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grievances and action taken by the concerned Deputy Commissioners. He also sought details of the action taken on the directions passed in the previous meeting.

On the grievance of a person from Srinagar regarding environment protection and sanitation at the foothills of Shankaracharya top, the Lt Governor directed Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation to look into the issue on priority for appropriate action.

Responding to a complaint regarding wards and bathrooms of the District Maternity & Child Care Hospital Sheerbagh, Anantnag, the Deputy Commissioner, Anantnag apprised the Lieutenant Governor that the renovation and face-lifting work of the bathrooms of the hospitals has already been done and the grievance was resolved.

Addressing the grievance of Irfan Rasool from Baramulla regarding dumping of solid waste in Ningli Nallah and its harmful impact on environment, the Lt Governor asked the Deputy Commissioner to formulate a comprehensive strategy through the local PRIs for a robust waste management.

Farooq Ahmad from Pulwama had submitted a complaint regarding illegal sand extraction in Hajibal, on which the Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner to take strict and immediate action.

Responding to the grievance of non-availability of Gynaecologist specialist at CHC Bani, Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department apprised the chair that the specialist will be arranged immediately on rotation basis.

On the sidelines of the LG's Mulaqaat, discussion was also held on successful implementation of training programme for holistic development of agriculture and allied sector. The training programme is being executed by the Agriculture Production Department for farmers in all 20 districts.

Atal Dulloo, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Department gave the detailed presentation of the training programme scheduled to be held between 24th April to 31st August, 2023.

Rehana Batul Commissioner Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, Heads of the Departments, and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

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humanity. "His message inspires us to embrace equality and compassion. May Guru Nabha Dass ji's teachings guide us to build a just and humane society," the Lt Governor said.

30 Naib Tehsildars transferred

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JAMMU: The government on Friday transferred 30 Naib Tehsildars.

According to the order issued by Pawan Kotwal, Administrative Officer with Financial Commissioner Revenue, J&K, Naib Tehsildars Intakhab Ahmed has been transferred from Mandli, District Kathua and posted to Balakote, District Poonch; Tarif Hussain Shah from Machhedi, District Kathua to Chandimarh, District Poonch; Jagdish Raj from C No 1 & 2, Kathua to Machhadi, Kathua; Bishan Dutt, attached with ADC Billawar, Kathua, to Mandli, Kathua; Hari Singh from Tringam, Kishtwar to Basohli, Kathua; Mohd Ismail from Basohli, Kathua to Tringam, Kishtwar; Sansar Sing from Pargwal, Jammu to Rajpura , Samba; Subash Chander from Revenue Training Institute, Gole Gujral, Jammu to Pargwal, Jammu; Des Raj from Rajpura , Samba to Nagri, Kathua; Sham Singh from Nagri, Kathua to Sarna, Samba; Ramesh Chand from Sarna, Samba to Badyal Barhmana, Jammu; Chand Mohan Singh from Badyal Barhmana, Jammu to Digiana, Jammu; Kazal Sharma from Rattanpur Surar, Teshil ghagwal, samba to Khara Balli, Jammu; Akeal Ahmed from

Kharah Belli, Jammu to Ralief Organization (M), Jammu; Surinder Singh from Ramkote, Kathua to Chadwal, Kathua; Dev Raj from Chadwal, Kathua to Mahanpur, Kathua; Krishan Lal from Dhar Mahanpur, Kathua to Rattanpur Surara, Samba; Sanjay Kumar from Gandoh, Doda to Paranoo, Doda; Main Khan from Neel, Ramban to Mandal, Jammu; Manjoor Ahmed from Shergarhi, Reasi to Solki, Rajouri; Bashrsat Ahmad Lone from Girdawar Qanoogo, Reban Rafiabad, Baramulla to Gulsanpora, Bandipora; Ab Hamid Wani from Office Qanooga, Tammarg, Baramulla to Chimer, Kulgam; Maqhool Hussain Dar, from Girdawar Qanoogo, Baramulla to Khrew, Pulwama; Syed Basharat Rasool from Defence DC office, Baramulla to Sumbal, Bandipora; Firdous Ahmad War from Chandoosa Wagoora, Baramulla to Ajas, Bandipora; Farooq Ahmad Dar Mir from Mahalsinghpura, Bandipora to Arizal, budgam; Fazil Zeeshan Ganie from Bandipora to Pakherpora, Budgam; Jameel Ahmad Lone from Bagtore, Bandipora to Magam, Budgam; Farooq Ahmad Najar from Nagam, Kulgam to Duroo, Baramulla; and Mushtaq Ahmad Dar from Devsar, Kulgam to Chamkote, Kupwara.

Chairman PHDCCI calls on R K Singh, discusses crucial issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rahul Sahai Chairman PHDCCI Jammu interacted with R K Singh, Joint Secretary DPIIT & Dr Kajal, Director DPIIT and highlighted issues faced by Industry regarding NCSSID Portal and hieups in setting up new Industrial units in J&K. He also submitted a memorandum and stressed upon more coordination between DPIIT and J&K UTs' department of Industries, power, Revenue etc for resolution of issues.

Rahul Sahai, Chair PHDCCI Jammu Chapter met with R K Singh Joint Secretary DPIIT & Dr Kajal Director DPIIT, Govt of India in Jammu to discuss and deliberate on New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of J & K. Sahai said that there is a dire need for coordination between DPIIT and other UT's Departments like industry, power, Revenue to solve issues so that units could start production as early as possible.

Rahul Sahai raised several issues related to industries in J & K. He said that Udyam Registration should be the main document instead of EM part 2. He informed that J & K is the only UT where both the documents are valid. Where as in whole country only Udyam registration is valid and suggested to keep only one, preferably Udyam Registration. Regarding IDS pending claims, Sahai said that there are some claims pending which were submitted just 1 month later of the due date because of covid and portal issues and requested to clear those ASAP. Sahai recommended immediate Disbursement of Incentives. He said that not even a single penny is disbursed till date to any unit under new scheme, though package was announced in Feb 2021 , Requested to disburse amount asap .Regarding power situation sahai said that Quality power supply of 24 hours is the need of the hour. He added that taking power and diesel together; power cost is going upwards at Rs.10 per unit. In addition UPS and diesel sets are required to be invested in, that increases

the project cost. He informed that new units are facing difficulties in power sanction as power system up gradation is going at its own slow pace. Sahai recommended Special Budget provisions for units in pipe line. He said that there is a time lag to apply at the portal, as one can only apply when one has bank sanction, pollution, and land all in place, and it takes another 3-6 months for registration after application, and this lag can be around 1 year for some cases. So nobody knows how much allocated amount is deducted from the budget by that time, when one unit is fully registered on the portal. R K Singh Joint Secretary DPIIT & Dr Kajal Director DPIIT gave a patient hearing to all the issues that were discussed and said that due consideration will be given to resolve issues. Others present on the occasion included Raj Dua Senior Member PHDCCI, Anarpreet Singh Resident officer PHDCCI Jammu and senior officials of DPIIT, Anoo Malhotra, Director General Industries and Commerce Jammu and other Gm DICs and senior officials of Director Industries & Commerce Jammu.

approved GPDP will be subsequently uploaded on the revamped eGramSwaraj portal.

Pertinent to mention that GPDP is an all encompassing plan, across all sectors, for development of Gram Panchayats. The GPDPs are to be aligned with the 09 thematic areas for LSDGs, which are an integral part of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and are key to ensuring that no one is left behind in the journey towards sustainable development.

tive of the needs and aspirations of the community and will pave way for achievement of Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). According to a circular issued by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj here on Friday, all the Deputy Commissioners have been asked to make arrangements for Gram Sabha meetings in every Panchayat on April 10 besides panchayat convergence meetings with full participation of all Panchyat Prabhari officers. The

Govt to conduct special Gram Sabha meetings across J&K regarding finalization GPDP 2023-24

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The government would be conducting special Gram Sabha meetings across Jammu and Kashmir on April 10, 2023, in connection with approval and finalisation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) 2023-24.

These meetings of Gram Sabhas will provide an opportunity to locals to come together and participate in decision-making process for their respective panchayats. This will ensure that the approved GPDPs are reflect

CRIME REPORT

5 narco smugglers arrested; over 94 gm heroin recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI/JAMMU: To eradicate the menace of Drugs from the society and take stringent action against Drug Peddlers within the district, Reasi Police on Friday recovered approx. 54 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like narcotics from the possession of 3 narco- smugglers.

As per the details, during routine naka/patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area at Sulla Nakka Reasi intercepted one Car (JK20B-7353) being driven by Sagar Gill, son of Muktar, resident of Ward no. 2 Christian Colony Reasi who was alongwith co-passenger namely Dhruv Raj, son of Dileep Raj, resident of Ward no. 2 Christian Colony Reasi under suspicious circumstances. During checking approx. 40 grams of Heroin (chitta) like narcotics was recovered from their possession. Duo was arrested and FIR No. 80/2023 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Reasi. In another incident, a party of Police Check Post Searli recovered 14 Grams heroine like substance from one person namely Raj Singh, son of Thakur Singh, resident of Pujari Mohalla, Katra during performing their lawful duties. FIR No 101 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Katra.

The whole operation is led by SHO Reasi Vijay Sharma and SHO Katra Nishant Gupta under the supervision of Dy.SP headquarter Neeraj Padyar and SDPO Katra Surinder Singh.

Meanwhile, a team of Police Post Pargwal led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal assisted by In-Charge Police Post Pargwal PSI Deep Kumar while on Naka duty at Sujwal Chowk Pargwal rounded up two suspects on their vehicle (JK02CT 8967) coming from Sajwal towards Jammu . During search, 40 grams of heroin was recovered from the accused later identified as Imam Hussainm son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Gadkhal Jammu (Motorecycle rider), caught with 22 grams of heroin and Liaqat Ali, son of Hashim Din, resident of Gajansoo, Jammu, caught with 18 grams of heroin.

An FIR under relevant sections of NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Khour.

16 route permits of vehicles & 6 driving licenses suspended

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: A team of Motor Vehicles Department (MVD), headed by ARTO, Anantnag Dr Mohammad Zubair on Friday laid special nakka at different locations to check violation of the various visible offences under Motor Vehicles Act, 2019 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989.

During the checking, nearly 40 school buses were checked and 15 school buses were booked/ challaned for various offences such as diversion of route permit, carrying students in private vehicles, carrying excess students in school buses, plying without fitness, without permit and without Speed Limiting Device.

Some school buses which were plying without registration numbers were seized by the department.

Various Mini Buses which were found plying against route permit and carrying students were also checked and their Route Permit were recommended for suspension.

The enforcement wing of the MVD, Anantnag has decided to introduce a checking schedule to inspect school buses and other vehicles transporting school students. They have decided to stick to the checking schedule in the backdrop of the recent instructions passed in the District Road Safety Committee meeting headed by Deputy Commissioner Anantnag to strengthen the inspection of school vehicles.

Though GPS and Speed governor are mandatory for school buses many school vehicle drivers tamper with these safety instruments, said ARTO Anantnag. Many of the school buses are yet to install GPS and GPS is not functional in many buses, he added

The enforcement wing of the MVD has also introduced a checking schedule for other vehicles. The aim is to reduce road accidents in the district and safety of school going children with the strict implementation of laws. It was given that different types of offences will be checked during special drives on different days.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled, 17 animals rescued, 5 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has achieved yet another success in drive against smugglers under the overall supervision of SSP Samba Benam Tosh, foiled another illegal bovine smuggling attempt at Mansar, arrested five (5) bovine smugglers and rescued 17 bovines.

The bovine smuggling attempt was made by smugglers at odd mid night hours around 1:00 a.m. considering that everybody including police might be sleeping but it was not so, police was alert and police party headed by Chowki Officer Mansar Deepak Sharma and HC Mohinder Singh under the supervision of SHO Samba Rajeshwar Singh, DySP Garu Ram & Additional SP Samba SurinderChoudhary intercepted the smugglers at BinduPada Mansar while smuggling bovines to Kashmir valley via Mansar and arrested all the five smugglers and rescued all seventeen bovine animals they were illegally smuggling out .

The arrested bovine smugglers have been identified as Gulzar Ahmed, son of Abdul Hamid, resident of Khatnari, Kokarnag, Anantnag; Wajid Hussain, son of Mohd. Gogar, resident of Samba; Mohd. Younis, son of Abdul Hameed, resident of Khatana Keharpora Anantnag; Arf, resident of Samba and Anis, resident of Kachwan, Anantnag. A case has been registered at Police Station Samba through Police Post Mansar and investigation has been started.

11 vehicles seized, 11 arrested for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL/AWANTIPORA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police on Friday seized 11 vehicles and arrested 11 persons in Ganderbal and Awantipora.

Probe ordered into allegations of illegal lease of temple properties in Kashmir

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Authorities in Kashmir have ordered a probe by a special investigation team into the allegations of illegal lease of temple properties in the valley, officials said on Friday.

In a letter, the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, directed all 10 Deputy Commissioners to probe the illegal lease of temple properties and their illegal use. "I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of communication received from Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat References Monitoring Cell, Jammu & Kashmir with the request to ascertain any such instances in your district and take appropriate necessary action under rules with intimation to this office," the letter said. The probe has been launched after some Kashmiri Pandit organisations complained about several temple properties being leased out.

Khari, Maho Mangat areas cut-off from rest of Ramban as portion of road caves in

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANIHAL/JAMMU: A portion of a road in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district caved in on Thursday, cutting off around 40,000 people of Khari and Maho Mangat areas from the rest of the district, official sources said. The incident occurred on the Nachalana-Khari link road near 23 Rashtriya Rifles camp, they said. The road is maintained by IRCON International, a Government of India Undertaking, which is constructing several railway tunnels and a rail station in Khari. The six-km section of the Nachilana-Khari-Mahoo link road is being used as an approaching lain to railway projects. Officials said the restoration work was being taken up by railway construction companies on a war footing and will take at least a week's time to complete it.

In Ganderbal, a police party led by SHO Police Station Lar under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ganderbal seized 4 vehicles (tippers) bearing registration numbers JK01T-9207, JK02AN-2587, JK01F-4401 and JK05B-0540 and have arrested 4 persons at Cheek Watalbagh for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from Nallah Sindh. They have been identified as Manzoor Ahmad Ganie son of Gh Rasool Ganie resident of Batwina, Ishfaq Ahmad Dar son of Gh Nabi Dar resident of Safapora, Habibullah Laharwal son of Gh Rasool resident of Kondbal and Jalal-u-din Bhat son of Gh Mohd Bhat resident of Safapora. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody. In this regard, a case vide FIR No.19/2023 under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Lar and further investigation initiated.

In Awantipora, a police party led by SHO Police Station Awantipora under the supervision of SDPO Awantipora Mumtaz Ali Bhatti arrested 05 persons and seized five vehicles (05 tipper) involved in illegal extraction of sand at Aghanjippora and Padgampora. Similarly, a Police party of Police Post Reshipora have arrested 02 persons and seized two vehicles (tractors) involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Dogripora area of Awantipora.

Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are requested to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

Bootlegger arrested, illicit liquor recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against the social crimes, Police on Friday arrested a bootlegger and recovered illicit liquor from his possession.

As per the details, A party of Police Post Humhama at a checkpoint established at Humhama intercepted a suspicious person. During checking, 12 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohammad Ashraf Khan son of Kaiser Khan resident of Alosa Bandipora. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 83/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Budgam and further investigation taken up.

Vehicle-lifters gang busted; 2 arrested, 6 stolen vehicles, 34 missing mobile phones recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday busted a vehicle lifters gang busted by arresting two accused and recovered 6 stolen vehicles and 34 missing mobile phones worth Rs 8 lakhs.

As per the details, several different complaints were lodged at Police Station Gandhi Nagar regarding vehicle thefts in the area. On this, a team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar constituted by SDPO South Sachit Sharma and led by SHO Gandhi Nagar Inspr Pankaj Sharma did strenuous efforts and with the help of various CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up two suspects later identified as (Farooq Ali, son of Nazir Ali, resident of Mangu Chak, Miran Sahib R.S.Pura and Riaz Ahmed Bajran, son of Lal Hussain Bajran, resident of Bajran Kalakote Rajouri. During search, accused confessed their involvement in the above case and on their disclosure 6 stolen vehicles were recovered from their possession which include Motor cycle No. JK02CW 3509 stolen in case FIR No. 31/2023 under sections 379 IPC; Motor cycle No. JK02CM 4074 stolen in case FIR No. 40/2023 under section 379 IPC; M/Cycle bearing Chasis No. 38796; M/Cycle bearing Chasis No. 61410 and Two stolen scooters.

Further investigation of the case is going on and more recoveries are expected in future.

In addition to above, special teams led by SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari and SDPO South Sachit Sharma were constituted which did hectic efforts and recovered 34 missing mobiles worth more than 8 lakhs and handed them over to their rightful owners. The overall operation was done under the supervision of SP South Mamta Sharma.

4 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

■ 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 teams of Police Stations Bishnah, Nagrota, Police Posts Sidhra and Phallain Mandal acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 04 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include One dumper (JK02CW/5451) seized by Bishnah Police; One tractor trolley without Registration no by Nagrota police; One tractor trolley bearing Chasis no. MBNAJ48AFLTH446865 by Sidhra Police and One tractor trolley having chasis no 47.5011/SBG12088, by Phallain Mandal Police.

The recoveries were made by; SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma, SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap Singh, In-Charge Police Posts Sidhra-PSI Arun Kumar and Phallain Mandal-PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal in their respective jurisdiction.

Two peddlers arrested with 3.895 Kg Ganja

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing it's drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Friday achieved major success by recovering 3.895 kgs of Ganja from two accused while patrolling in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bahu Fort.

As per the 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 patrolling duty rounded up two suspects later identified as Ashish Kumar Kurray, son of Munna Lal Kurray, resident of Janjgir Champa, Chattisgarh at present Patnitop Morh, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu and Laxmi Narayan Chauhan, son of Samaru Ram Chauhan, resident of Raigarh, Chattisgarh at present Adarsh Enclave, Trikuta Nagar, Jammu. During search, 3.895 Kgs of ganja was recovered from the accused.

Duo was arrested and FIR 112/2023 under sections 8/20/29 NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Bahu Fort.

CS launches 3 online services of Sc & Tech Deptt

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday launched three online services in presence of Commissioner Secretary, Science and Technology, Saurabh Bhagat. These include Sponsored Research & Extension Programme, Support for Innovation & Patent Filing scheme, and Science Talent Promotion Scholarship Scheme.

All these schemes are offered by the J&K Science, Technology and Innovation Council (JKST&IC) and are primarily meant for inculcating the scientific culture among students/scientific community in particular and common masses in general.

Chief Secretary stressed the need for scientific solutions to various issues of local importance such as waste management, biomass energy, plastic to fuel stressing need to run a waste to wealth campaign. He complimented the Science & Technology Department for

establishing Industrial Biotechnology Parks, Sub Regional Science Centre, and instructed for establishment of various Centre of Excellences across UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

He enjoined upon the Department to collaborate with other departments for innovative solutions to problems faced by people in their day to day life. He said that Science and Technology should contribute to ease of living. He made out that our focus should be on innovations for larger public interest so that the knowledge actually gets transferred from lab to land.

During the course, Chief Secretary also took the stock of various schemes of Science & Technology Department viz Jammu Smart City Mission, Jammu Solar city Mission, PM-KUSUM , Rooftop Solar Power Plant Mission and focused on the need to increase the demand of solar energy within the UT of J&K.

On the occasion it was given out that the Sponsored Research & Extension Programme envisages that the research proposals/scientific surveys should be invited through open advertisement from the Scientists/professors/ academicians/scholars/research etc, get it evaluated by the Scientific Advisory Committee(SAC)/ Technical Committee (TC) constituted by the Government for furnishing of recommendations and then should be provided with the financial support for carrying out the research on the local specific issues. Later the outcome/recommendation of these research projects/surveys are forwarded to the line departments for implementation.

Regarding the Support for Innovation & Patent Filing scheme it was said that the JKST&IC provides financial support (seed money) to the innovator/ institution working on novel ideas for development of prototype.

