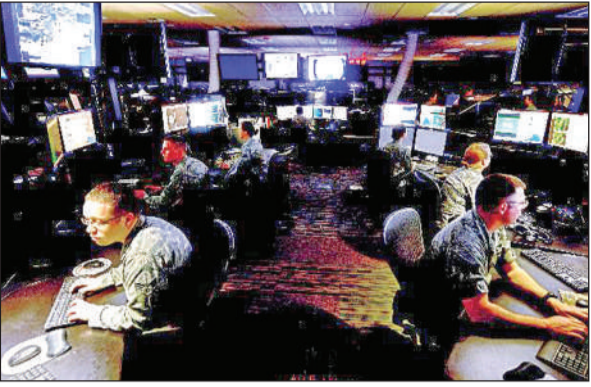


SVP India announces third season of fast pitch, a virtual fundraising event for NGOs

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA (NEWSVOIR): Social Venture Partners India (SVP India), one of the country's largest platforms for engaged philanthropy, announces the next edition of its marquee event "Fast Pitch", designed to empower NGOs to increase awareness of their work and to raise unrestricted funding. Fast Pitch is a carefully designed program for NGO leaders to hone their storytelling skills and showcase their work to a diverse audience of potential donors. The donors are everyday citizens spread across our country, who want to be part of innovative programs that make positive changes in the lives of the less fortunate.



2024. You may register for the event here: svpindia.org/fast-pitch-2024.

Speaking about the significance of Fast Pitch, Govind Iyer, All India Chairperson, SVP India stated, "Fast Pitch embodies our commitment to helping grassroots NGOs that are making a positive difference. It gives these organisations a wide-reaching platform to share the story of their meaningful work - this inspired me to bring Fast Pitch to India three years ago. Through this platform, we want to give these changemakers a voice and connect them with donors who want to hear their stories and support their work in a curated format."

The 12 NGOs shortlisted are working in areas such as education, skill building, disability, women's empowerment, prison reform and eliminating hunger. Among the finalists are:

1. Alokrit - Building capacity of school leaders (Principals and Headmistress) of Government schools in India. They also support government partners to design professional development programs for school leaders and support them in making policy decisions related to school education.
2. Anahat Foundation - Improving access to primary and preventive healthcare for the urban poor in Bengaluru. They work on the philosophy that healthcare should be accessible and affordable for all citizens.
3. Bridges

of Sports Foundation - Developing India's fastest sprinters from rural communities and promoting socio-economic growth through sports. They champion a unique and empowering approach of sports excellence through a hyperlocal, community-led model.

4. Dream School Foundation - Breaking the cycle of socio-economic vulnerability through education and skill-building programs in Bangalore. They work closely with the Education Department and are aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) of the Government of India.

5. Happy Feet Home Foundation - Supporting children with life-threatening illnesses and advocating for palliative care awareness. They provide various services to enable the overall well-being of children and youth.

6. Jayam Trust - Protecting the rights of

children with disabilities and fostering inclusivity through community engagement. They use evidence-based practice techniques under a safe learning environment, with qualified special educators and therapists.

7. Khaana Chahiye Foundation - Working towards the Sustainable Development Goal of 'Zero Hunger' in the Mumbai metropolitan region. They are a citizen's movement organisation with volunteer-driven relief operations.

8. Project Second Chance - Transforming the prison system and reintegrating prisoners into society through entrepreneurial interventions. Their focus is to revamp the prison as an institution and make society safer.

9. Purnata - Combating human trafficking through holistic approaches focused on prevention and rehabilitation. They also conduct Rescue, Rehabilitation and Reintegration efforts - offering Education & Job skill training initiatives to the rescued.

10. Tamahar Trust - Providing rehabilitation services for children with brain damage and promoting inclusivity in society. They provide customised holistic interventions designed to improve their developmental needs, with a unique pedagogy catering to their social, cognitive,

self-care and communication needs.

11. Tiljala Society for Human and Educational Development - Empowering marginalized communities in Kolkata through education and advocacy. They run education programs for children of rag pickers and support women to start self-help-groups (SHGs) for livelihood.

12. Vanavil Trust - Ensuring equality and dignity for Nomadic Communities in Tamil Nadu through education, livelihood and advocacy. They support multiple projects of innovative educational models, nutritional support and livelihood creation.

About SVP India
SVP India is a community of compassionate and accomplished individuals working towards an equitable India through structured engagement with NGOs.

It has a diverse peer network of more than 500 partners across 8 major cities in India, whose time, expertise, and connections are leveraged to create a multiplier effect for our enlisted NGOs.

SVP India has a well-thought-out approach to philanthropy where it carefully assesses and onboards credible NGOs, ensuring that the support goes where it's needed the most.

Citizenship big issue in Barak Valley, CAA key to resolving it: BJP's Parimal Suklabaidya

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SILCHAR (ASSAM): Citizenship has been a major issue in the two Lok Sabha constituencies of Barak Valley, and the CAA will go a long way in resolving it, BJP's Silchar (SC) candidate and Assam minister Parimal Suklabaidya said.

The BJP took steps to bring in a law, which will help people who came to the valley from Bangladesh, he told PTI in an interview.

In the two constituencies, which share a 129-km border with Bangladesh, there is a sizeable population of Hindu Bengalis, displaced from the neighbouring country, who entered the valley over a period of time.

"The Citizenship (Amendment) Act was enacted as a law by Parliament, but soon after the framing of the rules, the Model Code of Conduct came into force and not much work could be done in this regard," Suklabaidya, the Minister for Excise, Transport and Fisheries, said.

The citizenship problem was created due to partition, and no political party took any step to solve it for 70 years, he claimed.

"It is true that some people are finding it difficult to apply online, and there are issues related to submission of documents, but Union Home Minister Amit Shah has been apprised of the matter. He has assured

that the process will be simplified after the MCC is lifted," the BJP leader said.

"Problems may arise in its implementation, but we are committed to resolving those," Suklabaidya said, adding that political parties were making "unnecessary noise" over the matter.

All the bottlenecks will be taken care of in the next six to eight months, with support from the state government, he said.

Opposition parties have alleged that many people were not applying on the CAA portal, as they have to upload relevant documents issued by Bangladesh to prove they were displaced from that country.

Communication and connectivity were the other key issues in the Barak Valley, the BJP nominee said.

Suklabaidya said it was former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who had taken the initiative for the East-West Corridor from Silchar to Gujarat, but after that the Congress government was in power for 10 years and it "neglected" the project. "After Narendra Modi became the prime minister in 2014, he took up the initiative again and the project is nearing completion. It will help in reducing the travel time to the state capital to a great extent," he said.

The BJP government is also setting up a 'mini secretariat' here, which will be completed before the 2026

assembly elections, the minister said.

The saffron party has taken steps to utilise the waterways in the valley and develop air connectivity, with a "green airport" set to come up here, Suklabaidya said.

He alleged that during the Congress rule, Barak Valley's mainstay Cachar Paper Mills was closed down, but after the BJP came to power in Assam, "we solved the problems of the employees, paying them their dues".

"The government is also planning to set up a large industry or a group of small industries on its land, which will provide employment to the youths of the valley, who usually have to go outside for employment," the BJP leader said.

During the last three years, the BJP government in the state has given jobs to lakhs of people, Suklabaidya asserted.

The tea gardens are also a major contributor to the economy here, and during the many decades of Congress rule, the condition of the workers "deteriorated with low wages. The BJP government has doubled the wages in the last few years", he said.

"Most of the key issues faced by people of the Barak Valley have been addressed during the 10 years of the BJP government at the centre and eight years in the state," Suklabaidya added.

MP CM seeks Cong's apology over its manifesto, says all citizens have right on country's resources

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BHOPAL: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Tuesday sought Congress's apology over its manifesto, claiming it reiterates former prime minister Manmohan Singh's view that Muslims have the "first right" over the country's resources.

All citizens of the country have the right over its resources, Yadav asserted at a press conference here. "I saw the Congress' manifesto and saw the things

which have been added in it. It has been the Congress' nature that after putting it before the public, it tries to hide such points," he said.

"How can we talk about any particular community? I condemn it. What kind of thought is it that only one community has the right over resources meant for everyone?" he asked.

Yadav claimed that former PM Manmohan Singh had said Muslims have the "first right" on all resources. "This is highly con-

demnable. The Congress has again reiterated this point in the manifesto directly or indirectly. We condemn it. The Congress should apologise to the country for such views," he said.

The Congress may say anything, but what it has written in its manifesto is not hidden from anyone, the CM added.

"I hope such issues will be clarified in front of the public," Yadav said.

He also said PM Modi will hold a roadshow in Bhopal

on Wednesday evening besides addressing two public rallies in MP.

"The Congress may have an objection to bhagwa (saffron), but we have an objection to their objection," he said.

If one imagines the picture of Bharat Mata, she is seen with the "bhagwa" flag in her hand, the CM said.

"The bhagwa flag has been waving at our religious places for ages," the BJP leader said.

"We have an all-inclusive

culture. Hatred towards this will not be tolerated, hence we said that this roadshow will be 'bhagwamay' (replete with saffron), we have no hesitation in expressing our feelings. This is our tradition," he said.

The CM said Bhopal is being decorated to welcome the prime minister and people from all sections will be present at the roadshow.

One should learn from Narendra Modi how to campaign effectively for the party through roadshows

without speaking a word, he said.

It will be the prime minister's fifth visit to the state on Wednesday after the enforcement of the model code of conduct (MCC), the CM said. Modi held road show in MP's Jabalpur city on April 7.

He addressed public meetings in Balaghat (April 9), Narmadapuram (April 14) and Damoh (April 19).

Polling in the Bhopal Lok Sabha constituency will be held on May 7.

CRIME REPORT

Jammu Police raids drug peddling hot-spots; 5 women among 13 booked

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Taking the resolve to fight Drug menace and Tightening the noose against drug peddlers in the district, Jammu Police has booked 13 persons having past history under preventive measures in the Rajiv Nagar area. The drug peddlers have been lodged in Jail for 15 days period. These offenders hail from Rajeev Nagar area of Bahu fort police station and have been found involved in peddling of drugs and narcotics in the area. Many of the individuals have different cases under NDPS Act registered against them in past and are still involved in illicit activities. Their involvement in drug peddling is reported by many locals of the area and even intelligence inputs also strongly suggested them to be potential drug suppliers posing a threat and influence the ongoing General election 2024 process.



The booked persons include Roeky, son of Raju; Vinay, son of Vikas; Mishal alias Kahu, son of Ram Singh; Rohit, son of Suraj Prakash; Sangeeta, wife of Deepak Kumar; Arun, son of Mohinder; Hina, wife of Mohinder; Reena, wife of Bobby; Arun, son of Ram Singh; Vishal, son of Ram Singh; Totu, son of Neek Ram; Pooja, wife of Mishal and Ranjana Kumari, wife of Vishal, resident of Rajeev Nagar Narwal.

The team led by SHO PS Bagh e bahu, SHO PS Bahu fort, IC PP narwal, Bhatindi apprehended the persons under the supervision of Sdpo east and Sp south Under the overall guidance of SSP Jammu.

In coming days, police Jammu south will further intensify the identification process of such drug peddlers and subsequently taking strong legal actions as warranted under law.

Latter a street awareness programme of the locals of the area was also conducted against drug and substance abuse.

Bootlegger arrested with 19 bottles of illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against the sale of illicit liquor, District Police Samba has arrested a bootlegger and recovered 19 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh.

Acting on a tip off regarding sale of illicit liquor in Rara area, a Police Party of Police Station Ramgarh headed by SHO PS Ramgarh raided the spot and recovered 19 bottles of illicit liquor which includes 16 bottles of 180ml each & 03 bottles of 750 ml each



from the accused person identified as Jasvinder Singh, son of Shemsher Singh, resident of RaraRamgarh district Sambawho was carrying the illicit liquor trade in the area for his illegitimate profit. The said accused has been arrested and illicit liquor has also been seized.

FIR No. 32/2024 U/S 48 (f) Excise Act has been registered at Police Station Ramgarh and investigation started.

8 notorious drug smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Acting tough against drug peddlers and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police booked 8 notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act in Baramulla after obtaining formal detention orders from competent authority.

The notorious drug smugglers namely Javid Mohiuddin Bhat son of Gh Mohiuddin Bhat resident of Allapora Karhama Kunzer, Danish Ahmad Dhobi son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Ogmuna Kunzer, Ghulam Mohiuddin son of Sakhi Mohd resident of Chandoosa, Adil Ahmad Bhat son of Nasir Ahmad resident of Goom Ahmadpora Pattan, Wikar Hussain Beigh son of Arshid Hussain resident of Lateefabad Chandoosa, Afreed Ahmad Wani son of Habibullah resident of Bandi Payeen Chandoosa, Bilal Ahmad Bhat son of Gulzar Ahmad & Mohammad Asif Bhat son of Ghulam Hassan, both residents of Maloora Srinagar have been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority. The booked drug smugglers have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

Pertinent to mention here that many cases are registered against these drug smugglers and were involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Bandi, Kunzer, Ogmuna, Pattan, Murgund Wagoora, Kreeri & other areas of the District. Despite their involvement in many FIRs, they did not mend their activities and were again involved in promoting drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to local youth.

3 miscreants booked under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BARAMULLA: Police in Baramulla have booked 03 miscreants under PSA for their involvement in anti-national activities, after obtaining formal detention orders from competent authority.

The three accused persons identified as Maqsd Ali Kohli son of Maqsood Ali resident of Navarunda Uri, Mohd Usman Bhat son of Abdullah Bhat resident of Sahora Uri & Ghulam Nabi Wani son of Late Mohd Shaban resident of Chandkote Kreeri have been booked under Public Safety Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. The booked persons have been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

Pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against these persons and were involved in disturbance of L&O and subversion. Despite their involvement in many FIR's they did not mend their activities.

77 bovines rescued, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Police achieved a major success against bovine smuggling in the district, foiled four major bovine smuggling attempts in the last 24 hours, arrested two bovine smugglers, rescued seventy seven bovines and seized two vehicles in the jurisdiction of Police Sub-Division Samba.

A police party of Police Post Mansar headed by Incharge Police Post Mansar during vehicle checking at NakaMansar, intercepted a truck bearing registration No. JK02BQ-9787 for its checking. During checking of said vehicle, twenty two bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

The bovine smugglers identified asRafaqat Ali S/o Mohd. Akbar R/o Larnoo district Anantnagand Intiyaz Ahmed S/o Saraj Din R/o Lower Munda district Anantnaghave been arrested.

A case FIR No.109/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

In second incident of bovine smuggling in the jurisdiction of PP Mansar, a police party of Police Post Mansarrescued eighteen bovines which were being smuggled by foot via Mansar-Surinsar road. Police team chased the bovine smugglers but they

were successful in escaping while taking advantage of the darkness.

A case FIR No.110/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

A police party of Police Post Goran headed by Incharge PP Goran has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt near Dhalote area and rescued thirty three bovines which were being smuggled by foot towards Udhampur side. All the bovine smugglers managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the darkness.

A case FIR No.111/2024 U/S 188 IPC has been registered at Police Station Sambaand investigation started.

A police party of Police Station Ghagwal headed by SHO PS Ghagwalduring vehicle checking at NHWnakaTapyalintercepted a Mahindra Piekup without registration No. for its checking. During checking of said vehicle, four bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

A case FIR No.53/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Acthas been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

Doda police destroys poppy cultivation, FIR registered against cultivators
■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: In a statement issued by Doda Police, based on specific information about poppy cultivation by Qutub Din, son of Abdul Subhan and Zakir Hussain, son of Asadullah both resident of Rangola, Tehsil- Phagsoo in their fields in Phagsoo area of Thathri, A team of Police station thathri headed by Inspr Suresh Kumar ,SHO PS Thathri alongwith Executive Magistrate class 1st Thathri and other revenue officials visited the spot and seized all poppy plants in the presence of Executive Magistrate .

Upon this, case FIR NO 24/2024 under relevant provisions of NDPS Act was registered in Police Station Thathri and investigation of the case set into motion. In place to mention here that Doda Police has launched special drives against drug peddlers, bovine smugglers and poppy cultivators and has booked a number of drug peddlers to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society.

Missing woman traced, re-united with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Police traced out a missing lady and re-united her with family. In a statement issued by Doda Police that one lady resident of Chanti Gandoh was missing since long and her missing report was entered in Police Station Gandoh.

A Police team headed by PSI Arbie Bhushan Incharge Police Post Changa Gandoh under the supervision of Inspr Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday, SHO Police Station Gandoh was constituted for the search of missing lady besides input /information was also generated by utilizing available sources to track her and ultimately after strenuous efforts of Police party, the missing lady was traced out and re-united with her family and the missing file was closed accordingly.

ADGP Jammu Zone rewarded officers /officials of cyber crime investigation unit of district police Doda

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: The ADGP Jammu Zone, Anand Jain, rewarded 7 officers/officials of Cyber Crime Investigation Unit of District Police Doda with handsome cash reward to each officer/official along with Commendation Certificate of class-1st for their dedication and devotion towards duties.

In a function held at DPO Doda, SSP Doda Shri Javaid Iqbal-JKPS felicitated the rewardees on behalf of the ADGP Jammu Zone and handed over the Commendation Certificates to them and complimented for their dedication and devotion exhibited by them while performing their duties in retrieving the online defrauded amount of Rs, 4,10,220/- in different complaints received by the unit. On this occasion, SSP Doda advised them to work with more dedication and devotion for earning more rewards and appreciations in their future services.

The officers/officials who were awarded Commendation Certificates alongwith cash reward are PSI Ankush Nagra In-charge Cyber Crime Investigation Unit Doda, ASI Mushtaq Ahmed, HC Jagdesh Kumar, Sgret.Pardeep Kumar, Sgret. Ashiq Hussain, Ct. Wasim Akram and SPO Asif Jan Wani.