

Secy RDD reviews implementation of MGNREGS-IWMP convergence plan

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SRINAGAR: Secretary, Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, on Friday reviewed the status of implementation of convergence plan between the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (WDC-PMKSY 2.0).

Dr. Shahid emphasized that the convergence between MGNREGS and IWMP stands as the flagship project of the department. He asked all the Assistant Commissioners Development (ACD's) to focus on supplementing IWMP's supplementary Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) with comprehensive convergence plans, ensuring optimal utilization of resources. He stressed on the need for improvisation at various levels to ensure that additional projects align with the objectives of

comprehensive watershed management.

He emphasized that NRLM activities should be undertaken through convergence with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in all future IWMP projects where Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of IWMP will have to be prepared.

The Secretary said it is essential to include and clearly indicate these activities in the DPR after consultation with relevant officials from the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, watershed committees, and Gram Sabha. He mentioned that for long term benefits from a watershed development program, appropriate post-project management must be in place. He said that through strategic planning and interdepartmental collaboration, significant progress has

been achieved, with three tiers of discussions conducted with Block Development Officers (BDOs), department heads and secretaries.

Dr. Shahid underscored the need to ensure convergence plans align seamlessly with district priorities, including food security, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Horticulture and Agriculture Development Plan (HADP). He said that in many districts of Jammu and Kashmir, a concerning trend has emerged where development initiatives have overlooked the critical concept of catchment areas, particularly in valley regions. He reiterated the importance of adhering to watershed management principles and ensuring judicious allocation of resources.

The Secretary said that through collaborative efforts and strategic planning, the path towards sustainable development and inclusive growth is steadily

being paved.

Additional Secretary, Rural Development Department, Waseem Raja, shared a detailed presentation on the significance of convergence between the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) and Watershed Management in light of Annual Master Circular /MGNREGA Guidelines. He emphasized the necessity for a comprehensive assessment of entire watersheds in Gram Panchayats (GPs) to address issues such as soil erosion, rainwater retention, and afforestation. He highlighted the significance of preparing watershed plans in line with the concept of ridge-to-valley treatment, recommending the use of satellite imagery and GIS technology for planning. He also outlined the importance of training and supporting technical personnel from MGNREGS at block and GP level for selecting appropriate sites and preparing

plans. He highlighted the potential for leveraging the significant fund base of MGNREGS to fill gaps in other government schemes, particularly in areas requiring watershed management.

Mission Director, JKRLM, Indu Kanwal Chib, highlighted that NRLM has a vast network of 3,85,000 trained women farmers across the UT. She proposed that the ACPS can take help of these SHG women to achieve the objectives of watershed management program. She added that they have 2,800 trained 'Krishi Pashu Sakshis' who can be used as master trainers and can provide expert guidance.

CEO IWMP, Rajnish Kumar, Director Rural Development Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat, Director Rural Development Jammu Muntaz Ali, Assistant Commissioners Development, Project Managers IWMP and other officers were also present in the meeting.

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JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, Jammu has informed that the power supply to Industrial Area SIDCO Ghatti, Channi, Marheh, Paharpur, Rajbagh, Chandwan, Haria-Chack, Nanan Barnoti and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am. Similarly, the power supply to District Udhampur and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Miran Sahib R.S Pura, Kullian, Purana Pind, Beaspur, Salehar and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 7 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Reasi, PHE, DC Office, Mahadev and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Arnas, Dharmari, Sar Baggha, Panassa, Chassana, Mohore, Gulabgarh and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 13 and 14

Power shutdown

from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Gangval Industry, Parts of Preet Nagar, Greater Jammu, Anutham Hotel, Parts of Gangval and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Transport Nagar and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 from 7 am to 1 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Nandpur-Baba Chamlyal, BSF, Ablad, Pindi, Jherada and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Datta Talab, Birpur, Ansal, Sainik Colony and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Ramban, Sangaldhan and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 and 12 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Sarore and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11, 13 and 15 from 6 am to 10 am.

Battery Chasma, MES, Karol Chanderkote etc. will remain affected on May 12 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to Birpur and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to Jog, 17 Mile, Swankha Morh, Thandikhui and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 from 6 am to 10 am.

Likewise, the power supply to Nanak Chack, Supwal Barian and adjoining areas will remain affected on May 12 from 6 am to 10 am.

Similarly, the power supply to PHE City, Samba-I, Samba-II and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11 and 12 from 6 am to 12 noon.

Likewise, the power supply to Sarore and its adjoining areas will remain affected on May 11, 13 and 15 from 6 am to 10 am.

CRIME REPORT

Wanted hardcore drug supplier, attempt to murder accused arrested



STATE TIMES NEWS

BARI BRAHMANA: Police has arrested a hard core drug supplier and attempt to murder accused wanted in two different cases registered at Police Station Bari Brahmanna, district Samba.

The accused has been arrested by police team of Police Station Bari Brahmanna headed by SHO PS Bari Brahmanna from Sarore Adda, Bari Brahmanna. The said accused has been identified as Mohd Younas Ali alias Sonu, son of Shah Din alias Shoua, resident of Sarore Adda, Bari Brahmanna.

The said accused has been arrested as backward link during the investigation of case FIR No. 120/2023 u/s 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act of PS Bari Brahmanna and was also involved in attack on NCB team at Sarore Adda during the year 2023 and was wanted in case FIR No. 238/2023 u/s 307/353/147/148/336 IPC, 4/25 Arms Act of PS Bari Brahmanna.

Drug peddler nabbed with 2.50 grams heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS

VIJAYPUR: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Police has arrested a drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered 2.50 grams approximately heroin like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur headed by SHO PS Vijaypur during vehicle checking at NHW Naka AIIMS Vijaypur, intercepted a scooty bearing registration No. JK21C-7020 for its checking. During checking, 2.50 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of said scooty rider.

The arrested drug peddler has been identified as Mohinder Kumar, son of Mohan Lal, resident of Vijaypur. In this regard, a case FIR No.64/2024 U/s 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Girl with unsound mind from Kathua reunited with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has reunited a girl with unsound mind of age about 22 yrs from district Kathua with her family who was roaming in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba.

An information for reliable sources was received at Police Station Samba that a girl was roaming on National Highway near Chichi Mata Temple, Samba during the intervening night of 09/10-05-2024. Acting on the information, a police party of Police Station Samba headed by SHO PS Samba along with in charge Police Post SIDCO Samba and lady police official immediately reached the spot, traced the said girl and safely brought her to PP SIDCO. The girl happened to be of unsound mind and did not know about her whereabouts. On questioning about her identity, she hardly divulge her name.

After hectic efforts, Police was able to trace her whereabouts, contacted her family members and today handed over her to her father after completing all legal formalities. The family members thanked the Police for their arduous efforts in reuniting the girl with the family.

19 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized, 18 drivers arrested

BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining of minerals, police have seized 19 vehicles and arrested 18 drivers in Baramulla.

Under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla/SDPO Kreeri & Pattan, police parties seized 19 vehicles (11 Tipppers, 8 Tractors) & arrested 18 drivers at Delina, Chaklof, Singhpora, Khawajabagh, Sheeri, Kreeri & Pallhallan areas of Baramulla district.

The arrested drivers have been identified as Shabir Ahmad Bhat resident of Shilwat Sumbal, Mansoor Ahmad Wani resi-

dent of Kanlibagh, Irshad Ahmad Malla resident of Khanpora, Waseem Ahmad Sheikh & Wahid Maqbool Mir, both residents of Shilwat Sumbal, Ab Hameed Siraj resident of Bonai Sopore, Sameer Ahmad Dar resident of Kanisuth, Adil Ramzan Dar resident of Naranthal, Mohd Yousuf Sheikh & Javed Ahmad Dar, both residents of Khanpora, Afeer Ahmad Bhat resident of Mujgund, Farooq Ahmad Dar resident of Takanwari Srinagar, Nasir Ahmad Sheikh resident of Pehliharan, Aijaz Ahmad Malla & Gh Rasool Marazi, both residents of Sheeri, Faisal Ahmad Khan resident of Bangdara & Adil Khaliq Alaie resident of Waripora Payeen.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Baramulla, Sheeri, Pattan & Kreeri and further investigation have been taken up.

Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance 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 Post Old Town Baramulla headed by In-Charge Police Post Old Town Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Janbazpora-Bimmer Crossing, intercepted a person identified as Farooq Ahmad Bhat son of Mohd Suliaman resident of Chisti Colony Baramulla. During search, 18 grams of Heroin like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station Baramulla where he remains in custody.

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

Notorious drug smuggler booked under PIT-NDPS Act

STATE TIMES NEWS

SOPORE: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have booked a notorious drug smuggler under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority.

The notorious drug smuggler namely Mohammad Asif Dar @Aash Manut son of Ghulam Hassan Dar resident of Mumkak Butpora Sopore has been booked under PIT-NDPS Act after obtaining formal detention orders from the competent authority. The notorious drug smuggler has been detained and subsequently lodged in Central Jail Kot-Balwal, Jammu.

It is pertinent to mention that many cases have been registered against the said drug smuggler and he did not mend his activities and was still involved in drug abuse trade by supplying drugs to the local youth of the Police District Sopore and other areas of the district.

Theft case solved, 3 arrested, stolen property recovered



STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has solved a theft case registered at Police Station Samba, arrested three thieves/receiver of stolen property and recovered stolen items.

On May 7, 2024, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Samba by one Kulbhushan K. Sambyal regarding theft of sanitary ware and other household items from the house of his brother at Sangwali Mandi, Samba during the intervening night.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 133/2024 u/s 457/380 IPC got registered at Police Station Samba and investigation started.

During the course of investigation, Samba Police arrested two accused namely Aman Singh alias Shani, son of Jameet Singh, resident of Mandi Pushwalian, Samba and Adhitya Singh Sambyal alias Honey, son of Anil Singh, resident of Mandi Sangwali, Samba and were put to sustained questioning. On their disclosure, the stolen property was recovered from the serap shop of one Bilal Ali, son of Babar Ali, resident of Bawana, J.J Colony North West Delhi A/P SIDCO Phase-I, Samba located at SIDCO Phase-I Samba. The co accused

Bilal Ali was also arrested as dishonest receiver of stolen property in the instant case u/s 411 IPC.

Poppy cultivation destroyed

REASI: An information received through reliable source at Police Station Chassana about the illegal cultivation of crop of poppy plants in village Channa Neosi Tehsil Chassana without any permission.

On this information, a Police team led by SHO Police Station Chassana conducted a raid at Village Channa Neosi Tehsil Chassana. The Police team was also accompanied by the officers Civil Administration, Naib Tehsildar Chassana and Patwari of the said area. During the raid it was established that poppy plants are cultivated in field of Abdul Jabbar Malik, son of Ghulam Mohd, resident of Channa Neosi Teh Chassana. During the course of action, the team has seized poppy plants and after obtaining some samples and completing codal formalities, the illegal crop of poppy plants was destroyed on spot by order of accompanied Magistrate (Naib Tehsildar).

In this connection, a case FIR No. 31/2024 U/S 8/18 NDPS Act stands registered at P/S Chassana and investigation initiated.

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Police on Friday traced a missing girl and reunited her with her family.

One person (name withheld) of Shikari Tehsil Chassana lodged a written complaint on 12th of March 2024 at Police Station Mahore that her daughter (name withheld) yrs went missing. He started searching for her but she could not be found anywhere. Sensing the gravity of incident SSP Reasi Mohita Sharma constituted a special team to trace out the missing girl at the earliest.

Enquiries from the family, relatives & friends gave sufficient clues of the missing girl & accordingly sources of police were activated.

After meticulous track-following, with the help of technical team & consistent hectic efforts, team of Police Station Mahore zeroed upon the location of the girl.

Police team headed by SHO Police Station Mahore raided at different locations and recovered the missing girl. After completing all the legal formalities the missing girl reunited with her family. All family, relatives & community people expressed gratitude to Police for sincere efforts in searching & recovering the missing girl.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 6 vehicles detained

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In a surprise operation which was carried out at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

PS Nagrota detained three tractor with trollies bearing Chasis no MBNAK48ACMTM52031, MBNAK48ACPTP23281 & WYTG29428132500 laden with sand and stones without form A.

PP Manwal detained one Tipper bearing registration No. JK14 F-1702 and two dumpers bearing Reg.No. JK14H-4524 & JK14J- 2405 involved in illegal mining.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

While giving the details SP Rural Jammu, conveyed that Jammu Police is committed for protecting the public property and to eradicate the menace illegal mining in the area.

Three die in separate incidents in Nowshera

STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: Three persons were died in different incidents in Nowshera on Friday.

According to the information received, the body of Vipin Singh (20) son Raghuvver Singh resident Jagni (Kalakot) driver was seen hanging from a tree near Bagnoti Nala under mysterious circumstances. People passing by saw it and informed the police which reached the spot. The body of deceased Vipin was brought to the sub-district hospital Nowshera for post-mortem.

Whereas Ashok Kumar (60) son Raj Kumar resident Daryala committed suicide by hanging from a tree. Police brought the body of the deceased to the sub-district hospital Nowshera for post-mortem.

Saurabh Chaudhary (22) son of Subhash Chandra resident

Kadali (Bhawani) Nowshera was brought to the sub-district hospital Nowshera for treatment after he consumed poisonous substance. As his health deteriorated, he was referred to Medical College Rajouri where he died. The post-mortem of his body was done at Medical College Rajouri. The body was handed over to the family members.

Police station in-charge Nowshera Inspector Sumit Magotra said that all three cases have been registered and investigation has been started.

2 bovine smuggling bids foiled, 25 bovines rescued, 2 vehicles seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening noose against Bovine smugglers under operation Kamadhenu Police team of Police station Nagrota foiled one bovine smuggling bid, rescued 12 bovines and seized one vehicle (Truck) bearing registration No. JK08A-0047 from Naka Ban Toll Plaza, driver namely Ishtaiq Ahmed Chowan, son of Abdul Rashid Chowan, resident of Jakhani District Udhampur was arrested on spot.

Moreover, one more bovine smuggling bid foiled by Police Post Manwal, rescued 13 bovines and seized a Vehicle Truck bearing registration No. JK08E/ 5524 from Nadal Naka, Driver namely Anjad Ali, son of Mamtaz Ali, resident of Rajbagh Kathua was also arrested.

In this regard FIR No.141/2024 has been registered at Police Station Nagrota Under relevant sections of law and FIR No. 117/2024 Under relevant sections of law stands registered in Police Station Jhajjar Kotli. Investigation of both the cases are in progress.

Notorious bovine smuggler booked under PSA

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Jhajjar kotli police apprehended one notorious bovine smuggler from Qaziqund area with the help of Kulgam Police & booked him under the Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

Pertinent to mentioned here that this is the 04 PSA slapped against Bovine Smugglers within two months in Sub-division Nagrota shows the commitment of Jammu Police towards ensuring the peace and harmony in Jammu area.

The accused identified as Talib Hussain, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Janakha, Tehsil Dansal and District Jammu. Following his repeated engagement in criminal/bovine smuggling activities due to which the sentiments of particular community have been hurt badly. Multiple FIR's are registered against the accused for indulging in bovine smuggling.

FIRs against accused Talib Hussain include 40/2021 under section 188/IPC 11/PCA Act of Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu; 101/2021 U/S 279/188/IPC 11/PCA Act of P/S Bagh-e-Bahu; 10/2023 U/S 188/IPC 11/PCA Act, 190(2) MV Act of Police Station Channi; 425/2023 under section 188/IPC 11/PCA Act, of Police Station Ramban; 430/2023 under section 188/IPC 11/PCA Act, of Police Station Ramban and 17/2024 under section 188/IPC 11/PCA Act of P/S Jhajjar Kotli.

The warrant of accused Talib Hussain executed by PSI Ishfaq Ahmed of P/S Jhajjar Kotli.

Biker nabbed with Ganja, heroin



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AKHNOOR: A drug peddler arrested was arrested by Akhnoor Police with contraband.

A party of Police Station Akhnoor along with SHO Tariq Ahmed under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal Sharma at Naka Khugga Akhnoor managed to arrest one drug peddler along with contraband narcotics and seized one Motorcycle. During routine Naka checking one bike pulsar (JK12A/9748) which was coming from Jammu and going towards Poonch was Signalled to stop but the bike rider tried to flee from Naka, but the alert police party managed to apprehend the rider along with bike. During enquiry by police the biker disclosed his name as Irfan Shakoor, son of Shakoor Ahmed, resident of Dhargaloon tehsil Balakote District Poonch. On checking 50 grams of Ganja and 2 grams Heroine like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. The peddler was taken into custody and FIR No. 78/2024 has been registered against him at Police Station Akhnoor.