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### LG inaugurates Rs...

development & Youth Engagement (85 projects & 127 Sub projects) for an amount of Rs. 124.15 crore have been completed.

All these projects under various sectors/schemes are decided to public welfare and will hugely benefit the people & strengthen the socio-economic development of the UT. Pertinently, JKIDFC is the first organization across the country that has incorporated Geo-Tagged Images for all its ongoing projects.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Dr Mandeep Kumar Bhandari, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Administrative Secretaries and other senior officials were present.

### PM to chair...

Governors of Union Territories, and several Union ministers.

Modi is the Chairman of NITI Aayog. Generally, the full council meeting happens every year and last year, it was held under the chairmanship of Modi on August 7.

The council meeting was not convened in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The first meeting of the council took place on February 8, 2015.

### Three JKAS officers...

posted as Assistant Commissioner in the State Taxes Department, Kashmir; Rachna Sharma, JKAS, Sub-Registrar, Jammu (South), as Deputy Secretary, Information Technology Department; and Ajay Sharma, Jr. JKAS, District Information Officer, Samba has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary, Information Technology Department.

### Kishtwar SIU raids...

Pochal. They are presently operating from POK. The residential premises of these terrorists were searched.

A special NIA court in Jammu had on April 26 issued non-bailable warrants against 23 terrorists from Kishtwar operating from across the border.

Earlier, non-bailable warrants were issued against 13 terrorists.

"Thirty-six individuals from Kishtwar went to Pakistan after joining terrorism over a period of time. Subsequently, two FIRs were registered against them," Poswal said. Meanwhile, State Intelligence Unit (SIU) raided three locations in Tr'al area of Pulwama district in connection with a militancy funding case, officials here said.

The FIR in the case was lodged at a local police station earlier this year, they said.

### JKSRTC begins bus...

was flagged of Poonch Deputy Commissioner (DC) Yasin M Choudhary. The officials said more buses will be run on the route after considering the the response of the people to the service.

The DC said a detailed stage carriage fare has been fixed for the benefit of the people. The Mughal road is an alternate route connecting Jammu with Kashmir, besides the Jammu Srinagar National Highway.

### Over 33 lakh...

on to improve the facilities for the pilgrims to ensure that they do not face any inconvenience.

"Over 33 lakh pilgrims performed the yatra from January 1 to May 15 this year, which is much higher than the same period last year. The board is making continuous efforts to improve facilities and ensure that the visiting pilgrims do not face any inconvenience," Garg said.

The officials said nearly 29 lakh pilgrims visited the shrine in the first four and a half months last year with overall annual figures in 2022 touching a total of 91.24 lakh which was the highest in the past nine years.

This year, they said April recorded the highest footfall of 10,18,540 pilgrims, while the figure stood at 8,94,650 in March, 4,14,432 in February and 5,24,189 in January.

The daily rush of pilgrims increased from 15,000 at the beginning of this year to 30,000 at present, the officials said, adding the pilgrimage is progressing smoothly with all necessary arrangements in place to facilitate the devotees.

Last year, January recorded a footfall of 4,38,521 pilgrims, February (3,61,074), March (7,78,669), April (9,02,192) and May (9,86,766), the officials said.

Braving scorching heat, pilgrims chanting religious slogans are visiting the shrine with enthusiasm and devotion.



## Two brothers nabbed with intoxicating capsules

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Two brothers have been nabbed with intoxicant capsules in Thanamandi area of Rajouri.

In an official statement issued by District Police Officer Rajouri, it has been informed that two person namely Naushad Ahmed Ganie and Abdul Majeed Ganie, both sons of Abdul Quyoom Ganie, residents of village Husplote of Tehsil Thanamandi in Rajouri have been arrested along with 36 strips of intoxicating capsules (Pregabalin-300) which were recovered from their possession.

A case FIR No 56/2023 under sections 48 (a) 48 (d) under sections 27 of The Drugs & Cosmetics Act has been registered in police station Thanamandi and further investigation is going on.

## Eight nacro-smugglers nabbed with 25.60 grams heroin

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/KATHUA: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Tuesday nabbed eight narco smugglers and recovered 25.60 grams of heroin from their possession.

As per details, a team of Police Station Satwari led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Satwari Inspr Sumeet Sharma while on Naka duty at Satwari Chowk , Jammu rounded up five suspected persons on a vehicle (JK 21C 4916). During search, 11.50 grams of heroin was recovered from the accused later identified as Mohit Vaid alias Puchi, son of Devinder Vaid, resident of H. No. 398 Bakshi Nagar; Mohd. Rayees, son of Mohd. Amin, resident of Budoon Rajouri; Rajesh Kumar alias Raju, son of Sukhdev Singh, resident of Rethal Rajouri; Sajad Mehmood, son of Mohd. Aslam, resident of Rethal Rajouri and Sageer Ahmed, son of Mohd Ayoub, resident of Dahnore Loharian ,Rajouri In this regard, cognizance has been taken by Police Station Satwari and accused got arrested.

Similarly another Naka was laid by a team of Police Post Sidhra led by SDPO Nagrota Akash Kohli assisted by SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap Singh and In-Charge Police Post Sidhra PSI Arun Kumar while on Naka duty at Tawi Bridge Sidhra rounded up a suspected person who was his way from Sidhra towards Nagrota. During search, 2.10 grams of heroin was recovered from the accused later identified as Vijay Sharma, son of Premu , resident of Neeli Jandrorh Tehsil Ramnagar distt. Udhampur. Accused was arrested and FIR No 228/2023 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Nagrota.

Similarly, During patrolling duty at RTO cut transport Nagar Narwal police team of Police Post Narwal led by SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari assisted by SHO Bahu Fort Inspr Shiv Dev Singh and In-Charge Police Post Narwal SI Lalit Sharma while on Naka duty at Tawi Bridge Sidhra rounded up a suspected person. During search, 4 grams of heroin was recovered from the accused later identified as Khalid Hussain, son of Ab.Aziz, resident of Mirwani Tehsil Domal Hanji Pora Kulgam at preent Malik Market Narwal Jammu. Accused was arrested and FIR No 157/23 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort.

Kathua Police also recovered approx. 8 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like narcotics from a narco smuggler. An information was received at Police Station Rajbagh through reliable source that two persons namely Gagan Deep Sander, son of Kewal Krishan, resident of Marheen District Kathua and Dinesh Kumar, resident of Chandwan Tehsil Marheen District Kathua are indulging in the illegal smuggling of Heroin like narcotics and travelling in a car Creta (HIP85-4060) and having narcotics in their possession to sell among the youth of the area especially Cham Rorian Rajbagh .Acting on the tip off, a Police team headed by Inspector Tariq Ahmed SHO Rajbagh during special checking apprehended one person namely Gagandeep Sander with approx. 08 grams of Heroin (chitta) like narcotics. He was arrested and FIR No. 133/2023 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act has already been registered at Police Station Rajbagh.

## 8 vehicles including excavator involved in illegal mining seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/KATHUA: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by police in which teams of Police Stations Kahnachak, Nagrota, Bishnah and Police Post Chinore acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 04 vehi-

"We are undertaking the yatra for the first time and are full of zeal and zest," Sandhya Vashne from Aligarh, who is part of a 40-member group, told PTI as she left Katra for the shrine amid chants of slogans in praise of Mata Vaishno Devi.

Tushar Gupta, a resident of Hisar in Haryana, said the rising temperature is no obstacle as they are full of energy to trek the route and reach the shrine to offer their prayers.

Atul Kumar from Delhi, who was accompanied by his family and is a regular visitor to the shrine for the last 18 years, lauded the shrine board for the facilities.

"The facilities being provided by the shrine board to the pilgrims is improving with each passing year. We have the best facilities here," Kumar said after paying obeisance at the shrine.

### G20 meeting in...

Minister's Office said.

Singh, who represents Udhampur parliamentary constituency of Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha, said such an international event taking place in Srinagar would send a positive message in the country and across the globe.

On the agenda of the working committee meeting, he said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is completing nine years in office and the party intends to celebrate the occasion across the country.

Later, J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina presided over the working committee meeting which was attended by all senior party leaders and also addressed by BJP National General Secretary and in-charge of J&K, Tarun Chugh, virtually from Delhi.

The BJP is celebrating the completion of nine years of the Modi-led government at the Centre from May 30 to June 22 and planning to hold public rallies in all constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir.

A BP leader said the meeting was convened to chalk out a detailed programme to educate people about the government policies and achievements over the past nine years.

Meanwhile, the Union minister is chairing a high-level meeting of heads of various educational institutes here on Thursday.

All Vice Chancellors of universities, directors of institutions and other heads of institutions are attending the meeting to deliberate and decide on how to foster strong inter-institutional collaboration among the universities and institutions of the region, an official said.

Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to Government Prof Ajay Sood and Director General, CSIR and Secretary DSIR, Dr N Kalaiselvi are also attending the meeting, the official said.

### J&K to push...

electricity bills of the consumers," JAKEDA Chief Executive Officer Prithvi Raj Dhar told PTI.

Dhar, who inaugurated a solar power expo here on Wednesday, said with the installation of smart meters, which are bidirectional, the energy generated from the solar panels installed at the premises of consumers will be transferred to the grid.

"The number of units generated by the solar plant will be deducted from the number of units consumed by the consumer," he added.

"It means the cost of installing the plant will be recovered in three years and the consumer will get free energy for the rest of his life. It is also clean energy. Installing one KW solar power plant is equivalent to planting 66 trees per year. This will greatly reduce carbon emissions," Dhar said.

JAKEDA Assistant Executive Engineer Khalid Raja said in the case of consumers using less energy than what is generated by their plant, the excess energy will be banked in their account for later use.

"The government is providing subsidies on setting up the power plant which is up to 65 per cent of project cost. The consumer has to provide only 35 per cent," he added.

Afshan Reshi, a visitor at the expo, was upbeat about the new scheme.

"There are a lot of benefits. It will reduce the electricity bills. Right now there is a good amount of subsidy on it. It may be reduced later or waived later," Reshi said.

JAKEDA has invited several companies which manufacture and market solar technologies to the expo so that the visitors can choose from a wide range of products.

### G20 Event: DGP...

While reviewing the arrangements and deployment plans for the forthcoming G20 event, the DGP discussed in detail all the arrangements to be made for smooth con-

cles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include one tractor trolley bearing Chasis No.1VY5210ELPA012938 seized by Kahnachak Police; one tipper (JK02CN 8778) by Nagrota Police; one dumper (JK21H-0430) by Bishnah Police and one tractor trolley without registration No by Chinore Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Kahnachak Inspr Rahul Mahajan, SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap Singh, SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma and In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar in their respective jurisdiction.

Kathua Police also seized 4 vehicles (including 01 Excavator Machine, 01 Dumper & 02 Tractor trolleys) indulged in illegal mining/transportation of construction material within Kathua District.

In the first instance, a team headed by PSI Rahul Prashar In-Charge Police Post Nagri during patrolling/checking duty in its jurisdictional area at Pandori area seized one excavator Machine being driven by Amit Kumar; son of Bishan Dass, resident of Bhamial Tehsil and District Pathankot along with 01 Dumper (PB35Z-0737) driven by person namely Mubarak Hussain, son of Abdul Sadiq indulged in illegal mining/ transportation of construction material without any legal permission. While in the second instance, a team of Police Station Billawar led by Insp. Jatinder Singh SHO Billawar during patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area near Naaj Bride intercepted two tractors alongwith Trolleys bearing Reg. Nos. JK08F-6284 driven by Roshan Lal, son of Bishan Das, resident of Garh Tehsil Billawar and other bearing Reg. No JK08L-6245 driven by Sunil Kumar, son of Bal Krishan, resident of Tilla Tehsil Billawar coming from Naaj Bridge loaded with Crusher Sand without "A" form. Meanwhile all the 04 vehicles indulged in illegal mining were seized & immediately handed over to the officials of the Geological and Mining department Kathua for further legal proceedings.

## 4 notorious bootleggers arrested, haul of illicit liquor seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA/KATHUA: Police on Wednesday nabbed 4 notorious bootleggers and recovered haul of illicit liquor from their possession.

As per details, Samba police arrested 3 notorious bootleggers and recovered desi illicit liquor along with utensils & still apparatus used for manufacturing illicit desi liquor from their possession. Huge quantity of desi Lahan was also destroyed on the spot.

The arrested bootleggers have been identified as Sham Lal, son of Mansa Ram, resident of Majalta district Udhampur; Khurshid Ali, son of Hakam Din, resident of Tara tehsil Dansal district Jammu and Puran Singh, son of Jainmal Singh, resident of Dassian Tehsil Ghagwal district Samba. FIR No. 113/2023 under sections 48(a)/48(b)/48(c)/48(f) Excise Act was registered against them at Police Station Samba through Police Post Goran.

The arrests have been arrested by a police team comprising of Incharge Police Post Goran PSI SajidJaral.

Kathua police seized approx. 10 litres of illicit liquor at Chak Drab Khan Kathua and arrested one person in this connection. Police team led by PSI Mohd. Toheed Khan during special checking in its jurisdictional area at Chak Drab Khan Kathua near Khad apprehended one person. During checking, approx 10 litres of illicit liquor was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Ashok Kumar, son of Chaino Ram, resident of Muthi Rakwalan (Dambra) Tehsil and District Kathua as the said person was involved in the trade of illicit liquor in Chak Drab Khan near Khad area to get illegitimate profit. He was arrested and FIR No. 211/2023 under section 48(A) Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kathua.

## Three notorious drug smugglers booked under PIT NDPS Act

### 2 booked under PSA for anti-national activities

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA/MIRANSAHIB: Police on Wednesday booked 3 notorious drug smugglers under PIT NDPS Act, besides 2 other persons were also booked under PSA for anti-national activities.

The 2 notorious drug smugglers are identified as Mohammad Afsar Khan alias Afsar son of Mohd Muzaffar Khan resident of Binmer Baramulla & Tariq Ahmad Sheikh son of Faqir Mohd Sheikh resident of Sheikh Colony Khawajabagh Baramulla were arrested by Baramulla Police. They have been booked under PIT NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority & subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal Jammu.

It is pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against these drug peddlers and they were involved in promoting drug trade by supplying drugs to local youth of Town Baramulla and other areas of District Baramulla. Despite their

duct of the event and directed officers to ensure that all the necessary arrangements are in place well in time.

Emerging challenges and their counter measures were also threadbare discussed during the meeting.

Singh emphasized on coordinated security arrangements for the event among all the forces besides with civil administration.

The DGP also stressed for reviewing all the arrangements jointly by all the stakeholders to ensure synergy and better coordination.

Spl. DG CID J&K R.R Swain, ADGP CRPF J&K, Nalin Prabhat, ADsGP SJM Gillani, Dr S. D. Singh Jamwal, M.K Sinha, Vijay Kumar, IGP BSF Ftr: Hqrs Kashmir Ashok Yadav, IG CRPF (Ops) Kashmir M.S Bhatia, IGP Traffic J&K Vikranjeet Singh, IGP Hqrs PHQ B S Tuti, BGS Ops 15th Corps Dahiya, DIsG Sujit Kumar, Intiaz Ismail Parray, Abdul Qayoom and Javid Iqbal Matoo, SSP Srinagar, SSP Budgam, AIsG of PHQ, SSP Security, SSP Traffic Srinagar besides Kashmir based IR/AP Commandants attended the meetings.

DIG North Kashmir Range, DIG South Kashmir Range, and all other District SSsP of Kashmir zone also attended the meeting through video conferencing.

At the outset, District SSsP and Range DiSG briefed about the prevailing security scenario in their respective jurisdictions besides measures taken to ensure peaceful environment in the valley.

DIG CKR alongwith SSP Srinagar, SSP Budgam, SSP Security and SSP Traffic City Srinagar gave detailed presentation regarding the deployment and security plans put in place for conduct of the event.

### Imran Khan given...

premises triggered unrest in Pakistan.

For the first time in Pakistan's history, the protesters stormed the army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and also torched the Corps Commander's house in Lahore. Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives in the firing by security personnel.

Mir also alleged that the PTI chief has been targeting the military for over a year under a set plan. The interim information minister said that the government has adopted a "zero tolerance policy" towards violence and interim Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has given a "free hand" to the Punjab Police to deal with "arsonists", the report said. "Several arsonists were in touch with people inside Zaman Park during the attack on the Corps Commander House. They will be made an example so that no one will carry out such an act in the future," Mir said.

"Those who have been arrested so far are being fully scrutinised. Cases are being forwarded after 100 per cent confirmation [of their involvement]," he said.

He said the government has decided that the attackers of military installations will be tried in military courts as an official announcement issued by the Prime Minister's Office confirmed that Pakistan's National Security Committee endorsed the decision reached at the corps commanders' meeting to try the "attackers" under the Army Act and Official Secrets Act.

However, the proposed move to try arsonists under the tough Army Act has come under severe criticism, with the rig hts groups such as Amnesty International and the National Human Rights Commission of Pakistan expressing concerns.

The army had earlier issued a statement saying it would no longer show "restraint" against those who attacked its buildings, the report added.

### Azad directs DPAP...

different political parties resort to mudslinging and sometime not only use foul and unparliamentary language but also resort to abusive language, which has lowered the image of the leaders in the eyes of the public and society as a whole and unfortunately the respect and confidence, the leaders enjoyed earlier does not exist anymore," the circular read.

Keeping the prevailing situation in mind, Azad has issued several directions to the party leaders and spokespersons, which should be strictly followed to ensure discipline and decorum in the party.

"No leader from DPAP will speak ill or make any personal attack against leaders of any other political parties. No leader, spokesperson or any individual of DPAP shall henceforth speak against or disrespect the sentiments of SC/ST or any other caste, region or religion as well as against any social or political organization," the circular said.

It said no leader shall misuse his or her official position to collect money in the name of the party. "No spokesperson will speak to the media on any sensitive or controversial issue without the permission of the general secretary, in-charge of media (Chib), and chief spokesperson Salman Nizami," Azad said.

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.

Moreover, two persons identified as Bashir Ahmad Mir son of Mir Zaman Mir resident of Dachi & Syed Khaki Shah son of Razak Hussain Shah resident of Madiyan Kamalkote involved in anti-national activities have been detained under Public Safety Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent Authority and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot Bhalwal Jammu.

It's pertinent to mention that many cases are registered against these persons and they were involved in anti-national activities. Despite their involvement in many FIR's they did not mend their activities.

Meanwhile, a team of Police Station Bishnah led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma with the help of technical assistance along with timely human intervention arrested one Notorious criminal namely Baldev Raj alias Raju, son of Late Kahu Ram, resident of Village Kothey Bulanday Teh. Bishnah and booked under the provisions of illicit trafficking in narcotics drugs and psychotropic substance Act,1988 (PITNDPS). It is pertinent to mention here that the accused person is notorious criminal and a desperate character. The said subject booked under PIT NDPS under the order passed by Divisional Commissioner Jammu for his repeated involvement in drugs Peddling,vide order no. PITNDPS 9 of 2023 on April 19, 2023 issued under endorsement no.601RA/Detention/07/CC-7172872.

It is pertinent to mention here that the accused is a notorious drug peddler, active inl Bishnah area for the last few years and involved in number of FIRs registered against him in Bishnah police stationl and also other police station of Jammu Distt. He was a cunning drug Peddler. He was a serious threat to youths of the locality by way of getting them involved in consuming and selling drugs. Bishnah Police laid a trap and kept him under close surveillance and on the basis of technical and human intelligence, ultimately succeeded in apprehending him from Chorli Bishnah area. His detention under PITNDPS will definitely act as deterrence to the criminals and drugs smugglers still at large to shun the path of drug pedalling in future and it will also save the precious life of a number of innocent youths of Bishnah area. Today subsequently was shifted to Distt Jail Amphalla Jammu.

### Police destroys poppy cultivation

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police along with revenue department have destroyed poppy cultivation in Sopore.

Police in Sopore along with Naib Tehsildar Baramulla during a special drive against drug cultivation destroyed a huge cultivation of Poppy in Nadihal Rafiabad in the jurisdiction of Police Station Panzla.

Police have once again advised all those who have cultivated Poppy or any other Narcotic substances anywhere in Police District Sopore, to destroy the same on their own, failing which they shall face strict action under law.

### Sarpanch arrested with brown sugar

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Wednesday arrested a drug peddler (Sarpanch) and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, a police party assisted by SHO Police Station Boniyar at a checkpoint established at Bela Boniyar intercepted a suspicious person who tried to flee from the spot, but was apprehended. During search, 21grams of Brown Sugar like substances was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohammad Amin Banday (Sarpanch) son of Anayat Ullah Banday resident of Lari Boniyar.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Boniyar and investigation has been taken up.

## 3 arrested, 3 vehicles seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police on Wednesday arrested 3 persons and seized 3 vehicles in Baramulla.

As per details, a police party led by In-charge Police Post Delina seized 3 vehicles (2 dumpers, 1 excavator) and arrested 03 persons for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals at Singhpora Baramulla. They have been identified as Ishfaq Ahmad Mir son of Abdul Majeed Mir resident of Malmapanpora Sopore, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat son of Mohammad Sultan Bhat resident of Hathlanga Sopore & Balwinder Singh son of Brij Lal Singh resident of Narayanpur Pathankot.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Baramulla and further investigation has been initiated.

