

Will compile updated data on PoJK displaced families before Assembly polls: SOS Int'l

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
RAJOURI: In order to give a fresh momentum to their ongoing struggle, S.O.S International-the only registered organization of Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK) displaced persons-on Sunday announced that it would compile fresh data on all the families displaced from PoJK in 1947 to determine the exact numbers of voters and non-voters in the community.

The organization said the process will be completed before the conduct of Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir-first after the abrogation of Article 370-to ensure that the community plays a decisive role in the electoral exercise to get fair and better treatment from power corridors.

"We have decided to compile fresh data on all the families displaced from PoJK in 1947 to know as to how these families have grown and multiplied over the years. The people have been asked to bring their data vis-à-vis the number of family members, chil-

dren, and elders they have in their families to determine the exact number of voters and non-voters among the community," said Rajiv Chuni, Chairman SOS International while addressing a largely attending meeting of PoJK community members in Dalogra area of Rajouri district.

The senior refugee leader said the collected information, to be received from different channels, would be computerized and shared with the Government of India, including the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister shortly.

"The sole motive of the exercise is to chalk out future strategies for the community. Our demands are still being projected on the basis of the families that got displaced from PoJK in 1947. Consequently, the displaced families which have multiplied over the years remain deprived of their due benefits. This data will help us in strategizing about the community's future, leveraging insights from the data to articulate fresh demands to



Rajiv Chuni, Chairman SOS International addressing PoJK community members at Rajouri.

the new central government," Mr Chuni said.

He also announced the formation of committees at the village level to strengthen their ongoing movement. "These committees aim to unite displaced families, fostering awareness and participation at the grassroots level," he said.

Mr Chuni outlined a hierarchical structure-from village to district level-ensuring effective coordination and amplification of the community's voice before the Assembly polls.

"The village committees will bring all displaced families on a single platform and

report to the block-level committees which will coordinate at the village level to create proper awareness among the displaced families and make them part of this ongoing movement. The block-level committees will be supervised by Zila committees at every district level for better coordination. The Zila committees will report to our central office at Bakshi Nagar. The whole exercise will be completed before the conduct of Assembly polls so that we will be able to raise our voice with full force in the coming electoral battle," Mr Chuni said.

The refugee leader lamented that the community,

despite having a presence across different parts of J&K and other parts of the country, is suffering due to a lack of unity among displaced families and urged community members to set aside differences and stand united in their advocacy efforts. "Our community members need to set aside their differences, if any, based on caste, creed and religion. They should come forward on a single platform and unitedly raise their voice. It will yield good results if the displaced persons get united," he said.

The refugee leader regretted that no political party has cleared its stand on the

demands being raised by the displaced PoJK families despite the fact that elections on Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat are scheduled to be held now.

"All political parties, including BJP, have maintained a criminal silence on our demands. The political parties and their candidates should not forget that they are under scrutiny of the displaced families of PoJK. It is high time for them to publicly announce their full support to all major demands of PoJK displaced persons if they are serious about getting our votes in Rajouri and Poonch districts," he said.

Chuni, who was authorized to devise a strategy over the role of PoJK displaced families in the current Lok Sabha poll in the region, said that every individual displaced person has a concern that the refugee community has been overlooked and discriminated against by successive regimes. At the same time, political leaders exploited them for their vote bank only. "This time, we won't tolerate such treatment," he said,

adding "We will take a call in the larger interests of our people and our community".

He said the PoJK community votes would be the deciding factor in the victory of any contesting candidate and the political parties must not forget it. The refugee also regretted that the comprehensive financial package, announced by the then cabinet of the Jammu and Kashmir government in October 2014, for PoJK displaced persons has not been implemented in toto.

"The package was an outcome of the decades-long struggle of community leaders. We demand that the Government of India should religiously and in principle fulfill the package and implement it without any further delay," Mr Chuni said, "all political parties including BJP have maintained an indifferent attitude to the implementation of this package. The BJP despite having a double engine government at the Centre and in J&K failed to implement the package in letter and spirit".

Chuni said, "It is the Lieutenant Governor-led administration's indifference that has badly affected the implementation of this package. The BJP government claims that it is working on the 'Sabka Saath Sabha Vikas' formula but we are yet to see the 'Vikas' (development) of our community. It is the Kashmiri displaced persons who have benefited most in the BJP regime but our community has been ignored and overlooked for reasons better known to the BJP people at the Centre". Others who addressed the gathering are Kewal Ram, V K Datta, Ved Raj Bali, Capt Ravinder Raina, Sharda Devi, Rajinder Sharma, Jyoti Swaroop, Adv. Anil Salgotra, Ashok Sharma, Jagjit Singh, Daleep Singh Chib, Pritam Sharma, Ex Sarpanch Dheeraj Sharma, Pt. Satish Sharma, Satinder Dev Gupta, Akash Sharma, Er. Vishal Sharma, Dr. Daleep Choudhary, Advocate Rajesh Sharma Raju presented vote of thanks.

Doda Prosecutors hold discussion on New Laws

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: The Chief Prosecutors of Doda conducted discussion on New Laws at DakBanglowDoda. The main aim of the discussion is to enhance the Knowledge of the newly Probationer Prosecuting Officers attached with the Assistant/Additional Public Prosecutors in the Courts of Doda.

The Participating prosecuting Officers engaged in an interactive session, raising queries and discussing various aspects on New Laws, which were addressed by the Speakers on the occasion(Chief Prosecuting Officers).

The inaugural proceedings during the interaction session was conducted by Rajesh Gill Chief Prosecuting Officer Doda, he while speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of New Laws and further informed that literature is being compiled on New Laws with the help of senior prosecutors including Sanjay Kohli APP of NIA Court

Doda, Kishore Bandal P.P. Prosecutor Session Court



Prosecutors during the programme at Doda.

Session Court Bhaderwah and Mansoor Ahmad APP of CJM Court Kishtwar for the New Prosecuting Officers with regard to the imprisonment increased, Classification changes, details of Offences added in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

On the occasion Sanjay Kohli APP of NIA Court Doda threw light on the major changes in the New Laws including the details of Offences in BNS where the punishment in terms of fine has been increased/ defined/ added.

Kishore Bandal Public

Bhaderwah highlighted about the New Offences, New Sections and the New Provisions added in the BharatiyaNyaya Sanhita.

Mansoor Ahmad Sheikh APP of CJM Court Kishtwar also spoke on the occasion, discussed the cognizable Offences punishable with imprisonment of a term which may be less than 7 years or may extend to 7 years, and Offence Punishable with life or death.

The compiled literature was distributed among the probationer Prosecuting Officers and advised them to get updated, work hard and

represent the state caseswith full zeal and dedication and assist the Court in a proper manner.

Later on, Prosecuting Officer Waqar Ahmad was felicitated with a memento who was recently selected as a Judge.

The others present on the occasion were Sunil Sharma APP Doda, Rajiv Thapa APP Bhaderwah, Mohd. Shehzad. AAP Doda, AbhinandanSalgotra APP Doda, Avinash Mahajan APP Gandow, Kalyan Singh APP Bhaderwah, Wajid Ahmad APP Thatri, Mustafa Riaz Wani APP Bhaderwah, Ranjeet Singh APP kishtwar, Vinay Kumar Sharma Sr.P.O. Doda. Prosecuting Officers including Ishay Gytso, Rahul Sharma, Rashid Ali Khan Waqar Ahmad and ShaziaBanoo.

Earlier the welcome address was presented by Sunil Sharma APP CJM Court Doda and the Vote of thanks was presented byShazia Prosecuting Officer.

Today crime has come among those who do devotion and those who do it: Madhuparamhans

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AKHNOOR: Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Maharaj of Sahib Bandgi, while delighting the Sangat with the nectar of his sangat at Sungal Road, Akhnoor, said that today crime has come among those who do devotion and those who do it. Their lifestyle has gone very wrong. Whoever is searching for happiness in this world is not on the right path. Because there is no happiness in the world.

There is a lot of wealth in devotion. That's why everyone is involved in it. Everyone is following the words of Kabir Sahib. Kabir Sahib had already said that sects will run in my name. Khichdi became devotion. Keeping Kabir Sahib in front, people are speaking about their own Sagun and Nirgun devotion. He thought that if he accepted Sahib directly, he would be called a Kabir panthi. Therefore, give your material and put Kabir Sahib's



Sadguru Shri Madhuparamhans Maharaj delivering religious sermons at Akhnoor.

stamp on it. In this way various sects were born. Then many preachers also get involved.

I am reminded of what Socrates said. Said not to go where the people of the world are moving like a crowd. Wherever people stop you from going, tell you not to go there, you must go there. Go and see for yourself what is the matter.

Criticism is satisfaction. You have no greater well-wisher than a detractor. The work that my preachers and my satsangi could not do

even in 100 years, my detractors have done. Therefore do not be afraid of condemnation. The saints understood this condemnation. In a very short time we spread all over the world.

Sahib ji said that a great man is altruistic. He always wants the welfare of the world. Doesn't want wealth. Even great sinners have it. You should also have a feeling of altruism. One who directs even one soul towards true devotion gets results equal to the donation of crores of cows.

Army organizes dramatic competition

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI : Kargil Vijay Diwas exemplifies the valor, glory and strong determination of the Indian Army. To remember the brave hearts due to whose indomitable courage we achieved this historic victory, Indian Army organized a Dramatic Competition on the theme 'Kargil War' at Tender Feet School, Keri of Rajouri district in view of the 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas.

The dramatic competition showcased the talent and creativity of participants in various aspects of acting stagecraft. It provided a platform for students to present their work and recognize the sacrifices of Indian soldiers. It also encouraged participants to explore new ideas and generate confidence.

The event was also aimed to celebrate the cultural diversity of the area. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Tender Feet School, Keri.

Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance & cash recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested a drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from his possession. A Police party of Police Station Uri headed by SHO PS Uri at a checkpoint established at Nambla Uri, intercepted a person identified as Mohd Shareef Sheikh son of Baba Sheikh resident of Nambla Uri. During search, 4.20 Kgs of Cannabis Powder & cash ?2000 (Proceeds of narcotics) were recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Uri where he remains in custody.

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

Stolen cattle recovered, thief arrested

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Police worked out a cattle theft case registered in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh, arrested thief and recovered stolen cattle from his possession.

On April 26, 2024, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Ramgarh by one Hams Raj, son of Dass Ram, resident of Swankha tehsil Ramgarh district Samba regarding theft of his cattle from the cattle shed by some unknown person. Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 36/2024 U/S 379 IPC was registered at Police Station Ramgarh and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, police team of PS Ramgarh rounded up one suspect namely Asif Malik, son of Mohd Rafeeq, resident of Jhang tehsil Ramgarh district Samba. During sustained questioning, the said accused confessed his involvement in the instant case. Further on his dis-



closure, stolen cattle has been recovered.

Narco smuggler arrested with 3.59 grams heroin

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, J&K Police has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba and recovered 3.59 grams approximately heroin like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Post Supwal headed by Incharge PP Supwal during special naka established for vehicle checking at Barrian Supwal, signalled to stop a motorcycle bearing registration number JK21E-9472 coming from Vijaypur side for its checking. On seeing police party, the motorcyclist tired to escape from the spot but alert cops acted swiftly and apprehended him within few meters away from naka point. During frisking, 3.59 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of said motorcyclist.

The arrested drug peddler has been identified as Alam Din, son of Nazir Ahmed, resident of Manohar Gopala tehsil and district Samba.

A case FIR No 119/2024 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 20 bovines rescued

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JHAJJAR KOTLI: Jammu police tightening noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police party of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli in the wee hours has foiled bovine smuggling bid in which 20 bovines animals were rescued and 01 Truck (Canter) bearing registration number JK19A-2676



seized from Suketar Naka point .01 accused person namely Shabir Ahmed, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Pernote Teh. & Distt. Ramban was arrested on spot.

In this regard, a case FIR No.98/2024 U/S 188 IPC 11 PCA Act has been registered in Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.Further investigation is in progress.

Recently the bovine smugglers adopted innovative methods of transporting bovines.

Smugglers modified the vehicles to such a extent that appears like vehicle is carrying Gensets but when the same vehicle is thoroughly checked by Nagrota police,12 bovines were rescued from vehicle which were hidden in Gensets and FIR under relevant sections stands registered in PS Nagrota.

Man arrested with narcotics material on Rajouri highway

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAJOURI : Police said that during routine road domination security exercise, a suspicious movement of a vehicle, black colored Scorpio JK02AH 4941, coming from Sunderbani side was noticed near Bakher naka on highway.

The vehicle was stopped and searched by joint party of Police and SSB deployed for ROP duty.

During search 550 bottles (100 ml each) of MavreX-T(contains codeine phosphate) and 1800 capsules of Pyvoxron (contains Tramadol) have been recovered.

Cognizance in Case FIR No.43 of 2024 has been taken under relevant sections of NDPS act at PS Dharamsal and investigation started.

The accused namely Mohd Hafiz @ Pitta son of Mohd Yousuf resident of Gulabpura, Tehsil Chasana District Reasi, at present Aiti Rajouri has been arrested.

5 tractors seized, 5 drivers arrested for illegal mining

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals at Kreeri & Khasipora Baramulla, Police have seized five tractors and arrested their drivers.

UNNAT NGO organizes embroidery workshop

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR: Unnat NGO today organized an embroidery workshop in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV)

Nardi, Akhnoor and taught the methods of making embroidery in different ways to female students. The program was presided over by Sudarshan Kumar Abrol, President of Unnat NGO.

Addressing the staff and students, Sudarshan Kumar Abrol, President of Unnat NGO said that our NGO has been imparting training to youth for skill orientation and making different types of things for the last one year

He further informed that in the first year, our NGO taught children and other people to make candles inspiring them

to start their own work, he said adding that it is a matter of immense satisfaction that some people have made candles and are sending them in the market to earn money.

General Secretary of Unnat, Neena Abrol said that today we got the opportunity to come to this school and taught children how to work for making embroidery in different ways. Among those executive members who were present on the occasion include Dr Anuradha (Treasurer), Sumita Muthoo, Kanchan Sharma, Preeti Gupta, Lata Rani, Isha, Nidhi and others.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

POONCH: In wake of long pending demand by the sikh sangat of Kamsar Mohalla Poonch, foundation stone for Gurudwara Sahib was laid in presence of huge number of devotees while chanting of 'Bole So Nihal Sat Sri Akal' in loud voice. It was heartfelt longing of the Sikh Sangat that a Gurudwara sahib after the name of Amar Shaheed Baba Deep singh ji should be constructed so that younger generation should learn and take courage from Baba ji who fought valiantly against

oppressors of his time and also was a learned scholar who did sewa of writing down Guru Granth sahib with his own hands.

A fifteen member committee was also formed to look after the development work and overall functioning of Gurudwara Sahib with S Narinder Singh as President and Harcharan Singh and Gurucharan Singh as Secretary. The whole work will be administered under the keen guidance of Shriman 108 Mahant Manjeet singh ji of Dera Nangali sahib Poonch.



Committee members during the foundation laying ceremony at Poonch.

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