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the financial year 2018-19 to 2021-22 will be made in four equal installments on quarterly basis commencing from 1st April, 2022.

The Administrative Council also approved the proposal of Revenue Department to transfer various parcels of land for public purposes.

The Administrative Council approved the transfer of land measuring 06 Kanal in favour of Jal Shakti Department for construction of Over Head Tank (OHT)/Rapid Sand Filtration Plant (RSFP)/Pump cum operator quarter WSS Barzulla Colony and establishment of PHE Division Office, Pulwama.

The Administrative Council further approved the transfer of land measuring 80 Kanal situated at village Rakhi-I-Asham, Sumbal (30 Kanal), Hajin (20 Kanal) and Bandipora (30 Kanal) in district Bandipora to Housing & Urban Development Department (H&UDD) for establishing dumping sites for solid waste management. Proper and scientific disposal of solid waste will boost public health by providing cleaner environment and assist in abetting environmental degradation and pollution, besides realizing the vision of litter-free J&K.

Two CRPF personnel...

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel were injured in the blast, which was followed by firing. Further details of the incident are awaited, they added.

BOSE declares result...

Ladakh. As per a communiqué received in this regard, the list of the selected candidates is available on the JKBOSE website www.jkbose.nic.in. Out of 8116 appeared candidates, 1091 candidates got selected as per quota allotted to J&K including Ladakh by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Furthermore, the selected students shall have to apply online on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) as and when the same is opened for the purpose. In this regard the concerned candidates shall have to remain in touch with the official website (www.scholarships.gov.in) of Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, on regular basis.

In case of any query, the candidates can consult the Nodal Officers of the scheme at JKBOSE Office Rehari Colony, Jammu and Bemina, Srinagar on 0191-2952817, 2955660 and 0194-2490354.

India, Germany ties...

presented brief reports on their meetings on the different tracks of the IGC, which included foreign affairs and security; economic, financial policy, scientific and social exchange; climate, environment, sustainable development and energy.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman; External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar; Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Jitendra Singh and Secretary Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Anurag Jain made presentations from the Indian side.

The plenary session concluded with the signing by Prime Minister Modi and Chancellor Scholz of the Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) establishing the green and sustainable development partnership.

This partnership envisages a whole-of-government approach to India-Germany cooperation on Sustainable Development Goals and climate action, under which Germany has agreed to make an advance commitment of 10 billion Euros (USD 10.5 billion) of new and additional development assistance until 2030, the MEA release said.

This JDI will also create a ministerial mechanism within the framework of the IGC to provide high-level coordination and political direction to the partnership.

PM @narendramodi and @Bundeskanzler Olaf Scholz co-chaired the 6th IGC. Agreed to expand the India-Germany Strategic Partnership further to a partnership

for: Shared Values and Regional and Multilateral Interests, Green and Sustainable Development, Trade, Investment and Digital Transformation, Political and Academic Exchange, Scientific Cooperation, Mobility of Workforce and People and Global Health, Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said in a tweet.

"Opening new doors for employment, higher education & movement of professionals between India and Germany."

"Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra today initialled the Comprehensive Migration & Mobility Partnership Agreement with State Secretary of Ministry of Interior of Germany, Mahmud Zedler," Bagchi said in another tweet.

Modi arrived in Berlin on Monday morning on the first leg of his three-nation Europe trip that will also take him to Denmark and France.

Foreign terrorists being...

have been used in other parts of the world, which have found their way inside. It is definitely a challenge. But we have also changed our rules of engagements and procedures to contest that point. They have been found and they are not in those large numbers. But definitely there are signatures and we have recovered after the encounters...it is not a big challenge, he said.

Referring to the infiltration attempts along the Line of Control (LoC), Lt Gen Pandey said this year so far, there has been only one such attempt.

Only one attempt, which was made from across to infiltrate, was destroyed and since then there has been no major attempt. There are reconnaissance and some degree of attempts, but because of the (anti-infiltration) grid, they have not been able to come to this side, he added.

On the issue of Aadhaar cards recovered from terrorists, the GoC said it was also a challenge, but the security forces will slowly overcome the problem.

These are challenges because if a person (foreign terrorist) carries an Aadhaar card, to find out his real identity is a difficult proposition. Also, when there is an encounter and if a person comes out during a live encounter having a valid Aadhaar card, it is a difficult challenge. (But), slowly, we will overcome this problem, he said.

CRPF assures safe...

been put in place foreseeing the problems that could be faced during the Yatra.

Considering the vulnerability of the Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the officer said a new yatri niwas' has been set up at Chanderkot in Ramban district which can house 3,500 pilgrims in case of a road block.

We are taking all necessary measures and the security will be foolproof for the successful yatra, he said.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration is expecting a footfall of over eight lakh during the annual yatra which is commencing after a gap of two years owing to the outbreak of the Covid pandemic.

Asked about the recent recovery of an improvised explosive device (IED), planted by suspected terrorists near Ghat in Doda, the DIG said the NIA and other security agencies are closely monitoring the situation in the entire Chenab valley region comprising Doda, Kishtwar and Ramban districts.

All precautionary steps are being taken to ensure that this should not happen again, he said.

SIA files charge-sheet...

of Kashtigarh in Doda, his father Shabir Hussain Naik alias Khalid Shabir, currently operating from Pakistan, and Saifdar Hussain alias Ehsan of Marmat in Doda, who is also based in Pakistan, an SIA spokesman said.

According to the charge sheet, Asif Naik was intercepted at the Srinagar airport while he was trying to go back to Pakistan. There were intelligence inputs that he had been visiting Pakistan posing as a student studying there, the officials said.

He was actually visiting terrorist and separatist training facilities there, suggested the intelligence inputs, the spokesman said.

While Asif Naik is in judicial custody, the other two -- his father Shabir Naik and

his associate Saifdar Hussain -- are hiding in Pakistan and have been designated absconders, he said.

The SIA investigations have unearthed a story of a father, who crossed into Pakistan illegally, climbed the ladder of seniority in the Syed Sallauddin-led HM, and then became the media advisor looking after the propaganda cell of the terror outfit, the officials said.

The investigation revealed brazen and egregious misuse of travel documents by Pakistani agencies, the charge sheet said.

In this case, the Hizb-ul-Mujahideen with the "blessings" of Pakistani agencies gave the cover of student to Asif Naik. He used his stay in Pakistan to meet his father and also undergo training in sabotage and subversion, it said.

The SIA, which went into all aspect of the cross-border terror network of recruitments, said that the forensics of the Asif Naik's phone devices showed that he had videographed army installations along the Baramulla-Srinagar road.

He had also photographed the access road to the airport and security features adjacent to it.

The charge sheet said that while the visa on Asif Naik's passport showed that he is a visitor, but immigration records indicated he was a student.

"Asif Naik's interrogation in the context of the digital evidence revealed that Pakistan had arranged his admission at the International Islamic University in Islamabad in a mass communication programme as cover, and simultaneously facilitated his internship in the media cell of the HM run by his father", the spokesman said.

The investigation revealed that Asif Naik had completely concealed that his father was in Pakistan, a senior figure in the HM and close to Syed Sallauddin, he said.

He had falsely mentioned that he was visiting Pakistan to meet a relative, the charge sheet said.

It said it is suspected that the objective of Asif Naik's admission, as a student in a mass media course in Pakistan, was that he would return to India as a journalist, clandestinely get embedded in the system and receive instructions on planning, coordinating and executing not only propaganda operations but separatist and even violent terrorist actions.

But for the videos in his cell phone the latter part of the adversary agenda would not have surfaced, the spokesman added.

Narco-terror module...

module by arresting two terrorist associates in Baramulla and recovered heroin worth ₹1.5 crore, arms and ammunition from their possession," a police spokesman said. During routine checking at Chenad crossing in Baramulla, a joint team of officials from the police and the Army intercepted a truck with two persons on board. "During search, 800 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from the said vehicle. Both the persons -- identified as Nisar Ahmad Khan and Mohammad Rafiq Khan -- were arrested," the spokesman said.

During questioning, the duo admitted that they are working with proscribed terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and were in close contact with handlers from across the Line of Control. "Upon their disclosure, one AK-47 magazine, 15 live rounds of AK-47 and one Chinese grenade have also been recovered from the stepney which they had concealed inside," he added. These terrorist associates were given task to sell the contraband and the money so realized was supposed to be used for funding terror activities, the spokesman said.

ADGP Jammu Zone...

of the zone to ensure enhanced security, law and order arrangements well in advance at all the places where people will assemble to offer prayers.

In his message, ADG Jammu Zone has prayed that the spirit of Eid-ul-Fitr imbues all the people of Jammu province with a feeling of peace and harmony.

Moreover, he appealed to the people while celebrating this auspicious occasion to follow all necessary health protocols for the safety of our near & dear ones and society in general.

Mercury on decline in Jammu as Met predicts end to heat wave

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The maximum temperature in Jammu marked a dip on Monday as the weather office predicted an end to three-day heat wave in the region due to passage of a western disturbance. Jammu city recorded a high of 38.7 degrees Celsius against the previous day's 40.4 degrees, while the night temperature increased by over six degrees to settle at 29.4 degrees, a spokesperson of the meteorological department said.

He said the maximum temperature in the city was three notches above normal and similarly the minimum temperature was 6.8 above season's average. Katra, the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district, recorded a maximum of 35.4 degrees C and a minimum of 25.6 degrees C. The spokesperson said most parts of Jammu region are reeling under heat wave since April 30.

The heat wave will abate from May 3 onwards due to passage of a western disturbance which may cause intermittent light to moderate rain or thunderstorm during the next three days beginning Tuesday evening, he said. The Met spokesperson said the thunderstorm will be accompanied by hail-storm and gusty winds.

Six new COVID cases in J&K

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir recorded six fresh coronavirus cases on Monday, raising the infection count to 4,54,053 in the Union Territory even as no death linked to the disease was reported in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir divisions both registered three new COVID-19 cases each, they said. The officials said Jammu district recorded a maximum of three fresh cases. Seventeen of the total 20 districts in the Union Territory did not report any fresh case. There are 61 active COVID-19 cases, while the number of recoveries stands at 4,49,241 in Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said. The death toll from the pandemic remained unchanged at 4,751 as no new fatality was reported in the past 24 hours in the Union Territory.

One killed, another injured as two bikes collided**STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMGARH: One person was killed while another got injured as two bikes collided in Ramgarh area on Monday.

As per details, two bikes (JK21AF-8822 & JK21A-6474) collided head-on near Rada Kalpa Peer due to which both bikers got injured.

They were shifted to Vijaypur hospital where one of them was declared as brought dead by doctors and injured was shifted to GMC Jammu for advanced treatment. The deceased was identified as Angrej Singh (59), son of Chajju Singh, resident of Kothe Pathania

while injured was identified as Lavjeet Singh (22), son of Jagit Singh, resident of Kolpur.

Property dealer found hanging**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: A property dealer was found hanging in his flat at Sainik Colony on Monday.

As per details, 25 years old Sameer Samotra, resident of Ansul Tower Flats, Sainik Colony was found hanging in his room by his wife. She called PCR after which a police team along with FSL team rushed to the spot and shifted body to morgue. Evidences were also collected from spot.

Family members of the deceased disclosed that there was a downfall in his business which might be the reason behind this extreme step, however police is investigating the matter.

Absconder arrested after 2 years**STATE TIMES NEWS**

AKHNOOR: Police on Monday arrested an absconder who was evading arrest for 2 years.

As per details, an information was received regarding a notorious criminal namely Parshotam Singh, son of Onkar Singh, resident of Bale Bagh Tehsil Akhnoor who was evading arrest since 2 years i.e., 2020 in FIR No. 133/2020 under sections 353/341/147 of IPC at Police Station Akhnoor Jammu.

On this, a team from Police Station Akhnoor under supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial led by SHO Akhnoor Insp. Hilal Azhar, after putting in strenuous efforts, arrested the absconder. It is pertinent to mention that a warrant of arrest under section 299 Cr.C was issued against accused by the Court of JMIC Akhnoor.

Four booked under Arms Act; sharp-edge weapon recovered**STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police on Monday recovered sharp-edge weapon from 4 persons and booked them under Arms Act.

As per the details, a team of Police Station Bahu Fort led by SHO Bahu Fort Insp. Nayat Ali while on Naka duty rounded up four suspects. On search, a sharp-edged weapon was recovered from their possession.

FIR No. 122/2022 under sections 341/323 /34 IPC 4/25 Arms Act was registered at Police Station Bahu Fort and all four accused were arrested, who were identified as Shubham Gill, son of Pawan Kumar, resident of Dogra Hall (History-Sheeter of Police Station Pacca Danga); Kuki, son of Rajinder, resident of Haryana Rotak at present Kabir Basti Jammu; Rohan, son of Bittu, resident of Dogra Hall and Vinay Hans, son of Tarsam Hans, resident of Dogra Hall. The overall arrests and recoveries were made under supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari.

Bootlegger arrested with 18 bottles of illicit liquor**STATE TIMES NEWS**

KHOUR: Police on Monday nabbed a bootlegger with 18 bottles of illicit liquor.

As per details, a party from Police Station Khour led by SHO Balwinder Singh intercepted a suspect and on his search, recovered 18 bottles containing 750 ml of illicit liquor each, i.e., a total of 13.5 lts from his possession. On enquiry, he disclosed his identity as Bhagwan Dass, son of Parmanand, resident of showara, Teh. kharah Balli Jammu. He was arrested and FIR no: 23/2021 under section 48(A)(F) of Excise Act was registered against him at the Police Station Khour.

Forest fire brought under Control in Sewna area'**STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Indu Kanwal Chib on Monday visited Block Sewna and interacted with PRIs and local people to take stock of fire incident that broke out in dense forest areas adjoining four Panchayats. Block Development Council Chairman, Sewna, Subash Chander; DDC Councilor, Narsoo, Subash Chander; Divisional Forest Officer, Udhampur Shaveta Jandial, Tehsildar Chenani besides other officials accompanied also the DC.

Pertinent to mention here that a massive fire broke out few days back in forests adjoining four Panchayats of Block Sewna, including Sewna, Charat, Ossu and Pakhlai. The IAF personnel also joined dousing operation.

Soon after receiving information, a team comprising Forest, Police and SDRF personnel, besides local volunteers rushed to the area and started dousing operation. After hectic efforts, the fire was brought under Control.

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