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People’s well-being...

empowering the citizens and making the administrative setup more accountable and responsive towards the needs and concerns of the common man.

Taking appraisal of the grievance regarding non-sanctioning of relief to the family in death case of a Labour card holder namely late Neelam Rani from Kathua, the Lt Governor directed the concerned officer to resolve the issue at the earliest.

Responding to the complaint regarding illegal mining in Nallah Romshi, Karimabad and Pulwama, the Lt Governor directed the Deputy Commissioner for stringent actions as per the law to ensure there is no illegal mining.

Addressing the issue of encroachment on the land belonging to a School in Mendhar, the Lt Governor passed explicit directions to the concerned Deputy Commissioner to remove the encroachment from the said premises.

Rehana Batul, Commissioner/Secretary, Public Grievances conducted the proceedings of the LG's Mulaqaat.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; R K Goyal, ACS, Home Department; Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners, DCs, SSPs, HoDs, and other senior officers were present during the interaction, in person and through virtual mode.

Nine JKAS officers....

posted as Personnel Officer in the Directorate of School Education, Jammu; Shaffiq Ahmad, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as SDM, Thanamandi. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Thanamandi, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Umesh Sharma, JKAS, Deputy Secretary, School Education Department has been transferred and posted as SDM, Bhawan, Katra, vice Sudhir Bali, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD; Sunaina Saini, JKAS, Deputy Director, Hospitality and Protocol (Stores), has been transferred and posted as SDM, Ghagwal. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Ghagwal, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Shokat Hayat Matoo, JKAS, Tehsildar, Bhaderwah, has been transferred and posted as SDM, Chatroo. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Chatroo, in addition to his own duties, till further orders; Seema Parihar, JKAS, Deputy Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu has been transferred and posted as SDM, R S Pura, vice Ram Lal Sharma, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD. She shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, R.S. Pura, in addition to her own duties, till further orders.

Tariq Ahmad Malik, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as SDM, Khansahib, vice Syed Ahmad Kataria, JKAS, who shall await further orders of adjustment in the GAD. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Khansahib, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Rajesh Kumar, JKAS, Personnel Officer in the Directorate of School Education, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as SDM Vijaypur; Nagesh Singh, JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been posted as SDM, Jammu (North).

7 Jr Scale...

and Kashmir Administrative Service are recalled and their services are placed at the disposal of Finance Department for their posting as State Taxes Officers in Kashmir Division," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD).

The Junior Scale JKAS officers whose services are placed at the disposal of Finance Department include Mohd Azhar Lone, Jr. Scale JKAS, CDPO, ICDS Project, Budgam; Shokath Ahmad Shoketh, Jr. Scale JKAS, DSWO, Shopian; Mehraj-ud-din Wani, Jr. Scale JKAS, Project Manager; DIC, Bandipora; Muzamal Zaman, Jr. Scale JKAS, Project Manager, DIC, Poonch; Amir-ul-Haq Nath, Jr. Scale JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Pulwama; Aadil Yousuf Wani, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director, Handicrafts, Kulgam; and Mohd. Younis, Jr. Scale JKAS, Deputy Registrar, Cooperatives, Ganderbal.

Maha Samprokshana fete...

Nava Kalasa Snapanam, Kshiradivasam, and Yagashala being held in the evening.

On June 7, the programme include Jaladivasam, Ratnavyasam, Dhathuvasam, Vimana Kalasa Sthapana, Binba Sthapana (Vigraha Pratishtha) and later in the evening Maha Shanti Thirumanjanam , followed by Shayanadivasam events.

On the final day, June 8 the celestial Maha Samprokshana fête will be held in the Mithuna lagnam between 7.30am -8.15 am.

The temple will be open for Sarva Darshan from 09.30 am onwards and in the evening a grand Srivari(Lord Balaji) Kalyanotsavam will be performed.

TTD chairman YV Subba Reddy, TTD EO Sri AV Dharma Reddy,several local leaders, officers and large number of devotees are expected to participate.

Arms, narcotic smuggling...

possession of a 10 kg powerful Improvised Explosive Device (IED), were arrested

after an exchange of fire near the border fence when they were attempting to sneak into this side.

An Army personnel and one of the terrorists were injured in the firing.

"In a joint operation by Army along with police, likely three-four terrorists were intercepted on LoC in Poonch sector while attempting to cross the fence on the night of May 30 and 31, taking advantage of bad weather and heavy rains," Jammu-based Army PRO Lt Col Devender Anand said in a statement.

After tracking the movement at about 1.30 am, the spokesperson said an Army ambush, on challenging them, was fired upon and in the retaliatory firefight some terrorists have been hit.

"The area is cordoned and search operation is in progress. Blood trails have been found. Three terrorists with some weapons, war-like stores including one IED and narcotics have been apprehended. One Indian Army soldier was injured in the ensuing firing and has been evacuated," Lt Col Anand said.

The injured terrorist has been shifted to a civil hospital under police custody.

Officials said the incident took place at forward Karmara village in Gulpur sector after troops guarding the border picked up suspicious movement and challenged the persons which led to a gunfight.

The officials identified the arrested accused as Mohd Farooq (26), who received a bullet injury in his leg, Mohd Riaz (23) and Mohd Zubair (22), all residents of Karmara. They are believed to have received the arms and narcotic consignment from across the border and were trying to smuggle it into this side when they were intercepted by the troops, the officials said.

The seizure made from the arrested persons included an AK assault rifle, two pistols, six grenades, a 10-kg IED which was planted inside a pressure cooker and 20 packets of suspected heroin worth over Rs 100 crore.

The IED was later neutralised by the experts of the bomb disposal squad, the officials said. The search operation in the area was still going on when last reports were received, the officials said.

Pre-arrest bail...

Meanwhile, the Crime Branch has submitted status report of the case before the court. According to FIR 48/2023, Anita Sharma impersonated as the owner of House Number 84/110-A, Gandhi Nagar and tried to cheat Jammu Municipal Corporation to get under process certificate which she used to befool municipal officers during construction of House Number 44 D/C Gandhi Nagar whenever officials of Municipal Corporation approached at the site. Anita Sharma used to tell to the concerned officials that she has applied for the building permission to JMC on August 12, 2019. To substantiate her point, she used to show false documents by concealing the factual position. This, in the process, caused a huge loss to the JMC and the state exchequer by not depositing the requisite Building Permission Fee by adopting fraudulent means. The illegal construction was in gross violation of the set-backs and other norms of the JMC.

Centre puts J&K...

is committed to fulfill the promises for the welfare of the underprivileged and the dreams of poor families to have their own houses. "The massive allocation under PMAY (G) will ensure rapid development of rural J&K," the Lt Governor said.

Overall scheme covers 3.85 lakhs (both SECC & AavassPlus beneficiaries in the UT. Since the inception of the programme and in alignment to the objective of the programme, i.e 'Housing for All', Union Territory government has sanctioned 1.98 lakh houses under SECC and Awaas+ categories and has completed 1.34 lakh houses till date.

Chief Justice to...

watch the said video in open court in order to have the impression about the condition of cattle in the Goushala.

After considering the submission of Advocate SS Ahmed, the Division Bench in the open court watched the video and after going through the entire video showing the sorry state of affairs of Goshala, the Chief Justice in the open court observed that we would like to visit the cattle pond/ Goshala on June 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Police raid premises...

executive magistrate. During the course of searches, police detected a pit and found Rs 3 lakh there, the officials said.Three heroin suppliers, including two women, were booked in this connection, they said. As many as 42 narco-suppliers, including five women, have been arrested in the past four months here, the officials said.

NIA raids at...

Laskhar-e-Taiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), Al-Badr and Al-Qaeda.

The searches were part of the ongoing investigations into the activities of the recently formed terrorist groups including The Resistance Front (TRF), United Liberation Front Jammu & Kashmir (ULFJ&K), Mujahideen Gazwat-ul-Hind (MGH), Jammu & Kashmir Freedom Fighters (JKFF), Kashmir Tigers and People's Anti-Fascist Front (PAFF), the spokesperson said.

A total of 51 locations across Jammu and Kashmir have been searched in recent days in connection with a terror conspiracy case registered suo moto by the NIA on June 21 last year.

The case relates to hatching of a conspiracy, both physical and in cyberspace, and plans by the proscribed terrorist organisations to unleash terrorist attacks in the union territory with sticky bombs, IEDs and small arms, the spokesperson said.

According to the NIA, the plans are part of a larger conspiracy to carry out acts of terror and violence, by radicalising local youth and mobilising overground workers, to disturb the peace and communal harmony of Jammu and Kashmir.

Cadres and workers of the newly formed organisations have been found to be involved in the collection and distribution of sticky bombs or magnetic bombs, IEDs, funds, narcotic substances and arms and ammunition, the spokesperson said, adding they are spreading activities relating to terror, violence and subversion in J&K. "Investigations have further revealed that Pakistan-based operatives are using drones to deliver arms and ammunition, explosives, narcotics to their operatives and cadres in the valley. These operatives are using social media to connect with the cadres and workers in India," the spokesperson said.

J&K gets approval...

Country. Under DNB programme in the UT, a total of 270 seats were granted to the accredited departments during session 2022 and start of 2023 consequent to the concerted efforts and hard work of the administrative department H&ME J&K, NHM J&K and the team of health institutions being monitored by Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department.

All the efforts are being made to scale up the DNB courses in all the District Hospitals and potential CHCs of J&K. During upcoming session, J&K is planning to submit more than 30 application in all District Hospitals", she added.

Earlier in the month of March, 20 seats were approved in the UT of J&K in which Government Medical College Srinagar received approval for 2 seats in FNB Paediatric Anesthesia. JLNH Hospital, Srinagar received 3 Post MBBS DNB seats in General Surgery, DH Udhampur received a sanction of 5 seats under Pediatrics, General Medicine and Orthopedics. DH Poonch received 2 seats in General Medicine. DH Ganderbal got a sanction of 2 seats each in DNB General Medicine & Diploma Pediatrics. DH Kulgam received 2 seats in Family Medicine and CHC Kupwara got 2 seats in Diploma Pediatrics.

Pertinent to mention that the DNB (Diplomate of National Board) courses have been introduced in the District Hospitals and new Government Medical Colleges besides old GMCs and SKIMS in order to strengthen the institutions, decongest the Govt. Medical Colleges and to address the shortage of specialists in the UT of J&K.

Implementation of DNB courses has led to an equitable distribution of health care services and manpower especially in far flung and hard to reach areas and beneficial to the population which have very meagre access to health care services in their areas, leading to low referrals from DNB institutions to Tertiary care institutions thereby further decreasing the Out of pocket expenditure (OOPE) of the patients.

FIR lodged against...

on Tuesday after a complaint by Nazim Hussain Bhat and Imdad Ali Mir.

"On the basis of complaint lodged by Nazim Hussain Bhat & Imdad Ali Mir, FIR no 51/2023 u/s 323,341 of IPC dated 30.05.2023 registered in Panthachowk PS against DDC member Aijaz Hussain Rather on offences of wrongful restraint & voluntarily causing hurt," the Srinagar Police said on Twitter.

Rather is the Member of Haj Committee of India, and the former National vice president of the party's youth wing Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM).

He won the DDC elections from Srinagar's Khonmoh seat one of the three seats the party managed from the Kashmir valley in 2020.

Srinagar Mayor, Junaid Azim Mattu, had alleged Rather had assaulted a civilian from Balhama area of the city.

"A reign of TERROR has been unleashed on people of Balhama, Srinagar by the incumbent DDC Member belonging to @BJP4India! This is the second assault on a civilian by him in less than a month! Even WOMEN are being assaulted now under FULL security cover," Mattu alleged in a tweet.

Eastern Ladakh row...

will create conditions for normalising bilateral relations and to this objective both sides agreed to hold the next round of military talks at an early date.

The meeting took place under the framework of Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC).

"The two sides reviewed the situation along the LAC in Western Sector of India-China border areas and discussed proposals for disengagement in remaining areas in a frank and open manner," the MEA said.

"Restoration of peace and tranquillity will create conditions for normalising bilateral relations," it said.

"In order to achieve this objective, in accordance with existing bilateral agreements and protocols, they agreed to hold the next (19th) round of Senior Commander's meeting at an early date," the MEA said in a statement.

It said the two sides agreed to continue discussions through military and diplomatic channels.



Two arrested; 23 Kg poppy straw seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Police on Wednesday nabbed two persons and recovered 23 Kg poppy straw from the car they were travelling.

As per details, during routine Naka checking, a party of police station Batote led by Insp Rajesh Khajuria SHO Batote intercepted a Maruti Alto (JK19-2406), which was on its way from Nashri towards Batote. During checking, 23 kg 740 grams of Poppy Straw like substance was recovered from the boot space of the vehicle. On enquiry, driver disclosed his identity as Tanveer Ahmed alias Pappu, son of Shabir Hussain, resident of Champa, Tehsil Batote, District Ramban and other person accompanying the driver disclosed his identity as Javid Ahmed, son of Manzoor alias Nazir Ahmed, resident of Champa, Batote. Both the persons were arrested on the spot and FIR No. 83/2023 under sections 8/15/29 NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Batote.



1,500 Kg seized narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances incinerated

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: About 1,500 kilograms seized narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances was incinerated by Udhampur police on Wednesday.

As per details, District Drug destruction committee headed by Dr. Vinod Kumar SSP Udhampur and comprising of Anwar UI Haq Addl. SP Udhampur, Shahid Nahiem DySP DAR Udhampur, Gurmeet Singh DySP Hqrs Udhampur, Vishal Manhas SDPO Rannagar, Darshan Singh Sr. PO Udhampur and Om Parkash DySP DPO Udhampur, conducted the destruction of narcotic and psychotropic substances seized in different 78 cases through incineration in M/S Anmol Healthcare Rakh Rara, Swankha Morh, Vijaypur, Samba. During incineration 1,380 Kgs of poppy straw, 85 Kgs of charas, 1kg 200 grams heroin (chitta) and 816 no. of proxyvon capsules have been duly incinerated following all the codal formalities.

The entire process was done in which Executive Magistrate and officers from Pollution Control Board also accompanied the drug destruction committee. Before this the seized narcotics in all the 78 cases were case wise checked, weighted and tallied with the record. The entire process, right from godown upto incinerator was duly video-graphed and kept under proper security.



Man hangs self to death

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SAMBA: A man committed suicide by hanging himself in cow shed in his house at village Makkah MarkoliPanchayat Taloor area of District Samba.

According to the police, Raj Singh (25), son of Nek Ram, residents of Village Markoli area of block Sumb hanged himself in a cow shed with rope under mysterious circumstances. As family members saw him hanging, they immediately informed to police which reached the spot and immediately taken him to District Hospital Samba where doctors declared him as brought

dead. After completing the legal formalities, body was handover to its legal heirs for his last rites. Police has taken cognizance the matter and started further investigation.

Two stolen bikes recovered, lifter arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MIRAN SAHIB: Police on Wednesday arrested a bike lifter and recovered two stolen bikes from his possession.

As per details, On May 29, 2023 one complaint was lodged at Police Station Miran Sahib by one person namely Vikay Kumar, son of Om Parkash, resident of Krishna Nagar Basti Maralian, Miran Sahib Tehsil R s Pura Jammu regarding theft of his motorcycle (JK02AU-4664). In this regard, FIR No. 107/2023 under section 379/IPC was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq with the help of CCTV footages of the finally rounded up the suspected person Zakir Hussain, son of Abdul Majid, resident of Kotli Mian Fateh. On his disclosure stolen motorcycle was recovered. Moreover 01 more motorcycle (Passion pro) bearing Chasis no. MBLHA10AHAGM47480 was also recovered from his possession.



Excise Department destroys 5000 Kg Lahan, two working still

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI : Excise department on Wednesday destroyed 5000 Kg Lahan and two working still in forest area's of Nowshera Tehsil during different raids carried out to arrest the menace of illicit liquor in Excise Sub-range Rajouri.

On the directions of Excise Commissioner, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, and supervision of Deputy Excise Commissioner (Executive) Kusum Sharma and under the direct supervision of Narinder Singh Excise and Taxation officer Excise range Rajouri -Poonch , a team of Excise Sub Range Rajouri led by ETO and along with Inspector Mohd. Parvez Ahmed and Excise guard Mohd. Azeem Mohd. Bashir Mirza Mohd. Aslam Javed Iqwal,and Niyamatullah conducted series of raids at Chowki Handan Nonyal Gohra and Forest areas of Tain Mahal and adjoining areas of Tehsil Nowshera. In the process 5,000 kg of Lahan and two working still raw material recovered from state land and later destroyed on spot.

Batamaloo stabbing case solved within 24hrs

Accused held, weapon of offence recovered:Police

■ SHAKEELA ANDRABI

SRINAGAR: Srinagar Police on Wednesday said that they have solved the Batmaloo stabbing case within 24 hours by arresting the alleged assailant.

Talking to the reporters, SP South City, Gaurav Sikarwar said in a press conference that the victim had a heated argument with the assailant last evening following which the latter stabbed him multiple times with a sharp-edged weapon in the Batamaloo area of the city.

He said that the police after registering a case analysed CCTV footage and used other technical methods to zero in on the assailant.He said they have recovered the weapon of offence and blood-stained clothes of the assailant on his instance.

According to the police officer, the assailant developed a romantic interest in the daughter of the victim. However, the victim was against this relationship.The police officer stated that the assailant, in order to seek revenge for the victim's opposition to his romantic interest in his daughter, went as far as buying a knife and constantly carrying it with him. Finally, the assailant found an opportunity last evening and used the knife to stab the victim, he said.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of Srinagar Police said they will file a petition in the court so that the assailant who is a juvenile is treated as an adult because of the heinous nature of the crime.

"One Juvenile(Name withheld) arrested for murder in broad day light in Batmaloo yesterday. He was having romantic interest in daughter of victim. As he is above 16 Yrs& offence is heinous, petition will be filed in court to treat him as adult as per sec 15 of JJ act 2015," said the spokesman, in a tweet.

Amway presents range for youthful skin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Amway India has launched an exclusive range that transcends the skincare needs of all. The 'Balancing and Hydrating' range introduced by Artistry Skin Nutrition showcases a distinctive blend of ingredients that collaborates to balance and hydrate the skin, providing a refreshing and youthful appearance.

Enriched with plant-based botanicals from Nutrilite farms, the Hydrating and Balancing range is a clinically-tested vegan skincare line with no animal testing and free from parabens, phthalates, sulfate surfactants and animal-derived ingredients.

Powered by cutting-edge skin science these ranges are infused with exclusive Skincare Complex that boosts skin's natural defence system by 350% to help delay the visible signs of aging. Amway India CMO Ajay Khanna said, "Leveraging our global expertise in nutrition with Nutrilite's rich legacy of 90 years, we are excited to introduce the second phase of Artistry Skin Nutrition™, Hydrating and Balancing range of seven products."

Mission Shakti DHEW, Shankus Medicity, Cancer Hospital organise awareness cum health check-up camp



Doctors examining patients during the camp.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Mission Shakti District Hub for Empowerment of women Jammu , in association with Shankus Medicity, Cancer Hospital, Jammu observed World No-Tobacco day & organised free health check-up camp at village Barwie, Block Maira Mandrian. Under the guidance of Shagun Manchanda, District Mission Coordinator, Mission Shakti, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Jammu the Camp was focused on making awareness regarding harmful effects of consuming tobacco & also regarding various ongoing Govt schemes & services. The free health checkup was done by Dr Vishal Verma, Medical Officer, Anisha Dogra, Staff Nurse & Sumeet Sodi, SMM of Shankus Medicity, Cancer Hospital, Jammu.During the camp free medicines were provided .

Khushboo Kapte , Gender Specialist delivered lecture on the role of DHEW in facilitating the women towards empowerment & various on going schemes of the government. Sarpanch Rash Pal Sharma gave vote of thanks to the Mission Shakti DHEW Jammu & Shankus Medicity Hospital for such initiative for the welfare of people.