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STATE TIMES

Youth of JK feeling suffocated due to wrong policies of the present dispensation: Sajjad

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
BANIHAL: National Conference leader and district President Ramban Mr Sajjad Shaheen on Saturday said, the youth of the state have been suffocated by the repressive policies of the present dispensation and the looming uncertainty has created a sense of despair and hopelessness among them. "The government's failure to reach out and build bridges of reconciliation and peace with our youth has created a political vacuum," Shaheen said while addressing a late night joining function held by youth wing of party's Khari block and was organised by Block president YNC Shabir Ahmed Naik where a large number of youth from various parties joined National Conference in presence of the district President.

Referring to the unrest in the erstwhile state, Shaheen said that in this grim atmosphere, the youth is being robbed of their right to dream of a dignified and

prosperous future. He said the youth is feeling cheated as promises made to them were either broken or unapologetically abandoned. "The same promises were then bartered without any inhibitions for personal and familial political empowerment of a few people while our hardworking, honest and sincere young men and women were let down and left to the mercy of uncertainty and turmoil," he said. Urging the youth to work harder, better and smarter to keep pace with the world, Shaheen said that National Conference will not allow anybody to push our youth into the darkness of pessimism. Welcoming the new entrants in the party fold Shaheen expressed hope that their joining will further strengthen the party at grass root level. He asked the party's youth wing to reach out to the youth and empower them politically to become opinion makers and stake holders in finding solutions to these problems.

Nukkad Natak under SVEEP held at Lal Chowk



DC Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat inaugurating Nukked Natak at Lal Chowk.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: With a view to promote voters participation in upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024, a spirited Nukkad Natak performance took centre stage at Ghanta Ghar, Lal Chowk here on Saturday.

District Election Officer (DEO) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also the Returning Officer (RO) for 02-Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency joined the vibrant Voter Awareness programme organised by District Election Authority at the historic Ghanta Ghar under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP).

On the occasion, a group of local artists presented

theme-based Nukkad Natak on SVEEP. While a large number of School Students, Youth and Citizens participated in the Electoral Awareness programme.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Election Officer (DEO), Srinagar said that the aim of the programme was to enhance understanding of voting-related processes and promote electoral literacy, especially among first-time voters, preparing them for upcoming Lok Sabha Elections 2024.

The DEO stressed that the initiative resonates the commitment of the District Administration Srinagar to inspire the young voters

towards the electoral process and strengthening democratic setup to empower citizens.

The DEO urged Students to carry forward the message to their family, relatives and community by underscoring the significance of their participation in nation-building through elections.

He said that a well-informed electorate is fundamental to ensuring a vibrant and representative democracy.

He added that SVEEP's primary goal is to build a truly participative democracy by encouraging all eligible citizens to vote.

During the Electoral Awareness programme Signature campaign was also conducted in which all the participants actively participated.

Deputy District Election Officer, Srinagar, Mir Imtiyaz Ul Aziz, Deputy Chief Education Officer, Anjum Raja, other senior Officers of the Administration, Information Department, School Education Department and other concerned participated in the event. The event was held under the supervision of District Nodal Officer SVEEP, A H Fani.

SC/ST Atrocities Act can't be misused to cause harassment to individuals of other communities: Rajesh

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) General Secretary and Media head, Rajesh Gupta on Saturday said SC/ST Atrocities Act was enacted with the aim of providing protection to the Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe community from social disabilities.

The same provisions which have been laid down to cure the atrocities of the SC/ST community cannot be misused to cause harassment to individuals of other communities, Gupta added.

BSP leader referred the Supreme Court judgement dated 20 March 2018 says, "The anti-atrocities law, which protects Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from casteist slurs and discrimination, has become an instrument to "blackmail" innocent citizens and public servants."

Besides this precaution, a preliminary inquiry should be conducted before the FIR is registered to check whether the case falls within the parameters of the Atrocities Act and if it is frivolous or motivated.

"Innocent citizens are termed accused, which is not intended by the legislature. The legislature never intended to use the Atrocities Act as an instru-

ment to blackmail or to wreak personal vengeance," the Supreme Court observed.

Instead of blurring caste lines, the Act has been misused to file false complaints to promote caste hatred, the apex court said. The current working of Atrocities Act may even "perpetuate casteism" if it is not brought in line and the court needs to intervene to check the "false implication of innocent citizens on

caste lines."

"The Act cannot be converted into a charter for exploitation or oppression by any unscrupulous person or by the police for extraneous reasons against other citizens. Any harassment of an innocent citizen, irrespective of caste or religion, is against the guarantee of the Constitution. This court must enforce such a guarantee. Law should not result in caste hatred," the Supreme Court held.

DEO Doda reviews preparations for Lok Sabha Elections-2024



DEO Doda, Harvinder Singh chairing a meeting.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: District Election Officer (DEO), Doda, Harvinder Singh today chaired a meeting with officers from AC 51 Bhaderwah, AC 52 Doda and AC 53 Doda West to review the preparations for upcoming Lok Sabha elections 2024.

During the meeting, Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) from each constituency, Zonal Magistrates, Sector Magistrates and police officers were present.

The DEO emphasized the importance of maintaining security for Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) throughout the election process. Additionally, the DEO instructed that home

voting for physically disabled and elderly individuals should commence on April 14th. The DEO emphasized the need for continuous communication with ARO Bhaderwah to address any issues or demands that may arise. Proper coordination and timing for dispatching

polling materials, EVMs and polling parties were also discussed extensively to ensure smooth conduct on polling day.

Throughout the meeting, focus remained on ensuring proper coordination among all stakeholders, timely dispatch of election materials,

and adherence to schedule for dispatching polling parties and EVMs to their designated locations.

The importance of reporting voting turnout promptly and maintaining vigilance over EVMs during transportation and storage was reiterated.

CRIME REPORT

3 drug peddlers arrested; Contraband substances recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

HANDWARA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested 02 drug peddlers in Handwara and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party of Police Post Magam led by Incharge PP Magam under the supervision of SDPO Handwara and SHO PS Handwara intercepted a vehicle (Tata sumo) bearing Reg No. JK09-4301 at Khanpora Crossing with 02 persons on board. They have been identified as Irshad Ahmad lone (Driver) son of Ab Gani lone resident of Taratpura and Shabir Ahmad Marazi son of Gh Rasool Marazi resident of Summer Bug Lasjan Srinagar. During search of the vehicle, about 106 grams of charas like contraband substance was recovered from their possession. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Handwara and investigation has been initiated.

Meanwhile, A police party of Police Station Qazigund at a checkpoint established at Shampora crossing, intercepted a suspicious person carrying a nylon bag. During search, officers were able to recover 2.5 Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance filled in the said bag from his possession. He has been identified as Arbaaz Ahmad Lone son of Shabir Ahmad lone resident of Qazigund. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR number 107/2024 under relevant sections of law stands registered in Police Station Qazigund and investigation has been initiated.

5 vehicles seized, 5 arrested for illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KULGAM/BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have seized 05 vehicles and arrested 05 drivers in Kulgam & Baramulla.

In Kulgam, a police party led by SHO Police Station DH Pora during Naka checking at DH Pora Chowk seized a vehicle (tractor), besides, arrested the driver on the spot, involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals from Nallah Vaishow. The accused driver has been identified as Fayaz Ahmad Rather son of Ghulam Muhammad Rather resident of Yarikha. He has been shifted to police station DH Pora where he remains in custody.

In Baramulla, police parties under the supervision of SDPO Kreeri, Pattan & Tangmarg assisted by SHO PS Kreeri, SHO PS Kunzer & Incharge PP Wussan seized 4 tractors & arrested 4 drivers namely Tariq Ahmad Ganie resident of Saloosa Kreeri, Ab Rashid Karnie resident of Wazapora Naikkhai, Younis Ahmad Bhat & Mohd Imran Khan both residents of Aboora Baramulla involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Kreeri, Wussan & Kunzer.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and further investigation have been taken up.

2 bovine smugglers arrested, 14 bovines rescued

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police foiled two bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested two bovine smugglers and rescued fourteen bovines.

Acting on reliable information regarding smuggling of bovines near Bindu Paidia, Mansar, a police party of Police Post Mansar headed by Incharge PP Mansar has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt and rescued seven bovines which were being smuggled by foot in a very cruel manner from Samba side towards Kashmir valley. The arrested bovine smuggler has been identified as Anzar, son of Noor Hussain, resident of Kokernag, district Anantnag.

A case FIR No.96/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

In another incident of bovine smuggling, a police party of Police Post Goran headed by Incharge Police Post Goran has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt near Dhaki road Sumb, arrested bovine smuggler and rescued seven bovines which were being smuggled by foot.

The arrested bovine smuggler has been identified as Tanvir Ahmed, son of Junaid Ahmed, resident of Hundar tehsil Arnas district Reasi.

A case FIR No.97/2024 U/S 188 IPC has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Heroin smuggling case along LoC: Subsequent recoveries of Narcotics and Seizures of conveyances

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: Carrying forward further investigations and working on further leads in FIR No.36/24 U/S 8/21/23 NDPS Act in Police Station Nowshera on 10th of April in which police recovered 8.5 KG heroine, Rajouri Police made subsequent recoveries of Heroine like narcotic substance weighing 1.44 KGs.

During investigation, Police team headed by SDPO Nowshera Jaswant Singh and SHO PS Nowshera Sumit Magotra under the supervision of SSP Rajouri AmritPal Singh IPS, carried out extensive search operations and arrested three accused persons namely Naveen Kumar son of Moti Ram, Sukhvinder son of Babu Ram and Davinder alias Munna son of Rajesh Kumar, all residents of village Makri.

Notably, each of the arrested accused persons admitted their involvement in commission of crime during sustained questioning. Worth to mention, multiple subsequent recoveries of heroin like narcotics weighing as much as 1.44 kgs were made by the investigation officer, who happens to be SHO PS Nowshera. The total recovery made in the instant case is 9.98 Kgs till now. Mentionable that during preliminary investigation it came to fore that three vehicles, Dumper bearing regd. number JK11G 8174, Motorcycle bearing regd. number JK11C 3442 and Load Carrier (Mini Goods carrier vehicle) bearing regd. number JK11C 9644 were used as conveyance in commission of crime. Police has seized these vehicles in instant case.

Further investigation in case is going on and all forward and backward linkages shall be identified and dealt strictly within the ambit of law.

SSP Rajouri Amrit Pal Singh while sharing the details conveyed that Rajouri Police is working on multipronged strategy to deal with the problem of drug abuse, on one hand awareness programs are being organized in every nook and corner of the district and on the other hand drug peddlers are being booked under PITNDPS Act on regular basis. SSP Rajouri while giving tough message for drug peddlers added that there is no space for Drug Peddlers in Rajouri District. Drug peddlers should shun the path of spoiling our generation and must return to mainstream otherwise they will be dealt with Iron hand.

Missing Lady traced, reunited with family

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: Ramban Police traced a missing woman and reunited her with family.

On April 09, 2024 a complaint was received at Police Station Ramban regarding missing of one woman resident of Naghal Tehsil and District Ramban. On this a Missing Report entered at Police Station Ramban.

A special team was constituted by SSP Ramban Anuj Kumar-IPS to trace out the missing lady. The police team by making the best possible efforts traced out the missing lady. The missing lady was handed over to her legal heirs after completing all legal formalities required under law. The missing report has been closed as traced.

The missing lady was traced by police team of PS Ramban under the guidance of SHO PS Ramban, under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Ramban, Adl.SP Ramban and overall supervision of SSP Ramban.

Two notorious bovine smugglers booked under PSA

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Under the operation Kamdhenu, in order curb the bovine smuggling and

to maintain peace

and tranquility in District Jammu area, Jammu Police under the overall supervision of SSP Jammu and SP Rural Jammu apprehended two notorious bovine smugglers & booked them under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

The accused identified as Zaffer Ahmed, son of Lt. Fareed Ahmed, resident of Majeen Ragooria Tehsil and District Jammu and Muskan Ali, son of Sher Ali, resident of Jandrah, Tehsil Damsal District Jammu.

Following their repeated engagement in criminal/bovine smuggling activities due to which the sentiments of particular communities have been hurt badly. Multiple FIR's are registered against these accused for indulging in bovine smuggling. The warrants of accused Zaffer Din executed by SHO P/S Nagrota/I/C PP Sidhra and warrant of accused Muskan Ali has been executed by SHO P/S Jhajjar Kolti under the supervision of SDPO Nagrota as well as SP Rural Jammu. This successful operation shows the commitment of Nagrota Police towards ensuring the peace and harmony in Jammu area.

Couple among three arrested for aiding escape of notorious criminal from police custody

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Nagrota police arrested three accused from Ganderbal for aiding escape of a notorious Criminal involved in multiple highway robberies from police custody.

Police team Nagrota swung into action after the notorious criminal involved in multiple highway robberies namely Basharat Mehmood, son of Mohd. Kabir, resident of Saaj Nerojal, Tehsil Thanamandi, Rajouri who escaped from police custody from District Court, Janipur. Accordingly a case FIR No.44/2024 U/S 353,332,224 IPC stands registered in Police Station Janipur against the accused.

After strenuous efforts of Nagrota police equally supported by technical team got a lead regarding presence of accused in Ganderbal area. Police party in close coordination with Distict police Ganderbal raided the said location and able to apprehended 3 persons namely Zaffer Hussain khatana alias Adil, son of Abdul Hussain Khatana, resident of Koteranka, Panhard, Rajouri who had hatched a criminal conspiracy and successful in escaping the accused Basharat from police custody on Pulsar Bike bearing Reg.No. PB35AH 7759 and same bike was also recovered from Ganderbal; Suhail Ahmad Kuhroo, son of Gh Mouhuddin Kuhroo & Sonia Kouser, wife of Suhail Ahmad Kuhroo both are residents of Athkhuroo Rabitar Shadipora Ganderbal were arrested by Nagrota police who had given shelter to these criminal in their home in Ganderbal District.

The main accused gave a slip to police by taking advantage of darkness. Later on trio involved in hatching a conspiracy and harbouring criminals were arrested from Ganderbal and handed over to police station Janipur for further investigation.

IED found in Rajouri, destroyed in controlled explosion

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI: An improvised explosive device fitted inside a mobile phone box was detected and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said.

Weighing around 700 grams, the explosive was found in Draj village in the upper reaches of Budhal by police acting on leads gathered during an ongoing investigation in a terror-related case, they said. On April 2, Director General of Police R R Swain announced the busting of a module of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in the twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch and said three out of its seven identified members were arrested.

Swain said the module was involved in receiving and distributing arms, ammunition, explosives, cash and narcotics dropped by drones from across the border. A bomb disposal squad accompanying the police party destroyed the IED on the spot, the officials said.