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### Ensure inclusion of...

the net increase of 7,72,872 voters in the final electoral rolls. The final electoral rolls had 83,59,771 electors. Out of them, 42,91,687 were male, 40,67,900 female and 184 third gender.

Meanwhile, special teams have been constituted to ensure maximum awareness and facilitation of Kashmiri migrants in electoral rolls of constituencies of their original residence in the valley.

As many as 22 teams have been constituted in camp and non-camp areas of J-K and for outreach programmes at Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Ahmadabad, Delhi and Chandigarh by the Relief and Rehabilitation (Migrant) Department for the Kashmiri migrant pandits, an official said.

Besides, two special teams have been constituted wherein 16 officers, 56 officials and 50 casual labourers have been engaged under the supervision of Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (M), J-K, he said.

For the zonal area awareness campaign, the official said, all the officers of 22 zones have been declared as booth level officers and have been assigned the task of conducting door to door awareness programmes and enrollment of Kashmiri migrants in electoral rolls.

### Exams for constables...

decision "parthbreaking". In a tweet, he said, "A pathbreaking decision, which will give wings to the aspirations of our youth! This is a part of our various efforts to ensure language is not seen as a barrier in fulfilling one's dreams."

The CAPF's are the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and the National Security Guard (NSG).

"In a landmark decision under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, (the) Ministry of Home Affairs has approved conducting constable (general duty) examination for CAPF's in 13 regional languages, in addition to Hindi and English," the statement said.

In addition to Hindi and English, the question paper will be set in Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, Urdu, Punjabi, Manipuri and Konkani.

The announcement comes days after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin wrote to Shah, urging him to include Tamil as a language for the written exam in the recruitment for CRPF personnel.

In his letter, Stalin said that in the notification for the CRPF recruitment written exam, it was mentioned that the test could be taken in English and Hindi.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said the decision will result in lakhs of aspirants taking the examination in their mother tongue or regional language and improve their selection prospects.

The ministry and the Staff Selection Commission will sign an addendum to the existing Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the conduct of the examination in multiple Indian languages, the statement said.

Constable (general duty) is one of the flagship examinations conducted by the commission and attracts lakhs of candidates from across the country.

The examination in 13 regional languages, in addition to Hindi and English, will be conducted from January 1, 2024.

The state governments and Union Territory administrations are expected to launch a wide campaign to encourage local youths to use this opportunity of taking the examination in their mother tongue and participate in large numbers to make a career serving the country, the statement said.

The ministry, under the leadership of Modi and the guidance of Shah, is fully committed to encourage use and development of regional languages, it said.

### Modi calls for...

an issue close to his heart, and it was great to see it becoming a global movement.

Citing "Mission Life", which was launched by him and the U.N. secretary general last year October, Modi said the programme is about democratising the battle against climate change.

"Climate change cannot be fought from conference tables alone. It has to be fought from the dinner tables in every home," he told the conference being held on the sidelines of the annual spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

"When an idea moves from discussion tables to dinner tables, it becomes a mass movement. Making every family and every individual aware that their choices can help the planet can provide scale and speed," he said.

Prime Minister Modi said when people become conscious that simple acts in their daily lives are powerful, there will be a very positive impact on the environment. The people of India have done a lot in this matter in the last few years, he said.

"People-driven efforts improved the sex ratio in many parts of India. It was the people who led a massive cleanliness drive. Be it rivers, beaches or roads, they are ensuring public places are free of litter. And, it was the people who made the switch to LED bulbs a success. Nearly 370 million LED bulbs have been sold in India. This helps in avoiding nearly 39 million tonnes of Carbon Dioxide emissions every year," the Prime Minister said.

The farmers of India ensured the coverage of nearly seven hundred thousand hectares of farmland by micro-irrigation. Fulfilling the mantra of 'Per Drop More Crop', this has saved a huge amount of water, he pointed out.

"Under Mission Life, our efforts are spread across many domains such as: Making local bodies environment-friendly, saving water, saving energy, reducing waste, and e-waste, adopting healthy lifestyles, adoption of natural farming, promotion of millets," Modi said.

These efforts will save over 22 billion units of energy, save nine trillion litres of water, reduce waste by 375 million tons, recycle almost one million tons of e-waste, and generate around 170 million dollars of additional cost saving by 2030, he said.

"Further, it will help us reduce the wastage of 15 billion tons of food," Modi said, noting that the global primary crop production in 2020, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation, was about nine billion tons.

He said global institutions have an important role to play in encouraging countries across the world.

The World Bank Group is looking to increase climate finance from 26% to 35% as a share of total financing. The focus of this climate finance is usually on conventional respects, he noted.

The Prime Minister said adequate financing methods need to be worked out for behavioral initiatives too and a show of support by the World Bank towards behavioral initiatives such as Mission Life will have a multiplier effect.

In 2015, at the United Nations General Assembly, Modi spoke about the need for behavioural change.

"The preamble to the outcome document of CoP-27 also speaks about sustainable lifestyle and consumption. And it is wonderful to see that experts in the climate change arena have also adopted this mantra," he added.

"By itself, each good deed for the planet may seem insignificant. But when billions across the world do it together, the impact is huge. We believe that individuals making the right decisions for our planet are key in the battle for our planet. This is the core of Mission LiFE," he said.

India has maintained that the fight against climate change must keep the principles of equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) at the centre.

Equity essentially means that each country's share of carbon dioxide emissions is equal to its share of the global population.

The CBDR-RC principle recognises that each country is responsible for addressing climate change but developed countries should bear primary responsibilities as they account for most of the historical and current greenhouse gas emissions.

According to the Union Environment Ministry, India is home to 17% of the global population but accounts for only 4% of global carbon emissions. Developed nations with the same percentage of population account for nearly 60% of carbon emissions.

India updated its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) - plans to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius - in August last year, promising to reduce emissions intensity of GDP by 45% by 2030, from the 2005 level, and achieve 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

### Process initiated for...

"The UT administration led by Lt Governor (Manoj Sinha) and Chief Secretary (A K Mehta) are looking forward to taking the next steps for lithium extraction at the earliest."

"The process has already been initiated under their visionary directions towards appointing a transaction advisor and auction platform to carry forward the extraction process for this potentially rich reserves of lithium to the tune of 5.9 million tonnes, second highest in the world," the secretary said.

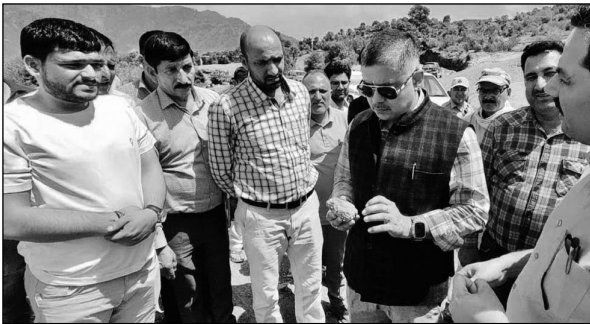
He assured that the government shall take all possible steps and measures to make this lithium discovery a reality soon and meet the decided timelines for extraction of the same, with total support from the Union Government.

During the site visit, the officers informed that the demarcation work on the lithium reserves site has been completed a few days back which is spread in an area of around three square kilometres, an official spokesman said.

Accordingly, he said the revenue department has also completed the task of creating lists of habitations, plantations and other assets falling within these demarcated limits.

People of the area requested the secretary to ensure that fair compensation is paid to the persons whose assets are coming within the zone of lithium reserves.

Sharma assured that all care and due diligence shall be shown by the concerned authorities including Deputy Commissioner Reasi and her team for ensuring it, the spokesman said.



Mining Secretary Amit Sharma during visit to lithium reserves site in Reasi.

### Gangster-turned-politician...

question the arrested men," a police officer said.

Ahmad, a former Samajwadi Party (SP) MP, and his brother Ashraf were brought here for a court hearing in connection with the Umesh Pal murder case.

Ahmad's son Asad and one of his accomplices were killed in a police encounter in Jhansi on April 13. Their last rites were performed earlier in the day.

### Snow clearance operations...

the Mechanical Engineering department is in its final phase and we are expecting its completion next week. "It will be followed by a joint inspection by civil and traffic police departments before its formal reopening for vehicular traffic," Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Public Works department (Mughal road project), Shoukat Ali told PTI.

During his recent two-day tour of inspect various road projects in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Road, Transport, and Highways minister Nitin Gadkari had announced construction of a Rs 5,000 crore tunnel at Pir Ki Gali to transform Mughal road into an all weather road.

Assistant Engineer, Mechanical Engineering Department, Tariq Mehmood Khan said the road was cleared of accumulated snow about two weeks ago but a fresh spell of snowfall delayed its opening. "Our men and machinery are on the job and we are expecting to complete the snow clearance operation by next week," he said.

Apni party leader and former minister Choudhary Zulfkar Ali demanded immediate opening of Mughal Road and said it was unfortunate that the concerned authorities who were responsible to keep the historic alternative road to Kashmir operational have failed to do so.

"The Mughal Road was supposed to open in the first week of March but is still closed, causing inconvenience to the people as hundreds of them travel from one

region to another on a daily basis for varied reasons including health checkups, employment, education and trade," he said.

Ali said Mughal road passes through breathtaking scenery, having a huge potential for tourism and economic growth.

Mendhar Sumo drivers Union also expressed concern over the delay in the reopening of the Mughal road. "We are suffering because of the closure of the road over the past several months. We have taken our vehicles on loan from banks and it is very hard to make repayment of the loan due to limited business opportunities," Union officials said.

### Court awards death...

punishment to the convict. It is to be noted here, that the convict had also attempted to kill his wife when she intervened and tried to save the deceased from the brutal attacks of the convict. Had the wife stayed there or the Sickie had not dropped from the hand of the convict, he would have definitely killed his wife also.

Court further observed that in the instant case, the convict Jeet Singh has been convicted under section 302, 307 RPC and 4/25 of Arms Act. This court hardly finds any mitigating circumstance in favour of the convict. The fact that convict is illiterate person, hence was not aware of the consequences of the Act committed by him, resides in remotest area of this District having no access to transport and road facilities, the offence was not committed in premeditated manner, in my opinion obviously will not constitute the mitigating circumstance. Even for that matter, the convict who is 45 years of age at this moment, will also be not consider as the mitigating circumstance.

The aggravating circumstances against the convict are: The accused had committed murder of his old age mother who was helpless and unarmed at the time of commission of offence just for 02 kanals of land besides asking her to live with other son. He had further committed the offence of attempt to murder of his wife with the use of Sickie and Axe, when she intervened to save the deceased from the attacks of convict.

The offence of murder committed by the convict seems to be pre-meditated one. The convict has committed the offence of murder upon the age old defenseless mother who had given birth to the convict by first attacking with Sickie on the neck of the deceased mother and thereafter chopped off her head with the use of Axe in a very inhuman and barbaric manner. Deleterious impact of the crime on social order and human psyche added to the list of the aggravating circumstances. Nature of offence and manner of committing the crime aroused extreme resentment to the society in this case.

Thus, on the existence of aforesaid mitigating and aggravating circumstances and evaluation thereof, this Court finds that the aggravating circumstances are much grave and serious than the mitigating circumstances. As such the instant case falls within the ambit of "rarest of rare cases" and therefore, in my pensive opinion the accused Jeet Singh does not deserves any leniency in the sentences to be awarded to him except sending the convict to gallows would be adequate. The court observed, "Convict namely Jeet Singh is sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 10 years and pay a fine of Rs 3000 for the commission of offence under section 307 RPC and in default of payment of fine, he shall further undergo simple imprisonment for one month. The convict is sentenced to death for the commission of offence under section 302 RPC and he shall be hanged by neck till he is dead and for the commission of offence under section 4/25 of Arms Act, the convict is sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 3 years and fine of Rs 2000. In case of failure to pay the fine he shall further undergo rigorous imprisonment for one month. All the sentences shall run concurrently. The case was professionally investigated by Insp. Deepak Pathania (then SHO Police Station Rammagar) who was Investigating Officer (I.O.) of case. Evidences were very meticulously joined by the I.O. which led to the conviction of accused in such a barbaric murder which had created sensation at that time.

### Court awarded one...

into the charge-sheet filed in the said court and charge was framed and trial commenced in the case. Finally, the court convicted the accused and awarded sentence of one year imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 10,000 to the accused for commission of offences under Sec. 4-A, Prevention of Corruption Act, Svt. 2006. Similar sentence was awarded to the accused for commission of offence under sections 5(1)(d) of said Act. Both the sentences to run concurrently. "Unless citizens in general and government servants in particular, are taught to develop a mindset which is averse to and ashamed of corruption, it will not be possible to curb the menace of corruption. Continuous education to create awareness about ethical values in life, therefore, can play a pivotal role in the fight against corruption. Even the famous golden words of the architect of the Constitution, Dr Ambedkar, are much pertinent to be quoted here. The purpose of education is to moralize and civilize the people," the Court observed.

### Jammu's bicycle-sharing...

The system allows users to rent out a bicycle from designated automatic docking stations and deposit it at another located close to their destination.

"The first-of-its kind public bicycle-sharing system recorded 2,89,032 (2.89 lakh) rides by 23,710 users between May 1 and April 13. The riders covered a total distance of 65,341 kilometres, saving an estimated 16,335 kilograms of carbon (emission)," the official told PTI here.

The Jammu Smart City Limited, a special-purpose vehicle constituted in August 2017 by the Jammu and Kashmir government for the implementation of smart city development projects, has set up a network of docking stations across the city.

It has installed 120 docking stations for 720 mechanical bicycles and 80 pedal-assisted electric bicycles in prominent locations, including Jammu University, Jammu bus stand, Indira Chowk, the exit gate of the Government Medical College, Super Speciality Hospital, Parade Chowk, the entrance gate of the Jammu airport and the Ragunath Temple, the official said.

The users can rent a bicycle through the 'Yaana Bikes' mobile app, which is available on both Android and iOS, the official added.

The minimum membership fee is Rs 50 for five 30-minute rides a day. The highest fee is Rs 1,500 for 1,500 rides of 30 minutes each over a one-year period.



## Fake currency maker gang busted; couple among 3 arrested, Rs 1.70 lakh fake currency, sharp-edged weapon recovered

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R S PURA: Police on Saturday busted a fake currency makers gang by arresting three accused and recovered Rs 1,70,000 fake currency, a sharp edged weapon along with other material.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station RS Pura by one Ashok Kumar, son of Satpal, resident of Ward-6 R S Pura stating that some persons are involved in making and circulating fake currency notes in the area under jurisdictions of Police Station R S Pura. FIR No 57/2023 under section 489A/489B/489C of IPC was registered at Police Station R S Pura and a team led by SDPO R S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Inspr Pawan Kumar and Incharge Border Police Post Agra Chak SI Sunil Kumar Thakur raided at suspected location and arrested a suspected accused namely Jyoti Devi, wife of Vinod Kumar, resident of Devigarh Tehsil Suchetgarh, at present Chang Tehsil Ramgarh, Samba.

During questioning she disclosed that one Mohd. Mustaq, son of Mohd Aslam, resident of Phinder Tehsil R S Pura and her husband namely Vinod Kumar, son of Jeet Raj, resident of Devigarh Tehsil Suchetgarh, at present Chang Tehsil Ramgarh, Samba have purchased a coloured scanner cum printer cum photo-state machine for making fake currency notes approximately 6/7 months ago. Furthermore on disclosure of accused namely Mohd Mustaq, 54 pages (bond-super white hi-bright papers) along with a toka was recovered from his house at Phinder and same got seized. Also on the disclosure of accused namely Vinod Kumar, a coloured scanner cum printer cum photo-state machine along with 5 colour bottles; fake Indian Currency notes of 500 and 200 denomination totaling to Rs 1,70,900; 4 rim (bond super white hi-bright papers) and ½ rim of white papers A4 were seized



in FIR under registered under sections 489A/489B/489C/201 of IPC, 4/25 of Arms Act. The overall operation was done under the supervision of SP Hqrs Ramnish Gupta.

## 10 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 Police Stations Bishnah, Janipur, Arnia, Nagrota, Police Posts Sainik Colony, Talab Tillo and Border Police Post Gajansoo acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 10 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include one dumper (JK02CR-7055) by Bishnah Police; one tractor bearing (JK02CS-3802) by Janipur Police; one tractor trolley without Registration No by Arnia Police; one tipper bearing (JK02CU-5863) by Nagrota Police; one tractor trolley without Registration No by Sainik Colony Police; one tractor bearing Chassis No MBNAU53ADKCB2278 by Talab Tillo Police; 4 vehicles i.e., Four Tractor Trolleys two bearing Chassis Nos KZIDT691831S3 and MBNALALTBKRH00604, One bearing Registration No JK02DA-8825 and one bearing Engine No.RKD2MDA1560, by Gajansoo Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma, SHO Janipur Inspr Sikander Singh, SHO Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch, SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Pratap Singh, In-Charge Police Posts Sainik Colony PSI Bhawani Singh, Talab Tillo-PSI Sonu Choudhary and Gajansoo-ASI Ravinder Bushan in their respective jurisdiction.

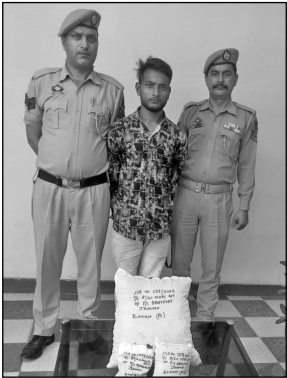
## Two narco smugglers nabbed; 3.5 Kg Ganja, 5.80 gm heroin recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police on Saturday arrested two narco smugglers and recovered 3.5 Kg of Ganja at a Naka in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bahu Fort and 5.80 gm heroin from a peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Kanachak.

As per details, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort led by SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari assisted by SHO Bahu Fort Inspr Shiv Dev Singh while on Naka duty near Grand inn hotel rounded up a suspect later identified as Narendra Sahu, son of Ishwar Prasad Sahu, resident of vill Sadan Garh Teh Distt Sadangarh state Chattisgarh at present Near Om palace Shakti nagar Jammu. During search, 3.5 Kg Ganja was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 123/2023 under sections 8/20 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort.

Similarly another police team of Police Station Kanachak led by SHO Kanachak Inspr Rahul Mahajan while on Naka duty near Chammu Chak Ring road rounded up



a suspect who was coming on his vehicle (JK02DC-3040). During search 5.80 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. The accused identified as Aakash Verma alias Rishu, son of Vijay Kumar, resident of Mishriwala Tehsil Bhalwal Distt. Jammu was arrested and FIR No. 39/2023 under sections 8/21/22/60 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Kahnachak.

## Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 39 animals rescued at Surankote.

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POONCH: Tightening noose against the bovine smuggling, Poonch police rescued 39 bovines from clutches of bovine smugglers while foiling bid of bovine smuggling in Surankote area. As per the details, on the direction of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra under the close supervision of add SP Poonch Mushem Ahmed, teams headed by DySP Surankote Tanweer Jillani, SHO Surankote Rajveer Singh and In-Charge Police Post Behramgalla Rajat Nanawat established Nakas at Behramgalla. During Naka checking, police apprehended 3 bovine smugglers and seized 3 vehicles (JK21 6833, JK 02CE 6235, JK12 B 3974) which were on way towards Kashmir. FIRs No. 65, 66, 67/2023 under sections 188/IPC/11 of PC Act were registered at Police Station Surankote and investigation taken up.

### Absconder arrested

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MENDHAR: An absconder wanted in a case registered in police station Mendhar of sub-division Mendhar were arrested by a team of Mendhar Police Station. As per details, absconder namely Gulzar Ahmed, son of Imam Din resident of Banola, Mendhar has been nabbed.

The accused was wanted in FIR No. 196/1987 under section 366,149,147, 148, 342 of RPC, 3/25 of Indian Arms Act and was absconding whereas a general warrant of arrest under sections 512 CrPC was issued against him by Munsiff Court Mendhar. The accused was produced in the court of law for further course of action.

## 2 arrested, 2 vehicles seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

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KULGAM: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, Police on Saturday arrested 2 persons and seized 02 vehicles in Kulgam. As per the details, acting promptly upon a specific information regarding extraction and transportation of minerals at Nallah Munnad, a special team led by SHO Police Station Behibagh raided the specific location and arrested two persons and seized a JCB machine and a tractor for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. The arrested persons have been identified as Irfan Ahmad Khawja son of Ali Mohammad Khawja resident of Poonch and Yawer Ahmad son of Nazir Ahmad resident of Gopalpora.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 32/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Behibagh and investigation has been initiated.