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62-day Amarnathji...

information about the Yatra, weather and for availing several services online. During the 44th meeting of SASB chaired by the Lt Governor, the members and officials had reviewed various aspects of Shri Amarnathji Yatra-2023, including registration, provision of helicopter services, service providers, camps, langars and insurance cover for Yatris.

Baisakhi celebrated with...

DGPC Jammu and Bhai Kamaljeet Singh Hazuri Ragi Gurudwara Ber Sahib Sultanpur Lodhi recited Gurbani Kirtan.

In continuation to the tradition initiated by President DGPC to honour the achievers from the Community in different fields, the recently selected JKAS candidates were honoured by presenting mementos. Inder Singh State awardees for the year 2022 for collection of Antique, was also honoured by DGPC Jammu.

Prof Pandit Rao Dharmnaver of Govt College Chandigarh was specially invited and honoured by DGPC for his unique contributions in promotion of Punjabi language in Punjab and adjoining States.

Vice President Balvinder Singh appreciated his unparalleled efforts for promotion of Punjabi language.

Khalsa Aid Jammu organized special event of turban tying for promotion of turban among Sikh youths.

Akhara Nihang Singhan headed by Jathedar Narinderpal Singh of Budda Dal also displayed traditional Khalsa Marshal Art 'Gatka' which was watched and appreciated by the Sangat.

Ranjeet Singh Tohra President DGPC greeted the Sangat on the Khalsa Sajana Divas and thanked various organizations, Sevadars for extending their cooperation. Surjeet Singh Gen Secretary DGPC conducted the stage.

Similarly, special events were held at Gulabgarh-Paddar in Kishtwar, Dera Baba Banda Bahadur in Reasi, Gurudwara Nangali Sahib in Poonch, Jia Pota Ghat in Akhnoor to celebrate Baisakhi.

Baisakhi Mela "Basoa" was organised across the Jammu division and encompassed all components of the traditional Dogra ethos like Dogra cuisines, costumes, art, craft, as well as narration of local folklores, among others.

Hundreds of people joined a mega walk en route Dogra Chowk, Vivekanand Chowk, Rajinder Bazaar, Kanak Mandi, Purani Mandi, Jain Bazaar Paeca Danga towards the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex in Jammu.

The participants including officers of the Tourism Department, prominent citizens, folk dancers as well as beautifully decorated elephants, horses, camels, and chariots were given a warm welcome by locals of the old city and showered with petals.

People from all sections of society participated in the procession in their traditional attires depicting the varied culture of Jammu.

Folk dances like Bhangra', Haran', Jattar', Kud' and as well as martial arts were the main attractions of the procession.

At Mubarak Mandi, a Dogra village and a Dogra exhibit "Mere Desae Da Shalaeqa" was set up where live painting and live poetry sessions were held. Besides, items symbolising the Dogra art and culture were put on display. The exhibition will go on for three days.

In Kashmir, the main function was held at Gurudwara Chati Patshahi in the Rainawari area of Srinagar, which was attended by a huge number of Sikh devotees.

The celebrations by the members of the Sikh community were also held in various districts of the valley.

The festival of Baisakhi, which is mainly celebrated in the north Indian states of Punjab and Haryana, marks the beginning of the Sikh new year. It is also a commemoration of the formation of the Khalsa Panth of warriors under Guru Gobind Singh in 1699.

Cutting across faiths and religious lines, the Army personnel stationed across Kashmir also celebrated Baisakhi.

The main celebrations were held at an Army camp in HMT area on the outskirts of Srinagar. General officer commanding of the Army's Srinagar-based 15 Corps, or Chinar Corps, Lt Gen A D S Auja and senior officers of the police and the Army were present on the occasion.

"Army personnel from all religions celebrate Baisakhi together. This also sends a strong message to the country that we should celebrate the festivals together, live together, and take the country forward on the path to prosperity," Hawaldar Ajay Kumar told reporters.

He said Kashmiri locals also celebrate the festivals with the Army. "We do not feel that we are far away from our families, because this is a family for us," he added.

Another Army personnel Hawaldar Sarabjit Singh said Baisakhi was a very important day for them and "we all brothers together celebrate this festival".

The festival also marks the opening of the famous Mughal gardens in Srinagar. The tourists were enthralled to see the spring bloom in these gardens.

"I feel very good and lucky to be here on this day as officially Mughal gardens are thrown open for tourists and today I am here...I am very excited and enjoying this trip," a tourist, Deepti, from Mumbai, told PTI.

"I am feeling very nice to be here and today these Mughal gardens are open on occasion of Baisakhi. We are enjoying," another tourist, Ravinder Kumar from Meerut, said.

A foreign tourist from Bangladesh Nasser-u-din was impressed by the beauty of the garden.

"I am very much happy to visit this garden, I am very happy to know that on first day of Baisakhi, Mughal gardens are open for tourists. I am very much impressed," he said.

"It is a very very beautiful, colourful and a historical place also. We all are enjoying very much," Ethal Mukhodapayi from Bangladesh said.

Girl dies, 61...

Kumar said. He said the probe into the collapse will be led by the Udhampur Deputy Commissioner.

Police and relief teams rushed to the spot and began rescue operations, the officials said. Videos and pictures purporting to show the extent of damage in the far-flung Chenani block were widely circulated on social media.

India progressing, but...

are many challenges," Bhagwat said at the RSS event.

"Our western and northern borders are not so safe that we can sleep peacefully. Our soldiers have to remain awake and we (citizens) also have to remain awake," he added.

Those with vested interests are trying to slander India in many ways while we are progressing, and there was need to fight "intellectual battles" with such forces, the RSS chief asserted.

"Though we have progressed economically, poverty has not gone from the country. The work (of development) is yet incomplete. We have to fight these challenges," he said. Our society will have to get organised to fight these challenges, Bhagwat added.

CJI bats for...

outcomes are evaluated... Mediation holds the potential to change the way we understand justice itself -- from an adversarial, formal process to a more collaborative, interest-based process. In other words, mediation is much more than a movement to de-clog the courts," he said.

Justice Chandrachud said the government of India will benefit from strategically adopting online dispute resolution mechanisms.

The event was attended by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul of the Supreme Court, Delhi High Court Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, other high court judges, including Justices Manmohan and Sanjeev Sachdeva, Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani and several other dignitaries.

In his address, Venkataramani announced that he has proposed to set up the "Attorney General's National Council of Mediator's Watch" as well as the "Attorney General National Award for Mediation Achievers" to encourage the practice.

He also favoured strengthening private mediation in the country.

Justice Kaul, who recollected the top court appointing a mediation panel in the Ayodhya dispute, said the mindset of choosing mediation for dispute resolution should be encouraged as the process gives the parties autonomy and "innovative solutions". He also urged the AG to use his good office to see that the mediation bill, pending before Parliament, "sees the light of the day" soon.

"The litigant wants a solution. He does not want legal jargons," Justice Kaul said as he highlighted that mediation was provided as a mode of dispute resolution in various laws, such as commercial courts law, consumer law as well as real estate law.

In his presidential address, Justice Chandrachud also said the process of mediation "preserves the ongoing relationship" between parties but has certain "inequities", such as the scope of the mediators' role.

"Mediation is seen as a means of serving the rule of law. The transformative characteristic of mediation is that it is a process which puts the decision-making authority in the hands of ordinary people, empowering the people involved in the dispute," he said.

My plan is...

cleanliness in our surroundings for a healthy life and holding discussions on keeping the surroundings clean.

LG informed his plan to make Ladakh a 'Corruption Free' region through Jan Bhagidhari, i.e., people's participation. He stated that the results will be visible within six months if we work on it sincerely and with full dedication.

LG informed about the areas which need immediate interventions, viz. preventing

According to information, a complaint was lodged with police by a family from Moti Colony Bishnah, that two youth namely Nikhil and Rachpal entered their house, when their minor daughter was alone and committed obscene acts with her. Apart from this, they also snatched her ear-ring and assaulted her. Acting on the complaint, police has registered a case and arrested both accused.

Auto drivers clashed over passengers

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two auto drivers clashed with each other over passengers in Domana area, after which they attacked each other and one got injured.

According to information, one Ashok Kumar was asking passengers to sit in his auto and soon entered into a clash with another auto driver Rahul over passengers. The matter escalated so much that they attacked each other due to which Ashok Kumar got injured. Acting on complaint, the police has registered a case.

Gold chain snatched from woman

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A gold chain was snatched from a woman in Domana area.

According to information, when one Anjali Devi, resident of Anand Nagar was taking a walk outside her house, two scooter-borne youths snatched gold chain from her neck. After receiving the complaint, Police rushed to the spot and has registered a case in this regard. Further investigation is going on.

Notorious criminal booked under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: District Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Shivdeep Singh Janwal constituted a team led by Insp Tariq Ahmed SHO Rajbagh under the supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan. The team apprehended a notorious criminal namely Zakir Hussain alias Sonu, son of Ali, resident of Hariachak Tehsil Marheen District Kathua who was 'Habitual Criminal & History-Sheetee' involved in various criminal cases at Police Station Rajbagh. Warrant for his detention was also issued by District Magistrate, Kathua.

In order to prevent his illegal activities in district, 'Dossier' was prepared against accused person and sent to the District Magistrate, Kathua for his detention under Public Safety Act(PSA). Accordingly District Magistrate, Kathua issued a detention warrant against accused and warrant got executed. He was arrested and lodged at Central Kot-Bhalwal Jail Jammu to curtail his various criminal activities.

6 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Friday arrested 06 drug peddlers in Baramulla, Kulgam & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per the details, a party under the supervision of SDPO Tangmarg Intiyaz Ahmad, assisted by Incharge Police Post Babareshi during routine patrolling at Shranz Crossing Tangmarg arrested a drug peddler namely Mohd Ashraf Malla son of Gh Qadir resident of Dodbugh. During search, 50 grams of contraband charas and cash amount of Rs 27300 (believed to be proceeds of narcotic crime) was recovered from his possession. He has been shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Meanwhile, a party led by Incharge Police Post Palhallan under the supervision of SDPO Pattan Mohd Nawaz at a checkpoint established at Hamrey Pattan arrested a drug peddler namely Mohd Yaqoob Dar son of Ghulam Rasool Dar resident of Renji Pattan. During search, 96 Tablets of Spasmo Proxyvon Plus & 10 Syrups of Codeine Phosphate was recovered from his possession. He has been shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

Similarly, a police party under the supervision of SDPO Uri Shokat Ali assisted by DySP Prob. Kubra Nazir, SHO Police Station Boniyar at a checkpoint established near Ijara Crossing Bridge Boniyar intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, 90 gm Charas, 800 gm dry cannabis leaves and Rs 41355 cash (believed to be proceeds of narcotic crime) were recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohd Amin Sheikh son of Ghulam Mohd Sheikh resident of Ijara Boniyar. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Moreover, a police party led by Incharge Police Post Delina under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla Sajjad Bukhari at a checkpoint established at Rawathpora Delina intercepted a vehicle (Swift) bearing registration number HP40D-3856. During search, 10grams of Brown Sugar was recovered from his

drug abuse, tackling the issue of dog menace in society, protecting and promoting pashmina as an asset of Ladakh, preservation of water through water management plans, planting of more trees to improve Ladakh's green cover, etc. He also informed about the future plans to develop the Capitol Complex at Ranbirpur with full facilities for the people. He sought cooperation and support from LAHDC Leh for all the futuristic plans for the benefit of the people of Ladakh.

Councillors from different constituencies raised several issues, including the need to review and strengthen the LAHDC Act; the need to define the works of Administration, Hill Councils and PRIs bodies; the need to define Warrant/Order of Precedence for Councillors; the need for a personal assistant for Councillors, etc..

Councillor, Tiger, Rigzen Lundup; Councillor, Panamik, Tsering Sandup; Councillor, Chushul, Konechok Stanzin; Councillor, Nyoma, Ishey Spalzag; Councillor, Kungam, Thinles Nurboo; Councillor, Korzok, Karma Namdak; Councillor, Chuchot, Mirza Hussain; Councillor, Upper Leh, Phuntsog Stanzin Tsepag; Councillor, Lower Leh, Tsering Namgail; Councillor, Phyang, Tundup Nurbu; Councillor, Skyu-Markha, Sonam Nurboo; Councillor, Temisgam, Tashi Tundup; Councillor, Skarbuchan, Lundup Dorjai; Councillor, Lamayuru, Dr Morup Dorjay; Nominated Councillors- Mumtaz Hussain and Ven Konechok Tsephel were present during the interaction with LG.

Over 85,000 people...

Kumar said. The department has also got cutters and machines for boring and drilling to deal with emergencies, he said.

Observing the fire safety day, the department on Friday remembered firemen who laid their lives while safeguarding the lives and property of the masses during rescue and fire-fighting missions.

According to officials, the department will launch various programs in the fire service week ending April 20 to spread awareness about fire prevention and precautionary measures.

These programs will also be organised at district levels, covering villages along with industrial organisations, educational institutes and hospitals among other establishments, Kumar added.

We work with...

Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Gauhati High Court here, Modi emphasised that technology needs to be brought into play to speed up the justice delivery system, especially in remote areas such as in the northeast.

"Technology can help bring justice to remote areas such as in the northeast," he said. He maintained that there is "unlimited scope for use of technology" to modernise the justice delivery system in the country.

Praising the work of the Supreme Court's e-committee in this regard, he mentioned that Budgetary allocation has been made for phase 3 of the e-court mission.

Referring to global efforts to use AI in the judicial system to bring efficiency, Modi said, "We should also try to increase efforts to improve the ease of justice for the common citizen through AI."

Indicating how lack of clarity in property ownership has proven to be a burden on the judiciary, he gave an example of how drones have been used to bring a solution by mapping properties in over 1 lakh villages under the PM Swamitva Yojana.

"Property card distribution to lakhs of citizens have already been accomplished, which will result in a decline in property-related cases and ease the lives of citizens," the PM added. He also said, "Alternative dispute resolution systems are vital. The North East has rich traditions in this regard," lauding the Gauhati High Court for recently coming out with six books on customary laws of the region.

He also emphasised the country's law should be written in an easy language, comprehensible to ordinary people, as it enhances citizen's trust in the country and its systems. "Effort is to draft laws in simple language and this approach will be greatly helpful for the courts of our country", he said, also mentioning about the BHASHINI portal which aims to help every citizen to access the internet in their own language. Modi on Friday evening concluded his tour of Assam by rolling out a series of railway projects across the Northeast, besides commissioning a methanol plant and laying the foundation stone for a bridge over the Brahmaputra river.

The prime minister also witnessed a mega- Bihu dance performance - which has made it to the Guinness World Records - where more than 11,000 dancers and drummers performed at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium.

11 arrested, 13...

Ali Bhatti arrested 05 persons and seized five vehicles (tippers) involved in illegal extraction of sand at Aghanajipora and Hatiwara. Similarly, a party led by Incharge Police Post Reshipora arrested 2 persons and seized two vehicles (a Loader, a tipper) involved in illegal extraction of sand at Datpora Dogripora. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective police stations and further investigation initiated.

possession. He has been identified as Zahid Hussain Wani son of Ghulam Hassan Wani resident of Hardushiva Sopore. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

In Kulgam, a special police team led by Incharge Police Post Mirbazar under the supervision of SSP Kulgam at a checkpoint established near Zadoora Crossing on NHW-44 intercepted a suspicious person carrying a bag. During search, 6 sticks of charas like substance weighing around 100 gm was recovered from the bag. He was identified as Safer Ahmad Dar son of Khalil Mohammad Dar resident of Nowpora. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remained in custody.

In Awantipora, a Police Party of Police Station Pampore headed by SHO PS Pampore under the supervision of SDPO Pampore Intiyaz Ahmad arrested one drug peddler at Tulbagh Pampore. During search, 1 Kg 100 gm cannabis powder (charas Powder) was recovered from his possession. He was identified as Basir Manzoor Akhooon son of Manzoor Ahmad Akhooon resident of Tulbagh Pampore. He has been shifted to police station where he remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered at respective police stations and further investigations initiated.

2 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA: Acting tough against social crimes, Police on Friday arrested 2 gamblers and seized stake money from their possession.

As per details, acting on specific information about gambling activities in Khar Check Shar Shali Khrew, a party of Police Station Khrew headed by SHO Khrew under supervision of SDPO Pampore Intiyaz Ahmad raided specific site and arrested 2 gamblers on the spot, who were identified as Tawseef Ahmed Wani son of Gh Nabi Wani alias Seepa resident of Ladhoo and Bilal Nazir Bhat alias Veerapan son of Nazir Ahmed Bhat resident of Shar Shali. Police also seized stake money amounting to Rs 20,100 and playing cards from gamblers, who were shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 27/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Khrew and investigation started.

3 notorious bovine smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Foiling two bovine smuggling attempts at two different places, Samba police, under overall supervision of SSP Samba Benam Tosh, arrested three notorious bovine smugglers and rescued 28 bovines.

The arrested bovine smugglers were identified as Mushtaq Ahmed, son of Abdul Rahman, resident of Sunjwan; Mohd. Yousaf son of Mohd Hussain, resident of Baguna and Muneer Ahmed Khan, son of Mohd Khamid Khan, resident of Nonath, Ghagwal. Two separate FIRs have been registered at Police Station Purnmandal and Police Station Samba and investigation is underway.

The arrested notorious bovine smugglers had adopted new modus-operandi to escape from eyes of police but landed in police trap and were arrested. The arrests have been made by the teams comprising of SHO Police Station Purnmandal Vijay Verma, SHO Police Station Samba Rajeshwar Singh, Incharge Police Post Gouran Sajid Jaral under the supervision of SDPO Bari Brahmana Rahul Nagar, DySP Garu Ram and Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

Two bootleggers arrested, illicit liquor seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: Police on Friday nabbed two persons for illicit distillation and seized illicit liquor from their possession. As per details, information received through reliable sources that one Mohinder Kumar, son of Jagga Ram, resident of Ratnal, Bishnah is selling illicit liquor. On receiving information, a party from police station Bishnah led by SHO Insp Vikram Sharma apprehended above the accused and recovered 50 quarters of illicit liquor from his possession. FIR 86/2023 under section 48 A of Excise Act was registered at Bishnah Police Station.

Meanwhile, in another instance, information was received through reliable sources that one Vinod Kumar, son of Bachan Lal, resident of Village Karail is selling illicit liquor. Another party of Bishnah police station apprehended the accused and recovered 9 lts illicit liquor from his possession. FIR 87/2023 under section 48 (a) of Excise Act was registered at Bishnah Police Station.



Dr Sumedha's murder case: New SIT starts investigation

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The newly constituted SIT has started investigation in Dr Sumedha murder case. After receiving case file, the team started further investigation. Many things are being considered during investigation and new SIT team is also looking into what the old SIT has investigated in the matter. SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli is supervising the matter and taking updates on daily basis from the team, so that it can be cracked at the earliest. According to information, a SIT was formed under the command of SP Headquarters for investigating murder case of Dr. Sumedha but, when old SIT was disbanded. The team will also interrogate the accused whose statements are changing.

Youth dies of 'drug overdose'

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A youth died under suspicious circumstances in Chadwal area of Kathua district on Friday. The cause of death is said to be drug over-dose.

According to information, Nitin Sharma, son of Tilak Raj, resident of Hiranagar went missing from his house a day ago. Later, his body was found lying in fields at Chhapaki area in evening. Police took body into custody and sent it to hospital, where doctors told that he died due to drug over-dose. Police has registered a case in this context and started investigation.

Youth found dead

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A youth man was found dead in his house at Gorkha Nagar under Baghe-Bahu Police Station. Some marks were also found on his neck. Police has registered a case in this context and started investigation.

According to information, family members of Roshan Lal, son of Mia Lal, resident of Gorkha Nagar saw him lying unconscious at home. They immediately shifted him to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. The family members said that they have no information about marks on neck of deceased due to which matter is still suspicious. Police said that investigation is going to ascertain the exact cause of death.

Man dies after consuming poison

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMANA: A man died after consuming some poisonous substance in his house at Bari Brahmana.

According to information, one Kaushal, son of Shankar Singh, resident of Panchari Udhampur who was living in Bari Brahmana area these days, consumed some poisonous substance after which he was taken to hospital where he died during treatment. After death, police reached the spot and took body into custody. A case has been registered in this context.

Two die in separate accidents

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Two people died in accidents at different areas on Friday.

According to information, one Yoginder Kumar, son of Ramesh Lal, resident Jandayal Bhalwal got injured in an accident on April 9 as two motorcycles collided with each other, after which he was taken to GMC for treatment. In view of his serious condition, he was referred for advanced treatment in Punjab, but he died during treatment.

Apart from this, an unknown vehicle hit a person in Narwal area due to which he died. Police said that a case has been registered and started investigation started.

Two booked under POCSO Act, snatching

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: Bishnah police has registered a case under POCSO Act and snatching against two people on complaint of a minor:

