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**Scouts & Guides can...**

encouraged them to connect more youth with Scout movement. He assured every assistance and cooperation from the UT Administration in their endeavours of community service. Gulshan Ara, Commissioner J&K Bharat Scouts and Guides presented a detailed report on the UT-level Camporee. Scouts and Guides also shared their learning and experience in the camp. Senior Officials, Guide Captains, Instructors, Scouts and Guides besides Principals, teachers and students from various schools were present.

**SIU Srinagar presents..**

Eidgah Srinagar and Adil Ahmed Parray son of Habibullah Parray resident of Badergund Ganderbal were found involved in the terror crime case. Besides, a scooty bearing registration number JK02CB-1268 used in the terrorist attack was also seized. One of the accused terrorists namely Adil Ahmed Parray was killed in an encounter with Police Srinagar at Sangam area of Srinagar on 12/06/2022. While as, the other two involved terrorists are still active and linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT/TrF. However, the investigation shall continue under section 173 (8) CrPc.

**SMVDSB partners with...**

September, 2020, during the pandemic, Garg said. "Since then, the board has consistently implemented measures to optimise the efficiency of door-to-door prasad delivery, reducing delivery time and providing real-time tracking updates", he added. Devotees opting for the delivery service can choose from five categories of prasad, ranging from Rs 100 to Rs 2,100, which can be booked through the official website of the shrine board (www.maavaishnodevi.org) or the SMVDSB mobile app, officials said. The DTDC will provide comprehensive insurance coverage for each consignment, along with digital tracking for the convenience of devotees, the officials said. The firm guarantees delivery within 48 hours of booking confirmation for devotees residing in north India. On June 6, a modern prasad-cum-souvenir counter was inaugurated by the LG at the Jammu Airport, further enhancing devotee facilitation.

**No benefit will...**

he wants the opposition to unite to defeat the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in next year's general election. "But unfortunately, each opposition party has nothing in other states than their own. It would have been beneficial if two-three parties had formed governments (in an alliance) in the states. "There will be no difference whether there is a pre-poll or a post-poll alliance. They will get the same number of seats in a pre-poll alliance as well as in a post-poll alliance. I see higher chances of an alliance in the post-election scenario," he said. The ground situation is such that if the opposition parties win 300 seats in a pre-poll alliance, they would get the same number of seats even if there was no alliance, the former Congress leader added. He credited the leadership of the Congress in various states for the party's recent electoral triumphs. "I have said the Congress has suffered losses at the Centre, not in the states. Wherever there is a strong state leadership, the party is bouncing back. The only difference is that previously, the central leadership used to run the states and now, the state leadership runs the central leadership. "The central leadership has lost ground, but the state leaders are defending their turf. So, there is zero truth if someone says the Congress is winning the state elections because of the central leadership," Azad said. He demanded compensation for the losses incurred due to an earthquake in Doda district of the Jammu region. "We have information that in Gundoh and Bhaderwah tehsils, some schools, hospitals and houses have suffered damage. It is a matter of concern. We hope that there are no more tremors. "I request the government to organise classes for the students outside and not inside the school buildings. Similarly, at hospitals, patients in a critical condition should be placed where there has been no impact of the quake," Azad said. Earlier, Jammu and Kashmir Gujjar and Bakerwal Conference J&K General Secretary Ch Mohammad Yaseen Poswal joined the Democratic Progressive Azad Party.

Poswal joined the party fold in presence of party Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad and treasurer Taj Mohiuddin & General Secretary Ch Haroon Khatana along with hundreds of his supporters. While welcoming Poswal into the party, Azad said that the DPAP is a party of common people and whose aim is to serve the people is welcomed. "Our agenda is pro people and we support the policies that serve the welfare of people," Azad said. He said given the pro people policies DAPA will sweep the upcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. On the occasion, Poswal said that he joined DPAP since he was impressed with the party policies. He said DPAP is the only party that speaks for the Gujjar and Bakerwal community and supports their causes. Prominent among those present on the occasion included, Treasurer Ch Taj Mohiuddin, Vice Chairman G.M.Saroori, Gen Secretary Ch Haroon Khatana, Provincial President Kashmir Mohd Amin Bhatt, Zonal President Gulzar Ahmed

Wani, Sr DPAP leader Ch Anwar Phambra and others.

**3 years after...**

have been taken following the Galwan clashes. "The infrastructure development along the entire LAC is taking place at a fast pace. The main focus has been to bring down the infrastructure differential," said a source. Our troops and equipment are adequately deployed now to deal with any eventualities, the sources said. We are maintaining a posture that is focused on defeating any evil design by the adversary, they said. The sources identified strengthening of all forms of surveillance including electronic ones as another significant aspect of boosting overall military preparedness by the Indian armed forces. "The overall efforts to enhance the infrastructure, surveillance and military capabilities are based on a whole-of-the-government approach," the source said. It is learnt that senior commanders of the Army's Northern Command would review the overall situation along the LAC in eastern Ladakh on Thursday. The need for quick mobilisation of troops and weapon systems gained renewed focus in the wake of the lingering border row between India and China in eastern Ladakh. Following the escalation in tension in eastern Ladakh standoff, the Army has taken a series of measures to boost its operational capabilities in the eastern sector that included procurement of all terrain vehicles, precision guided ammunition, high-tech surveillance equipment, radars and weapons. The militaries of the two countries held 18 rounds of high-level talks so far with an objective of taking forward the disengagement process in the remaining friction points and restoring peace and tranquillity along the LAC in eastern Ladakh. The 18th round of high-level military talks between the two sides were held on April 23 during which they agreed to stay in close touch and work out a mutually acceptable solution to the remaining issues in eastern Ladakh at the earliest. The two sides completed disengagement in several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks. India has been maintaining that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas. On June 8, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that any expectation of normalisation of India's ties with China when the border situation in eastern Ladakh is not normal is unfounded. "The fact is the relationship is impacted. And the relationship will continue to be impacted. If there is any expectation that somehow we will normalise (ties) while the border situation is not normal, that's not a well-founded expectation," he said. The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area.

**5 earthquakes hit...**

intensity tremors jolted the Doda district. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Bhaderwah, Dilmir Chowdhary told PTI that the District Magistrate has directed the closure of all schools to address parental concerns and ensure the safety of the students and subsequently they were shut down. The ADC appealed to the residents not to panic, as it could exacerbate the situation. Instead, he advised people to take precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incidents. "In view of aftershocks, we have closed down all the schools in the district. There is nothing to panic about. People should live on ground floors. We expect aftershocks after a big earthquake," Doda Chief Education Officer (CEO) Purushottam Kumar said. Similarly, officials in Kishtwar also shut down schools in the district as a precautionary measure. Commutatively, six earthquakes including two higher intensity quakes have hit the region causing cracks in dozens of buildings since Tuesday. The fresh earthquakes not only triggered panic among people but also brought back fear psychosis of 2013, when the entire region in general and Bhaderwah Valley in particular was exposed to a series of earthquakes that continued to rock the hilly region for 70 days. Tuesday's quake damaged several buildings in the twin mountainous districts of Doda and Kishtwar. Five people, including two schoolchildren, suffered injuries, while schools were shut as a precautionary measure by the administration. The earthquake was widely felt in the Jammu and Kashmir region and neighbouring states. According to the NCS, an analysis of the past five years shows minor earthquakes in the close vicinity of the Doda region are usual seismic activity.

**Fix responsibility about...**

on ground in a more accurate manner. He further noted that in order to create the farmer's registry, a mechanism should be devised to register actual cultivators so that the objective of Agristack is met successfully. Dr Mehta remarked that the aim of this Agricultural Mission is to provide timely assistance to the farmers. He also said that it should be a means to extend credit facility etc to farmers with minimal human interface. The ACS, APD, Atal Duloo informed the meeting that the Agristack is a major initiative to digitally push Agriculture towards new paradigm. He said that it provides an ecosystem for facilitating delivery of various services to farmers. He said that with its successful implementation a farmer would get access to the right advice at the right time regarding crop selection, crop health, selling of produce, access to inputs, loans and market besides benefits under different beneficiary

oriented schemes for development of the sector. The Commissioner, Survey & Land Records, Kumar Rajeev Ranjan apprised the meeting that the progress in digitization of land records is satisfactory. He said that the progress in computerization of land records is more than 96%. Moreover it was given out that Geo-referencing of 72% cadastral maps has been completed till date. It was further revealed that both the scanned and digitized data is available in public domain. The computerized records can be translated into multiple languages as per the requirement of the user, the meeting was apprised. Later on the Chief Secretary chaired the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) meeting of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) under Krishonnati Yojana, RKVY, MIDH and PMKSY. The Chief Secretary laid emphasis on saturating possible benefits to farmers under these Schemes. He also asked for implementing the specific schemes in the areas where the results are likely to yield maximum benefits to public. Dr Mehta also laid stress on promoting Millets as a 'super food'. He asked them to utilize the opportunity of Shri Amarnathji Yatra for its promotion. He also asked them to converge these schemes with the 'One District One Product' and Amrit Sarovar scheme for enhancing their impact on ground. He also asked for giving more focus to the production of pulses, cereals and oil seeds so that J&K contributes to reducing import these from outside. He enquired about the ways for enhancing the per capita income of farmers. He directed the Agricultural Universities to formulate a farm income tracking system so that its monitoring becomes possible. He took this opportunity to ask for making an export plan for all the crops grown here. He emphasized that the District GDP measurement is essential to take concrete steps for propelling UT on the path of progress and development. He impressed upon the Agricultural Universities to make timely interventions to curtail the spread of certain diseases like leaf minor etc complains of which are made by orchardists. He enjoined upon the Deputy Commissioners to seek assistance from SKUAST in order to safeguard their areas from any damage by these pests. On the occasion the ACS, APD, Atal Duloo informed that together with Holistic Agriculture Development Plan (HADP) the CSS are going to bring substantial change in the Agriculture sector. He maintained that these schemes aim at enhancing the overall productivity of our cultivable lands. He said that the yield gap is going to lessen with each passing year through implementation of these programmes. He further informed that the Department is introducing the Millet cultivation on 1100 ha of land first time in the valley. He said that the Department is planning to introduce certification of organic crops through PGS system valid throughout the country. He stated that the Department plans to introduce the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) for certifying organic crops recognized throughout the world. The meeting considered Annual Action Plan under seven components of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) including RKVY, Soil Health & Fertility, Rain fed Area Development, Per Drop More Crop, Agriculture Mechanization, Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana, and Sub-Mission on Agro Forestry. The Annual Action Plan (AAP) to the tune of Rs 66.05 Cr was approved for funding by Government of India. Similarly the AAPs for 2023-24 under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (Rs 12.50 Cr), Food & Nutrition Security and National Mission on Edible Oils (Rs 10.29 Cr), Seeds & Planting Material (Rs 9.43 Cr) now rechristened under the new Krishonnati Yojana were deliberated upon in the meeting. The AAPs for Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) accounting to Rs 47.78 Cr with the funding pattern of 90:10 by Centre and UT was also approved. In addition the AAP for Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) having components like Har Khet ko Pani, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme and Watershed Development was also discussed. It was revealed that these schemes have multiple objectives aiming at increasing the overall productivity, replacement of seeds, providing assured irrigation facilities, better marketing facilities, value addition of crop produce, increasing soil fertility, besides creating employment opportunities for youth.

**Twin daughters of...**

our area also boosted our morale. Everyone had a role to play in my success," Sabiya told PTI. Sabiya, who studied in a local Islamic model school till Class 3 before joining a private school, said throughout her school days, her teachers gave her the confidence that she can do something big in life. "Thanks to my teachers, I nurtured the dream of becoming a doctor or an IAS (Indian Administrative Service) officer and do something big in life," she said. Bismah said both the sisters were nervous ahead of the declaration of the NEET results. "We are very happy that the results are good. We thank god for it. Our entire family is happy," she said. Bismah said they used to help each other a lot during their studies. "We might have encountered many more difficulties had any of us been alone. We supported each other throughout this journey to achieve this success," she said. Sabiya said the sisters were overwhelmed that both of them have qualified in the NEET. "I want both of us to become good doctors and serve our people," she said. Their father, Sajad Hussain, the imam (priest) at the local Jamia Masjid, said he considers both religious and worldly education important for children. "I thank god. I am extremely pleased with their achievement. Both religious teachings and worldly education are important. I taught my daughters about Islam, prayers, the Quran and gave them school education as well," he said. The siblings said one needs to be extremely focused to qualify in the NEET. "Identify your weaknesses and then take help to overcome those," they said.

**CRIME REPORT**

**Man arrested for sexual molesting minor boy**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
BARAMULLA: Police on Wednesday arrested a man involved in sexually molesting a minor boy in Kreeeri Baramulla. As per details, on June 13, 2023, Police Station Kreeeri received a written complaint stating there in that on June 12, 2023, his minor son (name withheld) age about 6 years was sexually molested by a person and had threatened the victim for not disclosing the incident to anyone. Accordingly, a case under sections of law was registered in Police Station Kreeeri and investigation was initiated. During the course of investigation, officers after hectic efforts were able to identify the accused as Hashim Tariq Zargar son of Tariq Ahmad Zargar resident of Sultanpora Kandi A/P Kreeeri. Subsequently, a Police team led by SHO Kreeeri arrested the accused involved in the commission of crime. He was shifted to police station where he remains in custody.



**6 drug peddlers arrested; contraband, cash recovered**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SRINAGAR: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Wednesday arrested 6 drug peddlers in Baramulla & Budgam and recovered contraband substance & cash from their possession. As per details, a party of Police Station Sheeri at a checkpoint established at Main Market Sheeri, arrested two drug peddlers identified as Bilal Ah Dar son of Ghulam Rasool Dar and Parvaiz Ahmad Dar son of Ghulam Mohi Ud Din Dar, both residents of Heevan Sheeri. During search, 103 grams of Charas and cash amounting ₹32,250/- was recovered from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.



Meanwhile, a party of Police Post Wagoora at a checkpoint established at Nowpora Market Kreeeri arrested 02 drug peddlers identified as Nasir Ahmad Wani son of Ghulam Mohd Wani resident of Tapper & Mohd Amir Mir son of Abdul Ahad Mir resident of Hail Jageer Kreeeri. During search, 26 grams of Charas was recovered from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Similarly, in Budgam, a party of Police Station Budgam at a checkpoint established at Choon Crossing, arrested a drug peddler identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Dar alias Nik Khan son of Ghulam Qadir Dar resident of Razwan Budgam. During search, 7 grams of Heroin and 20 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. In another action, police party arrested a drug peddler during patrolling in Ichigam area of Budgam. He has been identified as Ghulam Mustafa Rather son of Mohammad Abdullah Rather resident of Ichigam. During search, 05 Kgs of Poppy Straw was recovered from his possession. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective Police Stations and investigations have been initiated.

**Notorious heroin supplier detained under PITNDPS Act**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Police on Wednesday detained and lodged in jail a notorious heroin supplier "Ashu Jatt" under PITNDPS Act, in pursuance of detention order issued by Divisional Commissioner, Jammu. Ashu Choudhary alias Ashu Jatt used to supply heroin to the addicts of Samba, Jammu & Kathua districts and was involved in FIR No. 36/2018 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act Police Station Gangyal & FIR No. 48/2023 under sections 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act Police Station Vijaypur. He was also recently arrested by Samba Police & heroin was recovered. In view of his repeated indulgence in illicit trafficking of heroin ('chitta') and serious threat posed by him to the health and welfare of the people, SSP Samba Benam Tosh, prepared and submitted dossier & other connected documents to the office of Divisional Commissioner Jammu in respect of 24 year old AshuChoudhary alias Ashu-Jatt s/o RoshanLal t/o Gagore, tehsil Vijaypur, district Samba, for issuance of detention order under PITNDPS Act, 1988. Upon this, Divisional Commissioner Jammu Ramesh Kumar-IAS issued detention order directing that Ashu-Jattbe detained and lodged in Jail to prevent him from committing any of the acts within the meaning of illicit traffickingin Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances. Immediately after receiving the detention order, SHO Police Station Vijaypur Tribhawan Khajuria detained the hardcore drug supplier Ashu Jatt and lodged him in District Jail Ambphalla Jammu.



**Drug peddler arrested with 3.40 kg Ganja**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
REASI: Continuing drive against drug abuse in the holy town Katra, team of Police

Check Post Balni during checking and frisking apprehended one drug peddler namely Suraj, son of Indru, resident of Servad Katra and recovered 3 kg 40 Gms Ganja from his possession while he was riding on a scooty (JK14H-7058).

FIR No 289/2023 under section 8/20 NDPS Act registered at Police Station Katra and investigation initiated to unearth forward and backward linkages. The whole operation was led by Inspr Suman Anti Drug Unit Reasi, Inspr Nishant SHO Katra.

**Narco smuggler nabbed with 9 grams heroin**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Wednesday arrested a narco smuggler and recovered 9 grams of heroin from his possession. As per details, a 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 patrolling duty in Rajiv Nagar area rounded up a suspected person who was coming from Mohalla Rajeev Nagar Towards Narwal Chowk. During search, 9 grams of heroin was recovered from the accused later identified as Vishal Mehra, son of Balak Ram, resident of Rajeev Nagar. He was arrested and FIR No. 172/2023 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Bahu Fort.



**6 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized**

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU/SAMBHA: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by police in which teams of Police Stations Jhajar Kotli, Arnia, Police Posts Pounichak, Sidhra and Pallanwala acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 5 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include one tipper bearing (JK21A2679) seized by Jhajar Kotli Police; one tractor trolley without Registration No. by Arnia Police; one tractor trolley (JK02DB 7893) by Pounichak Police; one tipper (JK02CG 3930) by Sidhra Police and one tractor trolley (JK02 CR 6803) by Pallanwala Police. The recoveries were made by SHO Jhajar Kotli Inspr Azad Ahmed, SHO Arnia Inspr Deepak Katoch, In-Charge Police Posts Pounichak PSI Nitish Khajuria, Sidhra-PSI Arun Kumar and Pallanwala-PSI Vijay Kumar in their respective jurisdiction. Meanwhile, District Mineral Officer Samba Mohammad Sayeed JKAS along with mining guards also seized the one Swaraj Tractor involved in illegal mining.

