massive quantity of ganja-

guard at the door still you were guilty of the crime for taking no action.

Justice Wani, citing another recent judgement of the Supreme Court of India, said while quoting Justice Roslyn Atkinson, former judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, who had said that there are purposes for any judgement that is written, i.e., to spell out judges own thoughts; to explain your decision to the parties; to communicate the reasons for the decision to the public and to provide reasons for an appeal to consider. Every judgement has to have various basic elements such as statement of material (relevant) facts, legal issues or questions, deliberation to reach at decision and the ratio or conclusive decision, he added.

Director, J&K Judicial Academy, M.K. Sharma, in his welcome address, underscored the importance of organising this program. He said that writing judgments and orders is virtually an art and often varies from judge to judge as no form or format has been provided in law as to how judgments and orders should be written by the judges.

The day long interactive programme was divided into two technical sessions and an interactive session for feedback.

The first technical session was chaired by Yash Paul Bourney, Registrar Vigilance and M.K. Sharma, Director, J&K Judicial Academy who analysed the art of order/judgment writing and application of the law.

The second technical session was chaired by Jatinder Singh Jamwal, Special Judge, Anti-Corruption (CBI Cases) who explained by Sharing best practices and finding solutions to practical problems faced by Civil Judges (Junior Division) in justice delivery.

The interactive programme concluded with an interactive session during which the participants deliberated and discussed various aspects of the subject topic and raised queries which were satisfactorily settled by the resource persons.

India can meet...

in Uganda on Wednesday, Jaishankar spoke about the transformation of the country into a new India.

Speaking about the challenges India faces on its borders, Jaishankar said: "Today, people see a different India that is willing to stand up and India which will meet its national security challenges whether it is Uri or whether it is Balakot."

He was referring to the 2016 Uri attack by Jaish-e-Mohammed insurgents from Pakistan against an Indian Army brigade headquarters and the 2019 Balakot airstrike conducted by Indian warplanes in Balakot, Pakistan against a terrorist training camp.

"Today, the forces which indulged in cross-border terrorism against India for decades and which India tolerated, they now know this is a different India and this India will give them a reply," he said.

He also spoke about the challenges on the border with China.

"For the last three years, in violation of the agreements, the Chinese have brought large forces," he said.

Today the Indian military is deployed at very great heights and in very tough conditions, he said.

This situation is different from the past as Indian soldiers have now the "full backing, they have the right equipment and the infrastructure," he said.

He admitted that more work has to be done to develop the infrastructure on the border with China as it has been neglected in the past.

J&K launches Rs...

He was here to attend the Mustard festival, celebrating the successful campaign for bringing around 1.40 lakh hectares of land under mustard cultivation.

"Our aim is to diversify the crops and increase the acreage under high value crops. In this regard, our focus is now on vegetable production. We are trying to bring 8,000 hectares of additional land under vegetable crops," Dulloo said.

Responding to a question, he said efforts will be made to promote tourism at mustard fields which sparkle in bright yellow colour during spring time.

"We are today celebrating the mustard revolution. We have increased the mustard crop to 1.40 lakh hectares of land. Our 70 per cent of cultivable land used to remain idle during the Rabi season which has not come down to only 20 per cent," he added.

like Contraband substance kept in his residential room at CTM Labour colony Kathua. Based on this information, FIR No. 158/2023 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act has been registered at the Police Station Kathua and investigation started.

Acting swiftly police team led by PSI Mohd Toheed Khan Incharge Police Post Industrial Estates Kathua under the guidance of DySP Headquarter Kathua Manjeet Singh & Insp. Sudhir Sadhotra SHO Kathua conducted a raid along with EMIC Kathua at CTM Labour colony Kathua, leading to the recovery of approximately 696 gm Ganja-like contraband. The accused, Maheswar Mahalik was arrested and further investigation is underway.

10 pilgrims of Mata Vaishno Devi injured in road accident

JAMMU: Ten pilgrims of Mata Vaishno Devi were injured in an accident in Reasi district on Thursday, official sources said.

A bus, which was on its way from Katra to New Delhi, skidded off the road and turned turtle in outskirts of Katra, they said, adding that 10 pilgrims were injured and hospitalised. According to eye witnesses, bus was in moving in fast speed and turned turtle, while negotiating a curve.

Man dies in lightning strike at Rajouri

RAJOURI: A 28-year-old man got killed while another sustained grave injuries after being struck by lightning in a hamlet in Rajouri district on Thursday, officials said. Some animals too perished in the incident, they said. Lightning hit Kang Patli near Kotranka Kandi in Rajouri district in the evening. Two men were critically injured and taken to Community Health Center in Kandi, they said.

Kandi Block Medical Officer Iqbal Malik said that Zafar Iqbal, a resident of Panjina, was brought dead while Shokat Ali (22) was referred to Government Medical College in Rajouri for specialized treatment.

J&K Admn sets-up approx 1,65,000 bee colonies

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has set up approximately 1,65,000 bee colonies with local, European and Italian origin bees as part of a mega project.

With an estimate of Rs 560 crore, the mega project 'promotion of beekeeping in J&K' is aimed at promoting apiculture to significantly increase honey production in the union territory.

"An amount of Rs 47 crore has been taken as a provision to spread this bee farming in our union territory. At present, we have approximately 1,65,000 bee colonies and 3,000 beekeepers," Associate Professor Sheri Kashmir University of Agriculture and Science technology Dr Davinder Sharma told PTI.

Sharma said that there are many kinds of bees, including local, European, and Italian. Stress is given to box beekeeping here, he added.

He said that the university and agricultural department are trying hard to scale honey production. "Regarding this, our UT govt sanctioned Rs 560 crore particularly to raise the production of honey under the holistic development programme", he said.

Under the beekeeping programme, we are giving training to young entrepreneurs, farmers, students and now army personnel under Sadbhavna programme. There are more bi-products like bee pollen, bee wax, bee royal jelly and many other bi-products to raise the income of farmers, he said.

"Efforts are underway to introduce Apitherapy to a wider audience. The



NRI woman kidnapped

■ STATE TIMES NEWS ARNIA: A NRI woman has been kidnapped from Arnia area, however police has registered a case and started search for her.

According to information, a man lodged a complaint with Arnia police that he lives in Canada with his wife and about two months back, they came to their village. The woman's maternal uncle lives in Chhatraiya and she is married in Rathana. Her husband told in complaint that the woman went out of house but did not return back. He further suspected that a person from Dublad has kidnapped her. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Truck driver attacked, money snatched

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A truck driver was attacked and robbed of money in Chowki Chora area under Akhmoor police station on Thursday. Apart from this, a cheque was also snatched.

According to information, a complaint was lodged with police by a truck driver Akram Ali, son of Ghulam resident Tikri that some goons stopped him in Chowki Chora area and attacked him. The attackers snatched also about Rs 77,000 cash from him. Apart from this, a cheque of Rs 2 lakh 40 thousand also was snatched by them. Acting on the complaint, police have registered a case and started investigation.

Woman found hanging

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: A woman was found hanging in her house in Chattha area on Thursday. According to information, Shobha Jamwal, wife of Rishu Kumar, resident Khadval was found hanging in her house. His family members took her to the hospital where doctors declared her as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Over 30 women injured in house collapse at Poonch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS POONCH: Over 30 women suffered injuries in a house collapse in a village on Thursday in Poonch district. Police said that villagers (mostly women) were attending funeral rituals in a house and male members had gone for cremation in Poonch district. The mourners gathered on rooftop of the house which suddenly collapsed injuring a number of women, said police.

They added that police party and villagers immediately swung into action and started rescue operation. The injured were rushed to the hospital, said police.

Five narco smugglers nabbed; 34 gm heroin, Rs 21,560 cash recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police on Thursday nabbed five narco smugglers and recovered 34 grams of heroin i.e., 28 gm heroin and Rs 21,560 cash from three peddlers in jurisdiction of Police Station Gandhi Nagar and 6 gm heroin from two peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Miran Sahib.

As per details, a team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Gandhi Nagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma while on patrolling duty rounded up three suspects, coming on a Creta car (JK02DC-9666). During search, 28 gm heroin and Rs 21,560 cash was recovered from their possession. A weighing machine and one used roll of Aluminum foil was also recovered from their possession.

The accused identified as Rashpal Singh (Driver), son of Pritam Singh, son of Gadi Garh Jammu, caught with 24 gm heroin; Satvir Singh, son of Tarlok Singh, resident of Phinder Tehsil R S Pura, caught with 2 gm heroin and Deepak Bhagat, son of Ganesh Bhagat, resident of House No. 35, Talab Tillo Poonch House Jammu,

