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system, land border management and coastal security issues, etc. Shah reviewed the functioning of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) dashboard, government land information system (GLIS), budget utilisation, e-office and special recruitment drive, etc. The home minister stressed the need for fast-tracking the recruitment process and said it should be initiated well in advance, anticipating future vacancies. The Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) should be held regularly so that employees get timely promotions, he said. He suggested that the MHA officials should make field visits to monitor development schemes, directed fast-tracking of construction of fencing and roads in border areas. The home minister offered valuable insights on the way forward for the ministry and exuded confidence that the discussions held at the "chintan shivir" will help in better planning and coordination in these areas, the statement added. He also laid emphasis on taking various welfare measures for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) personnel like creating healthcare facilities, improving housing satisfaction ratio amongst others. Shah emphasised the importance of training and said that regular training should be conducted by all wings of the MHA. He emphasised the importance of sensitivity and the need to develop a personal touch by all senior officials. He asked all senior officers that they should collectively work with full dedication. Shah lauded the efforts of the MHA and stressed the need to make constant endeavour to achieve the goal of making a safe and secure India, the statement added.

CS tours Jammu...

Jal Shakti, PWD, and other concerned officers. Dr Mehta visited Jambu Zoo at Nagrota which is nearing completion and took stock of ongoing works there. The Chief Wildlife Warden gave a detailed presentation on the works carried out so far. It was informed that the work on cafeteria and parks had been completed while the work on parking, animal enclosures are in the final stages of completion. The Chief Secretary also sought other important details regarding the prestigious project including details of animals and birds to become part of the Zoo after its completion. Dr Mehta directed the concerned officers to closely supervise the works and expedite the ongoing works for opening of the Zoo to public. Responding to the issue of water supply to the Zoo, the Chief Secretary asked the Engineers of Jal Shakti Department to follow up on the NOCs from the Ministry of Defence and ensure water supply at the earliest. He also issued directions for expediting facilities like ticketing system, security, services like cafeteria so that the completed part of the zoo could be thrown open for public as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Chief Secretary also conducted Jammu city tour and inspected the ongoing pathways/footpath and Junction improvement projects being executed under Jammu Smart City Mission. He inspected the progress of work at various locations, including Gandhi Nagar, Panama Chowk, University Road and Bahu Fort area.

The concerned officers apprised him of the present status of work and future work plan. Dr Mehta directed the executing agencies to further increase the pace of work on all the works and complete them at the earliest. Later, Chief Secretary inspected Development of Tawi River Front. Regarding the project the Chief Executive Officer, Jammu Smart City Limited, Rahul Yadav apprised him of works completed so far besides present status of work and future plans. It was informed that work on machinery mobilization, grating, centre marking, topographic survey etc have been completed while work on construction of diaphragms is in full swing. While taking a round of various spots of ongoing works Dr Mehta directed concerned officials to clear bottlenecks, if any, and expedite the pace of work for timely completion of this significant project. He also instructed them to ensure that quality parameters of each work are strictly adhered to. While inspecting work on Tawi barrage the CS issued strict directions to the executing agencies to set weekly targets and ensure completion of the project in a time bound manner. He even directed them to consider issuing notices to contractors whose performance is not found satisfactory. Chief Secretary also inspected the progress on Package 1 of Jammu Akhnoor Road Project nearing Bhagwati Nagar rotary to Canal Head. The Engineers of NHIDCL informed that the land acquisition process has been completed and the work on construction and raising the pillars for flyover is in progress to complete the work within the fixed deadline. Dr Mehta also directed Divisional Commissioner Jammu to develop surface parking on available vacant land near 4th Tawi bridge (Bhagwati Nagar) within two months so that the same is ready for use during the upcoming Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra and also caters to the visitors coming to watch the Tawi River Front after its beautification and development.

Calls for 3rd...

the audit would assess whether the mines are operating at their optimal condition and determine if there is potential to generate more employment within these mining facilities. Dr Mehta also called for the development of a mining plan, with expert consultation, to increase the output of the Kalakote coal mines. The Chief Secretary urged upon the Corporation that all of their activities should aim at boosting the economy of Jammu & Kashmir. He commended the corporation's financial records over the past three years and suggested holding quarterly meetings for better coordination and implementation of decisions. During the meeting, the Board unanimously agreed that in order to avail the funding under NMET (National Mineral Exploration Trust), J&K Minerals Limited shall surrender the Lease Hold Rights of Sapphire Mine so that Ministry of Mines can take up the work. Furthermore, the Board approved e-Auction of rough sapphire to promote transparency. The Board members in attendance included Secretary Planning Development & Monitoring, Dr Raghav Langer; Secretary Mining, Anit Sharma; Director, Geology & Mining, OP Bhagat; Managing Director, JKML, Vikram Gupta; DG Codes, SL Pandita besides officers from other concerned Departments.

Rare Basohli paintings...

by third parties. It also boosts exports, promotes the goods at the international level

and brings economic prosperity to producers and stakeholders. Vikas Gupta, director, handicraft and handlooms department, said the GI tag will give a fillip to the Basohli painting industry; help artisans get better returns and also create a brand value for their products. "There is a need to save the heritage art. The department will register those who want to practice it and we will set up a common facility centre at Basohli to provide them all facilities under one roof," Gupta told PTL. "The main theme of today's event is to highlight Basohli paintings," he said. Gupta said children and adults were informed about Basohli paintings. DPC promotes 289... Production Department, Attal Dulloo, in a felicitation message, congratulated the promotees and hoped they will work with added zeal and vigour for larger interest of the society. Terror funding: SIA... from Punjab to Kashmir for financing the terror activities of Jaish-e-Mohammad. The arrested persons were in constant touch with their handlers across the border as well as with the terrorists in south Kashmir and Punjab, official said adding that investigations has revealed that the accused Parvez and Farooq had conspired with Muzammil Malik and accused Ashiq Nengroo and knowingly facilitated the movement of terror funds which were to be further distributed to JeM terrorists operating in Valley for launching terrorist attacks in India. Snowfall in some ... on Wednesday. During this wet spell, thunderstorm with strong gusty wind reaching 20-30 KMPH and hailstorm is also possible at some places in Jammu and Kashmir.

Srinagar-bound SpiceJet flight returns to Delhi due to false warning

■ STATE TIMES NEWS NEW DELHI: A Delhi-Srinagar SpiceJet flight returned to the IGI airport here on Tuesday due to a false warning in the cockpit, the airline said on Tuesday. "On April 18, SpiceJet B737 aircraft operating flight SG-8373 (Delhi-Srinagar) returned back to Delhi as the AFT cargo fire light illuminated in the cockpit," the airline said in a statement. The light later extinguished upon actions taken by the captain, SpiceJet said and added that before landing, all operational parameters were observed to be normal. "The light later extinguished upon actions taken by the captain. Subsequently, upon opening of AFT cargo no sign of fire or smoke was found and based on initial assessment, the warning was observed to be false," the statement added. The aircraft landed safely and passengers were deplaned normally, it added. A source, however, said that a full emergency was declared for SpiceJet flight to Srinagar from Delhi, which had 140 passengers on board. "Full emergency was declared at 10:40 am on Tuesday for SpiceJet's Delhi-Srinagar flight SG 8373. The flight landed back at IGI airport safely," the source said. The aircraft has been parked, he added.



Dowry death case: Husband, mother-in-law among three arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Satwari police has arrested husband, mother-in-law and sister-in-law of the deceased woman in connection with her death on Tuesday. In this case, a case of harassment for dowry has already been registered and now the police has arrested three accused. According to information, Shobha Jamwal, wife of Reshu Jamwal, resident of Khandbal was found hanging in her house few days back. Her family members took her to hospital but she was declared as brought dead doctors after which police registered a case of suspicious death, but on allegation of her maternal uncle that she was being harassed for dowry, police registered a case of harassment. During further investigation, police found many evidences and arrested husband and sister-in-law of victim.

Two nabbed with intoxicant capsules

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATHUA: Cracking down on narcotics smuggling as well as to neutralize activities of drug peddlers within district, Kathua Police on Tuesday recovered/seized approximately 524 SPM-PRX (Sapsmo Proxyvon) capsules at Truck Yard in Lakhampur and arrested 2 persons. As per details, police team headed by Insp. Vijay Kotwal SHO Police Station Lakhampur under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua Subash Chander during Naka/checking duty in its jurisdictional area at Truck Yard Lakhampur apprehended two suspects namely Ram Paul, son of Gurnam, resident of Ward-4 Lakhampur and Mukesh Singh alias Babbu, son of Roop Singh, resident of Jagatpur Tehsil and District Kathua. On thorough checking, approximately 284 SPM-PRX (Spasmo - Proxyvon) capsules were recovered from possession of Ram Paul whereas 240 Spasmo-Proxyvon Plus capsules were recovered from Mukesh Singh. Duo was arrested and FIR Nos 37& 38/2023 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act were registered at Police Station Lakhampur.

Drive against opium cultivation launched in Mendhar, one arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS MENDHAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, a party of Police Station Mendhar headed by Insp Sajad Iqbal SHO Police Station Mendhar in presence of the EMIC Mendhar Naib Tehsildar Mukesh Singh launched special drive against opium cultivation and destroyed huge quantity of opium cultivation in village Dharana of Tehsil Mendhar. In this regard, FIR under relevant sections of NDPS Act has been registered in Police Station Mendhar and one Mohd Yakooob, son of Fakru, resident of Dharana, Mendhar was arrested. Further investigation is going on. The drive was launched under close supervision of SDPO Mendhar Sheezan Bhat and under overall supervision of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra.

Rs 9.35 lakh cash seized from man in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAMBAN: Police on Tuesday seized Rs 9.35 lakh cash from a man in Ramban district, officials said. During routine checking, a police team intercepted a car which was on its way from Ramban to Dharam. A total of 1,870 notes of 500 denomination with a total value of Rs 9,35,000 was seized from a person, identified as Tariq Ahmed, travelling in car; they said. During questioning, Ahmad said that he is working with a contractor but failed to justify possession of such a huge amount of cash, the officials said. The cash was seized by police party. As the matter appears to be of tax evasion, the Income Tax Department has been alerted for further action, they said.

Leh Police arrests two drug peddlers; recovers 1.56 Kg Charas

■ STATE TIMES NEWS LEH : District Police Leh, continuing its untiring efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, arrested two drug peddlers and recovered contraband sub-



stances from their possession on Tuesday. As per the details, a party of Police Post Choglamsar Leh while conducting random Naka checking at Choglamsar Zampa area, apprehended a suspect carrying a carry bag. On checking, police recovered Ganja like substance weighing around 1.135 Kg from suspect later identified as Amit Tiwari, son of Kamlesh Tiwari, resident of Parsa, West Champaran (Bihar), at present Solar Colony Leh (painter by profession). FIR No 51/23 U/S 8/20/29 NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Leh. Upon further investigation into case links of other persons' involvement also surfaced and one more peddler was arrested on same day, namely Parshotam Tiwari, son of Keshaw Tiwari, resident of Parsa, West Champaran Bihar at present Saboo (painter by profession). Ganja like substance weighing around 428 gm was also recovered from his rented accommodation at Saboo Leh.

2 notorious bovine smugglers arrested, 17 animals rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: Under the overall supervision of SSP Samba Benam Tosh, Police on Tuesday arrested two notorious bovine smugglers, foiled four separate bovine smuggling attempts , rescued 17 bovine animals and seized 4 vehicles used for smuggling. The arrested smugglers were identified as Rashid Mohd, son of Attar Hussain and Khalid Hussain, son of Umar Din, both residents of TeliBasti, Tehsil Bari-Brahmana, district Samba. In this regard, four FIRs under relevant sections of law were registered at Police Station Rangarh & Police Station Ghagwal and investigation is in progress. The smuggling attempts were made by the notorious bovine smugglers at mid night by driving vehicles rashly and in violent manner, especially while passing through Naka points, but brave Police officials foiled all four smuggling attempts and arrested two notorious bovine smugglers. Three bovine smuggling attempts at midnight were foiled by a police team comprising of SHO PS Ghagwal Bharat Bhushan, PSI Nirmal Singh and PSI Maneesh Sharma whereas a bovine smuggling attempt was foiled by police team comprising of SHO Rangarh Sudesh Kumar and PSI Vikrant Kotwal under the supervision of DySP Garu Ram and Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.



2 women among four narco smugglers arrested; 73.50 gm heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police on Tuesday nabbed four narco smugglers and recovered 73.5 gm heroin i.e., 62 grams and 8 grams at two different Nakas in jurisdictions of Police Station Bagh-E-Bahu, Police Station Satwari and 3.5 gm heroin in the jurisdiction of Police Station Miran Sahib. As per details, a team of Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu led by SDPO East Sayed Zaheer Abbas Jafari assisted by SHO Police Station Bagh-E-Bahu Insp. Arti Thakur while on Naka at Kalka colony rounded up two suspects. During search, 62 gm heroin was recovered from accused namely Pooja, wife of Sunny, resident of Rajeev Nagar and Lacho, wife of Suresh, resident of Chugiya Guru Amar Dass Colony, Naraingarh, Amritsar Punjab, who were coming from Gujjar Nagar towards Narwal. Duo were arrested and FIR No. 45/2023 under sections 8/21/22/29 of NDPS Act was registered against them at



Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu. Similarly, during patrolling duty police teams of Police Post Chatha led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Satwari Insp. Sumeet Sharma and In-Charge Police Post Chatha PSI Harjinder Paul Singh police teams rounded up one suspect during patrolling duty near Peer Baba Chatha and rounded up a suspect who was later identified as Paramjeet Singh alias Shotu, son of Harvinder Singh, resident of Parbath Colony Ward-5. On search 8 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 71/2023 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Satwari. Also another team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq while on Naka duty at TCP Kharian rounded up a suspect later identified as Sunny Sharma, son of Makhn Lal, resident of Indra Nagar Miran Sahib. During search, 3.5 gm heroin was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 82/2023 under section 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Miran Sahib. Bootlegger arrested; 80 bottles of illicit liquor recovered ■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: In an act of alertness and prompt action, dedicated police teams of District Jammu arrested a bootlegger and recovered 80 bottles of liquor from his possession. As details, a team of Police Station Gharota led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal assisted by SHO Gharota Insp. Joginder Singh Chib while on patrolling duty at Karwanda Chowk rounded up a suspect namely Sourav Sharma, son of Ram Paul Sharma, resident of Karwanda Tehsil Bhalwal District Jammu. During search, 80 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 28/2023 under section 48(F) of Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Gharota.

5 vehicles seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS 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 Station Gharota and Police Post Chatha acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 5 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include 4 vehicles i.e., 3 tractor trolleys (JK02CR/7380, JK08J/9088, JK02CS/8415) and one bearing Chassis No. MBNGAAJUEMR M01307 seized by Gharota Police and a dumper bearing engine number NNC2GDE0138 by Chatha Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Gharota Insp. Joginder Singh Chib and Incharge Police Post Chatha PSI Harjinder Paul Singh in their respective jurisdiction.

Khilafwarzi Inspector suspended for 'allegedly' taking bribe

■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI: Continuing the campaign of zero tolerance against corruption in Rajouri , DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal has started investigation by suspending a Khilafwarzi Inspector posted at MC Nowshera on allegation of taking bribe. According to information, the DC immediately suspended a Khilafwarzi inspector Nowshera municipality for remaining absent from duty without any permission for last 3 months and taking bribe. DC also directed ADC Nowshera to conduct a detailed inquiry and submit report. According to suspension order issued by DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal, Executive Officer MC Nowshera while filing a complaint said that Khilafwarzi Inspector Khalil Ahmed posted in Nowshera MC was absent from duty for last 3 months and even after repeated notices and calls, he failed to join duty. According to DC, reports were received that the said Khilafwarzi Inspector Khalil Ahmed is working as a cashier along with the Accounts Officer in Rajouri Municipal Council. The DC, in his suspension order, also wrote that Jugal Kishore Sharma, MP, during a meeting at Sunderbani, had received a complaint that the said inspector had demanded bribe from a contractor for drawing his bills. Taking strict cognizance of the corruption charges EO DC Rajouri Vikas Kundal immediately suspended Khilafwarzi Inspector Khalil Ahmed and attached him to ADC office Nowshera. He also directed ADC Nowshera to conduct a detailed investigation into the matter and submit the report within 15 days.

Notorious drug peddler among 3 arrested with Ganja, liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: Under guidance of Senior Superintendent of Police Samba Benam Tosh, Police on arrested a notorious drug peddler with 'Ganja' and two bootleggers with illicit liquor. The notorious drug peddler identified as Mohd Sadiq, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Teli Basti Bari-Brahmana, Samba was involved in drugs peddlers for years together in Bari Brahmana area of Samba district and used to purchase drugs from Kashmir. FIR under relevant sections of NDPS ACT has been registered at Police Station Bari Brahmana and investigation started. He was arrested by a police team comprising of SHO Police Station Bari Brahmana Sunil Sharma, PSI Rakesh Singh, HC Om Parkash and Sg/CT Ashok Kumar, whereas two bootleggers were arrested with illegally possessed liquor. They were identified as Ramesh Chander, son of Munshi Ram, resounded of Jasath Ghagwal, Samba and Bal Krishan, son of Bhagat Ram, resident of Majua, tehsil Bishnah, district Jammu. Two separate FIRs under relevant sections of Excise Act have been registered at police station Ghagwal & police station Ramgarh. The bootleggers have been arrested by Police team of Police Station Ghagwal comprising of SHO Police Station Ghagwal Bharat Bhushan, PSI Maneesh Sharma and PSI Nirmal Singh and police team comprising of SHO Rangarh Sudesh Kumar and SI Sham Lal under the supervision of DySP Garu Ram and overall supervision of Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

