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local residents and tourists visiting Union Territory," Sinha said during the inau-

He congratulated the people of Jammu Kashmir and all the stakeholder departments. He also acknowledged the hardwork of all the workers engaged in the construction of Jambu Zoo.

The scenic beauty around the first-of-its-kind full-fledged zoo in the UT will make it a unique tourist destination and has the potential to boost tourism in the region,

At the inaugural event, the Lt Governor spoke on the developmental journey of J&K and highlighted the efforts to develop better facilities for the locals as well as for the visiting tourists and improving the quality of living for all.

"J&K UT is at a cusp in its development trajectory. We have broken fresh grounds to enable faster growth. We are now at a stage where we need to accelerate this growth, make it more inclusive and convert the UT's potential into reality," said the Lt Governor.

"With successful conduct of G20 Summit, J&K UT has entered a new era of opportunities. It is a rare moment and world is applauding J&K's saga of development. We must work together to keep pace with rest of the states and contribute to the significant task of Viksit Bharat 2047," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of J&K Government to empower every section of the society, especially the youth in achieving the goals of sustainable and inclusive development.

"Our youth are the architects of New Jammu Kashmir and we are seeing steady rise in youth entrepreneurs, who are working with dedication to build a prosperous society and preserve our civilizational-cultural values and our commitment to peace," he observed.

The Lt Governor said the historic G20 Summit and reformative youth-centric endeavours of the UT Government have opened up endless opportunities for the socio-economic empowerment of the youth of Jammu Kashmir.

Within just one year, more than 82,000 business units have been established, providing 2.85 lakh youth with direct employment opportunities. Under Mission Youth, we have extended handholding to 70,000 young boys and girls to become self-reliant, said the Lt Governor.

He said under the Languishing Project, J&K UT has successfully completed 1500 projects which were pending for the last 10 to 20 years.

Our cities are being transformed into smart cities and our villages are getting more integrated into the mainstream development. The basic infrastructure is being strengthened to realize the potential of every region, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor called upon the people to cooperate in the government's endeavours to develop tourism and other infrastructure in the region, he said.

The Lt Governor announced free entry for all in the Jambu Zoo for one month. He also announced that the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams will be dedicated to the people on 8th June.

Bharat Bhushan, Chairperson DDC Jammu and Jugal Kishore Sharma, Member Parliament also spoke on the occasion and expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor led UT Administration for dedicating the Jambu Zoo to the public and giving impetus to the development of the J&K UT.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary called for exploring all the possibilities to make Jambu Zoo one of the finest in India.

Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary, Forest Department and Suresh Kr. Gupta, PCCF / Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K, gave a detailed briefing on the key highlights of the Jambu Zoo.

Senior officials of Civil Administration and Police, PRIs and ULB members and people in large number were present.

Zoo to witness...

it missed several deadlines in the recent past.

"I cannot say that it is north India's largest zoo but over a period of time it will be converted into one as we have 163 hectares of land available for its development. So far, we have been working on just 40 per cent of the available land," $\ddot{\text{G}}\text{upta}$ told reporters at the inaugural function.

He said Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has passed the directions for its further expansion and improvement which will be done in the coming years.

"We have large enclosures for the animals, unlike other places where the enclosures are close to each other. They are constructed in a way that the animals can feel as if they are in their natural habitat," Gupta said, adding all the works undertaken inside the zoo were in accordance with the approval and latest guidelines of the central zoo authority.

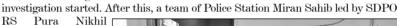
Surankote and recovered 664 grams Charas like substance from his possession. FIR no. 52/2023 under section 8/20 NDPS ACT was registered against the arrested accused at Police Station Gursai.

The team headed by Insp Farooq ahmed khateeb Assisted by ASI Abdul Aziz In-Charge Police Check Post BG.

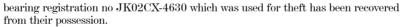
2 theft cases solved, 4 arrested ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday solved 2 theft cases by arresting 4 thieves and recovered stolen items from their possession.

As per details, a complaint [was lodged at Police Station Miran Sahib by one person namely Shamsher Lal, son of Sita Ram, resident of Kotli Mian Fateh, Tehsil R.S Pura Jammu stating that some unknown thieves stolen Iron garders and iron sheets from his house. On this, FIR No106/2023 under section 379/IPC was registered and



Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib \mathbf{Z} aheer Inspr Mushtaq with the of CCTV footages of the area rounded up 3 suspects namely Kulwinder Singh, son of Ashok Singh, resident of Darsopur Tehsil R.S Pura Distt. Jammu; Surinder Choudhary, son of Rakesh Pal resident of Darsopur Tehsil R.S Pura Distt. Jammu and Deepak Kumar, son of Nirmal Kumar, resident of Darsopur Tehsil R.S Pura Distt. Jammu. During search, 22 stolen Iron Garders along with 7 stolen iron Sheets (worth 120000) along with carrier auto



Similarly, a written complaint got registered by a person namely Rajinder Kumar, son of Ruldu Ram, resident of Lower Jallo Chak, stating that he along with family members left the house for PT meet at Army School Kalu Chak and when returned back found that some unknown thieves has entered in his home and stole gold items. On this, FIR No. 44/23 under section 454/380 IPC was registered at Police Station Gangval. After this, a team of Police Station Gangval led by SHO Gangval Inspr. Ajaz Haider with the help of CCTV footages police teams arrested the accused person Mohd Ayoub, son of Late Shamas Din, resident of Basoli at present Nai Basti Bari Brahmana and on his discloser he confessed his involvement in the above case in which stolen gold items $120~\mathrm{gm}$ ($12~\mathrm{tola})$ worth Rs $06~\mathrm{lakhs}$ was recovabove case in which stolen gold items $120~\mathrm{gm}$ ($12~\mathrm{tola})$

Two snatching cases solved, 4 arrested ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police on Monday solved two different snatching cases and arrested

As per details, two complaints were lodged in Police Station Udhampur by two different complainants namely Radha, wife of Arun Kumar, resident of Housing Colony and Kapoor Chand, son of Charan Dass, resident of Kultyar, Panchari at

Police Station Udhampur regarding snatching. On this two different cases, FIR No 284, 295/2023 under section 382 IPC respectively was registered at Police Station Udhampur. After this, a team of Police Station Udhampur led by Insp. Raghubir Singh SHO Udhampur rounded up four suspects i.e two suspects in case FIR No 284/2023 namely Sumit Suri, son of Roshan Lal, resident of MH Road Udhampur and Antrikash Anand, son of Vishal Anand, resident of M.H Road Udhampur and two suspect namely Angrez Singh, son of Jarnail Singh, resident of Garhi Udhampur and Arun Singh, son of Sat Pal, resident of Jib Udhampur in case FIR No 296/2023.

During questioning all the suspects confessed their involvement in the above cases and on their disclosure all the snatched items were also recovered. Investigation of both the cases is going on.

Woman killed, another injured in Zojila road accident ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

GANDERBAL: A 29-year old woman was killed while another person received injuries after a vehicle they were travelling in was hit by a shooting stone at Panimatha Zojila Pass area on Srinagar-Leh Highway.

As per details, accident took place at Pani Matha area on Srinagar-Leh highway when a rock rolled down from a nearby mountain and hit an Innova cab (LA01-2517) coming from Kargil towards Srinagar, resulting serious injuries to two persons traveling in the cab.

They were shifted to Primary Health Center Sonamarg where one woman identified as Batool (29), daughter of Syed Asadullah, resident of Tambis Kargil succumbed. The other injured person has been referred to a hospital in Srinagar for further treatment.

Absconder arrested

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RAMBAN: An absconder namely Yog Raj Singh, son of Dharam Singh, resident of Balihote, Mohra Sandrote, Tehsil and District Ramban who was booked in case FIR No. 143/2021 U/S 451/323/325/506 of Police Sttaion Ramban and was evading his arrest from the clutches of law since then was arrested on Monday.

He said the department is moving animals including leopards, black bears, a rare variety of small cats, and different kinds of deer species like Sambar, Chital, barking and hog deer and Nilgai

We have a very good variety of snakes and we will also start getting animals like Lion, Tiger, Sloths and Crocodiles from other zoos in the next two months," Gupta said, assuring the visitors altogether a different kind of experience with parks, viewpoints, cafeteria, refreshment points, parking and trekking trails.

He said it will be a complete picnic spot besides serving as a centre for education and awareness about wildlife and biodiversity conservation.

Jammu Wildlife Warden Amit Sharma said the zoo will host several native and exotic animals in its 17 enclosures apart from having various public amenities

"The work on the project started in 2016 under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) but the work was stopped due to non-availability of funds. Jammu and Kashmir Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation released the funds to complete the project at a cost of over Rs 62 crore," Sharma said.

He said restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic also contributed to the delay in the completion of the project.

Sharma said the other attraction for the visitors is the 650-metre zip line for adventure lovers, battery-operated vehicles and bicycles, making it a "big attraction" for people of all ages.

India achieves self...

of 'Project Sampark' of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) here and reviewed the progress of works being undertaken for enhancing the strategic needs of the security forces, a defence spokesman said.

Bhatt was briefed in detail by chief engineer Brigadier Tejpal Singh on the entire panorama of works carried out ranging from enhancing defence potential of our orces as well as constructing and maintaining our strategic lines of communication,

The Union minister of state for Defence was briefed on the use of new technologies for road construction, the spokesman said.

Bhatt was also briefed about various welfare measures undertaken for the entire

Bhatt appreciated the commendable work done by BRO personnel and also paid solemn homage to the bravehearts, the spokesman said.

Distt Police Ramban was looking for the said person and while generating specific information, a special police team of Police Station Ramban was constituted which was headed by SHO Ramban Insp Anil Choudhary. The team so constituted finally arrested the accused person from upper reaches of Ramban and produced before Court for judicial determination.

Three minors traced, reunited with their families ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Monday traced three minors and reunited them with their

As per details, On May 22, 2023, a written application was filed by one person res ident of Maitra, Ramban in Police Station Ramban to the effect that his minor gir (name withheld) is missing since last evening and on this, a FIR No. 187/2023 u/s 363 IPC was registered in the Police station. Acting swiftly on the information, ϵ wireless message about the missing of minor girl was flashed to all Police Stations/Police Posts of J&K to trace out the missing girl. After hectic efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the missing minor girl (name withheld) was traced out on 25/05/2023 from Gandoh, Doda. The missing girl was handed over to her family after legal formalities.

Again, on May 24, 2023 a written application was filed by one person resident of Maitra, Ramban in Police Station Ramban regarding the missing of his minor gir (name withheld) and on this, FIR No. 192/2023 under section 363 IPC was regis tered in Police Station Ramban. Acting swiftly on this information, a wireless mes sage about the missing of minor girl was flashed to all Police Stations and Police Posts of J&K. After hectic efforts and with the help of technical assistance, the miss ing girl got traced out from Gandhri Kabi, Ramban on May 25, 2023. After com pleting all the legal formalities, the said minor girl was handed over to her legal

In an another incident, on April 11/04/2023 a written application was filed by one person resident of Shandri Tehsil Rajgarh Distt. Ramban in Police Post Rajgarh regarding the missing of his minor boy (name withheld) and on this, a case FIR No 132/2023 u/s 363 IPC was registered at Police Station Ramban. Acting swiftly or the information, a wireless message about the missing boy was flashed to all Police Stations and Police Posts of J&K. After hectic efforts and with the help of techni cal assistance, the missing boy was traced out from Rajgarh on May 9, 2023. After completing all the legal formalities, the said minor boy was handed over to his legal heirs. The families of the missing minors appreciated the efforts of police.

The entire recoveries were affected by the police teams headed by Insp Anil Choudhary SHO Ramban.

Retired Doctor, his brother among 4 killed, 1 injured after vehicle plugs into Chenab River

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: In a tragic road accident, a 67 year old doctor and his younger brother among 4 persons were killed, while 1 got injured after a vehicle they were travelling in skidded off the road and after rolling down 300 ft landed on the banks of river Chenab at Raggi Nallah on Batote-Kishtwar 244 National Highway in JK's Doda district on Monday evening. Police. Ababeel & Al-khair volunteers and locals immediately rushed to the spo

and started rescue operation.

While confirming the incident, SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom, who is personally leading the rescue operation, said that a vehicle was on it's way from Pul-Doda to Jammu, when the driver lost control reportedly while overtaking another vehi cle in over speeding and the vehicle skidded off the road and fell into Rive

"4 bodies have been retrieved and one injured was shifted to GMC Doda," SSF informed, saving that the reason behind accident is said to over speeding.

The deceased have been identified as Parshad (60) son of Amar Nath; hi brother Ved Prakash (67), Roda Devi (52) wife of Om Prasad residents of Gajoth Bhalla and Raj Kumari (56) wife of Ram Rattan resident of Bharasu.

Meanwhile DDC Vice-Chairperson Doda Sangeeta Bhagat expressed deep sor row over the accident and prayed for the eternal peace to departed souls and early recovery to injured.

Chargesheet filed in mysterious death of college student ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday filed a chargesheet in a case related to the mysterious death of a college student in Samba district, a police official said.

The body of 20-year-old Vaishali, a resident of Sumb village, was recovered from a railway track in Ludhiana, Punjab, on August 21, a day after she went missing while returning home from government degree college, Samba, lead ing to protests by the villagers.

The main accused, Sunil Kumar Sharma of Markoli-Taloor village, was arrested on March 14 by the SIT, which was constituted by Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh.

"The four-member SIT headed by sub-divisional police officer, Vijaypur con cluded the investigation on merit in a time-bound manner and has filed the chargesheet in the court of law for judicial determination," Tosh said.

The officer said the investigation was conducted in a highly professiona manner and evidence was collected against the arrested accused.

On March 1, the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Samba directed the police to depute a senior officer to conduct preliminary enquiry after the victim's fathe approached the court for investigation into the case.

Complying with the court directions, Tosh deputed a DSP-rank officer to Sumb village where he conducted preliminary enquiry, recorded statements thoroughly examined call details, discretely elicited information and submitted report with the conclusion that the matter was cognisable and warranted registration of an FIR under law, officials said.

Upon this, the chief judicial magistrate passed directions to the police to register the FIR under relevant sections of law. Subsequently, a case was reg istered at police station Samba and the accused was arrested, they added.

Police rescues 21 tourists from Dal Lake

SRINAGAR: Police on Monday rescued 21 tourists from the Dal Lake here after they were stranded in the water body due to strong winds.

"River Police wing of Srinagar Police today safely rescued 21 tourists in different sorties by speed boats. The tourists were stranded in Shikaras inside Dal Lake because of sudden change in weather and gusty winds," the police tweeted.

The police advised people to avoid going inside the lake during inclement weather Many parts of the Kashmir, including Srinagar, were lashed by rains late in the afternoon. The weatherman has forecast wet weather over the next three days in the



contraband recovered

SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Monday arrested 07 drug peddlers/smugglers in Baramulla, Shopian & Awantipora and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Baramulla, a police party assisted by Incharge Police Post Delina during routine patrolling at Khaitangan Baramulla arrested a wanted drug smuggler identified as Shabir Ahmad Rather son of Ghulam Nabi Rather resident of Khaitangan Baramulla. During search, 410 grams of charas like substance was recovered from his possession.

In another action, a police party assisted by SHO Police Station Baramulla arrested a wanted drug peddler at a checkpoint established at Kanispora Baramulla after they intercepted a vehicle (BMW) bearing registration number HR26BF-0973. He has been identified as Shoaib Aijaz Goru son of Aijaz Ahmad Goru resident of Kanispora. During checking, officers were able to recover 16 grams of Brown Sugar like substance from his possession.

Moreover, a police party assisted by SHO Police Station Baramulla during routine patrolling at Fatehpora Baramulla arrested 02 wanted drug smugglers identified as Mohd Humayan Sheikh son of Mohd Noor Hussain & Mohd Jiyaul Mostafa son of Mohd Saifuddin, both residents of Attar Dariyapur West Bengal. During search, 20 grams of Brown Sugar like substance was recovered from their posses-

In Shopian, a police party of Police Station Shopian during routine checking at a checkpoint at Habdipura near Pinjura arrested a lady drug peddler namely Parveena wife of Ghulam Hassan resident of Heerpora Shopian. During search, 658 grams of cannabis like contraband substance was recovered from her possession. During preliminary questioning, she disclosed that she was supposed to deliver the contraband substance to her husband namely Ghulam Hassan Sheikh son of Ab Gani sheikh resident of Heerpora who was waiting for her at Largam to receive the consignment. Acting swiftly, police swung into action & arrested the accused Ghulam Hassan Sheikh. During search, 90 grams of cannabis like contraband substance was recovered from his possession.

In Awantipora, acting on specific information, a police party of Police Station Pampore alongwith lady team headed by SHO Police Station Pampore established a special Naka at Gallander and arrested a lady drug peddler identified as Safeeqa Begum wife of Mohammad Shaban Ganie resident of Lelhar Kakapora. During checking, 1Kg and 800 grams of charas powder was recovered from her possession. It's pertinent to mention here that the arrest and seizure was done with the assistance of Executive Magistrate Pampore, CDPO Pampore and Legal Metrology Department Pulwama.

All the accused persons have been shifted to respective police stations where they emain in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in respective police stations and further investigation has been initiated.

Crack whip on illegal mining: Mechanised boat seized, 7 vehicles including JCB impounded

PULWAMA: On the directions of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Dr Basharat Qayoom, the Geology and Mining department Pulwama has intensified its efforts to crack the whip on illegal mining of minerals and continues to lay Nakas in several areas of the district. During the exercise, DMO Pulwama, Fayaz Ahmad seized dozens of vehicles car-

rying illegally mined material in various parts of the district. During the crackdown, around 07 vehicles have been seized and impounded ncluding a JCB besides a mechanised boat has also been seized in the Gagribal area of Awantipora

The departmental team asked drivers to purchase minerals from legal sources only and stay away from illegal mining practices. A senior officer from the administration said that the District Administration has

adopted a zero tolerance policy against illegal mining and unauthorized transportation of minerals and people involved in the illegal trade shall be dealt sternly under

The locals were also briefed to alert the administration of all illegal mining activities so that strict action could be initiated against those involved.

Meanwhile, authorities have urged the general public to purchase the minerals (construction material) from the legal vendors on notified Government rates through online mode with assured service delivery within the given time frame.

MVD, Traffic Police Doda conduct vehicle checking drive STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Motor Vehicle Department Doda, along with Traffic Police conducted vehicle checking drive near Bagar area on Jammu-Doda National Highway (NH244). ARTO, Rajesh Gupta and DTI along with the team of officials, inspected vehicles commuting on the NH244 (Jammu-Doda National Highway to enforce compliance to the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

The team asked the Transporters to adhere to the traffic rules and carry valid rehicular documents. The Load carriers and public transport operators were specifcally directed to operate within the prescribed carrying capacity mentioned in their

The ARTO warned that any driver found driving recklessly, overloaded, overcharging or violating route permits would face serious consequences. In such instances, their permits would be suspended or even cancelled altogether. This measure aims to ensure the safety and well-being of both drivers and passengers, as well as to maintain law and order on the roads of Doda District.

To heighten the surveillance and keep check on rash driving, the district administration is going to install CCTV cameras at Assar naka, Pul Doda Bridge. The groundwork has been completed and the cameras would be installed and used by the

Drug peddler nabbed with charas STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Continuing its drive against drug peddlers on Anti Drugs Front and to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Poonch Police arrested one narcotic peddler namely Waseem Ahmed, son of Mushtaq Ahmed, resident of Sallian Tehsil