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said the NDA government will continue working to lift people's living standards for the country's all-round development while conserving its heritage.

"We are all proud that the NDA fought the 2024 Lok Sabha polls unitedly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and won. We all NDA leaders unanimously elect Narendra Modi as our leader," it added. The resolution also said that people have seen the country being developed in every sector in the last 10 years due to the pro-people policies of the NDA government under Modi.

The NDA has won 293 seats in the Lok Sabha election, comfortably above the majority mark of 272 in the 543-member House, paving the way for Modi to take the oath for a third consecutive term, a first for any ruling alliance since 1962.

However, it will be a different act for him this time as the BJP has fallen well short of the majority and depends on allies for the government-formation after enjoying a comfortable majority on its own in the previous two terms of his government.

Hosting the meeting, the BJP presented a picture of collective partnership with its allies with Naidu, Kumar and Shinde seated to the left of Modi while Nadda, Singh and Shah flanked the prime minister on his right.

In terms of their parties' strength, Naidu, Kumar and Shinde are the three biggest NDA constituents in that order after the BJP.

The parties of Naidu and Kumar, who together command the support of 28 MPs, have rubbished speculation on their future moves. Naidu has reiterated his support to the BJP, a view echoed by JD(U)'s Jha as well. Asked by a reporter if he is in the NDA, Naidu shot back, "We contested the elections together. Why do you doubt." All leaders congratulated the PM for his leadership and the strides our nation has made under him. They appreciated the PM's hard work and efforts in nation-building, he said. Modi said at the meeting that it was a historic mandate for the NDA's third consecutive government which, he noted, was last received in the country over 60 years back.

His allies lauded Modi for his clear vision for "Viksit Bharat" and asserted that they are partners in this goal. They also praised him for enhancing India's pride in the world, besides his efforts towards poverty eradication and pledged to continue the good work, the sources said.

World leaders congratulate...

and the NDA for the victory.

"Congratulations to Prime Minister Modi @narendramodi, BJP and BJP-led NDA on the victory in the #Loksabhaelection. Look forward to making joint efforts with the Indian side for a sound and stable China-India relationship, which is in line with the interests and expectations of both countries, the region and the world," he said.

From Africa, presidents of Nigeria, Kenya, Comoros have extended congratulatory messages to Modi. From Caribbean islands, leaders of Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana have also sent congratulatory messages to Modi. The prime ministers of Malaysia are among the South East Asian leaders who congratulated Modi.

In his message, Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu said he was looking forward to working with Modi. "Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi, and the BJP and BJP-led NDA, on the success in the 2024 Indian General Election, for the third consecutive term," Muizzu said on X. "I look forward to working together to advance our shared interests in pursuit of shared prosperity and stability for our two countries," he said.

In his message, Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe said he was looking at further strengthening bilateral ties.

"I extend my warmest felicitations to the @BJP4India led NDA on its victory, demonstrating the confidence of the Indian people in the progress and prosperity under the leadership of PM @narendramodi," he said.

"As the closest neighbour Sri Lanka looks forward to further strengthening the partnership with India," he said.

Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay too hoped for deeper India-Bhutan ties during Modi's third term.

"Congratulations to my friend PM @narendramodi ji and NDA for the historic 3rd consecutive win in the world's biggest elections. As he continues to lead Bharat to great heights, I look forward to working closely with him to further strengthen the relations between our 2 countries," he said on X. Latvian president Edgars Rinkевич said: "Congratulations to Prime Minister of India @narendramodi on the electoral victory."

"Looking forward to developing bilateral ties between Latvia and India as well as working together to promote peace and law globally," Lithuanian President Gitanas Nausėda was also among leaders to congratulate Modi. "Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi on the victory in Indian elections. I wish success & strength in serving the people of #India. Looking forward to strengthening bilateral ties between Lithuania & India and working together towards peace & stability in the world," he said on X.

Pak intruder held...

Tuesday evening, according to the officials. An Army patrol saw Hussain, who was unarmed, moving into the Indian territory. He tried to flee when he was challenged. No incriminating material was recovered from him, the officials said. They said preliminary questioning of the individual suggests that he might have crossed the LoC inadvertently.

Committed to secure...

contribution of farming community and all the stakeholders associated with agriculture and allied sector in nation building. Today, all the facilities and technologies like drones, artificial intelligence, machine learning, Internet of Things, block chain, are being made available to empower our youth to realise the potential of agriculture and food processing sector in Jammu Kashmir; he said.

The Lt Governor also applauded the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students of SKUAST-K in implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP). He sought their cooperation in further strengthening the ecosystem of agro-based industries and increasing the income of farmers. The Lt Governor also unveiled the SKUAST-K's working model of National Education Policy-2020, and planted a tree sapling in the University premises.

Prof. Nazir Ahmed Ganai, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir; HoDs, senior officials, faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

Devotees visiting Vaishno...

conservation, afforestation, and water treatment efforts.

"On this World Environment Day, I congratulate everyone. The board has consistently worked to protect the environment, and this new initiative is another step in that direction. We are providing plants to devotees as prasad from our nursery," Garg told reporters.

The newly launched nursery, featuring 40 species of plants, aims to promote environmental awareness among pilgrims.

He added that these plants would be available to pilgrims at nominal prices, with plans to expand the project based on its reception.

Garg also pointed towards the intention to extend this initiative to the Amarnath pilgrimage as well. "We are working to make these prasad plants available at Vaishnavi Dham and through counters in Jammu for Amarnath yatra pilgrims," he stated.

Nandan Kumar, a devotee from Pune, shared his joy, saying, "I am very happy to receive a plant as prasad. It is a wonderful initiative and a special prasad from Mata."

FIR lodged against...

to abstain from overloading. General Public is requested to avoid utilizing overloaded vehicles and cooperate with the Traffic Police and report any overloading by any vehicle on toll free No.103. The owner as well as the drivers of passenger vehicles are requested to follow the Traffic Rules and avoid overloading of vehicles otherwise strict action under law shall continue to be initiated against the violators.

Notorious 'blackmailer' Amit...

Kapoor was today evening arrested from Bus Stand area along with the cash.

Self-styled activist and convener of the so-called Parents Association, the fraudster Amit Kapoor was arrested under section 387 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) under FIR 31/2024 lodged at the Bus Stand Police Station. According to police records, there are numerous such complaints against Amit Kapoor in the past few years. In 2018, Amit Kapoor had also faked an incident of an attack on him at Greater Kailash area, which later proved to be totally baseless and concocted.

According to police, FIRs are registered against Amit Kapoor at Janipur Police Station, City Police Station and at Police Station Peer Mitha.

Police said, "Amit Kapoor's modus operandi was to hold protests against schools, government officers and business houses in a bid to demand and extort money from them." Jammu Police has appealed to all the aggrieved persons to come forward and file complaints against Amit Kapoor if any.

Collective efforts to...

Mandeep Kaur, Commissioner Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, VC LCMA; Manzoor Wangnoo, Chairman Nigeen Lake Conservation Organisation; senior officials, social activists, Volunteers and youth in large number were present.

Woman drug peddler...

and safeguard the youth of Kishtwar from falling into drug addiction, he said.

A special team apprehended the drug peddler and she is lodged in the Bhaderwah district jail, he added.

The SSP said the police's comprehensive strategy to tackle drug abuse includes organising awareness programmes across Kishtwar and taking stringent action against drug peddlers.

Qayoom also sought people's support to tackle the drug menace and said there is no place for drug syndicates in Kishtwar.

Multiple bovine smuggling attempts foiled, 86 bovines rescued

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Police has foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Sub-Division Samba and rescued eleven bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers.

Police teams under Police Post Rajpura (PS Ghagwal) assisted by BPP Mawa and BPP BabbarNaala headed by IC PP Rajpura in a joint operation have successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt during the intervening night of 4/5-06-2024 and rescued eleven bovines which were being smuggled by foot near Mawa. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to the safer place. However, the bovine smugglers managed to escape from the spot taking advantage of the darkness.

A case FIR No. 86/2024 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation has been started.

Jammu police tightening noose against bovine smugglers under operation Kamdhenu Police team of Police Station Jhajar Kotli, in the wee hours foiled bovine smuggling bids in which 11 bovine rescued from two different vehicles (Mahindra Bolero Load carrier) bearing registration number No. JK03H-1113 & JK02CL-7240 at naka point Suketar. The driver of the vehicle (JK03H-1113) disclosed his identities as Yaser Ali Chouhan, son of Jaleel Chouhan, resident of Kapran, Verinag Distt. Anantnag got arrested while the driver of the vehicle No. JK02CL-7240 fled away from the spot after leaving behind his vehicle on road. 11 bovines were rescued and both vehicles seized.

In this connection, two FIR under relevant sections of law stands registered and further investigation of both the cases are underway.

Ramban Police also foiled 08 bovine smuggling attempts, registered 08 FIRs arrested 08 bovine smugglers, rescued 64 bovines and seized 07 vehicles.

Police team of Police station Batote headed by SHO Batote while performing vehicle checking duty intercepted 03 vehicles, held 03 persons. During checking 28 bovines were found laden inside 03 vehicles, which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally. SHO Batote intercepted one more person who was taking 06 Bovines on foot towards Kashmir without any permission.

In another instance Police team of Police Station Ramban headed by SHO Ramban during vehicle checking duty intercepted a vehicle and held one persons. During checking 10 bovines were found laden inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally.

In another instance Police Party of PS Banihal headed by SHO Banihal during vehicle checking duty intercepted 03 vehicles, held 03 persons. During checking 20 bovines were found laden inside 03 vehicles which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally towards kashmir without permission of Competent Authority.

As a result, a total of 64 bovine Animals were rescued under the operation "KAMDHENU." Subsequently, FIR No. 80/2024, 81/2024, 82/2024, 83/2024 were registered at Police Station Batote, FIR No.129/2024 registered at Police Station Ramban, FIR Nos. 91/2024, 93/2024 and 94/2024 registered at Police station Banihal under relevant sections of law and investigation initiated into these cases.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 26 vehicles including 6 excavators seized

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing crackdown on illegal mining, Police has seized eight more vehicles including two excavators which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material thereby making a total of twenty six vehicles including six excavators seized across the district within four days.

Police teams headed by SHO Police Station Ramgarh, Incharge Police Post RakhAmb/Talli and Incharge Police Post Supwal (PS Samba) while performing patrolling duty in its jurisdictional areas, have seized two excavators (JCB) bearing registration No. JK21G-0028 & without registration No., four dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK14E-9484, JK14E-9527, JK21G-3434, JK02CT-9682 and two tractor trolleys bearing registration No. JK02CW-4599 & without registration No. for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further action.

Missing woman traced, reunited with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Wednesday traced a missing woman and reunited her with her family.

Police Post Pounichak received information regarding the disappearance of a lady (identity withheld) from Jammu, as reported on October 29, 2023, via DD No. 13.

Responding promptly, a dedicated team from the Police Post Pounichak, under the leadership of the In-Charge, put forth exhaustive efforts. Utilizing a combination of technical resources and human intervention, the missing lady was successfully traced. After completing all necessary legal procedures, the lady has been reunited with her family, to whom she rightfully belongs. Consequently, the missing person report has been closed.

Absconder nabbed after 24 years

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir Police, within Jammu District, has accomplished a significant arrest by apprehending an absconder who had been evad-

GDC Khour commemorates World Environment Day with various activities



Faculty members along with NSS unit of college during the event.

STATE TIMES NEWS

KHOUR: In a resounding demonstration of commitment to environmental conservation, the Government Degree College Khour celebrated World Environment Day with a series of activities. Under the patronage of worthy Principal, Prof. (Dr.) T. K. Sharma, the event saw enthusiastic participation from NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, and students from the Department of Environmental Sciences where Prof. T.K. Sharma emphasized the importance of collective action in tackling environmental issues.

The celebration began with an energetic

poster-making session, where students expressed their creativity by making images related to environmental issues. Under the banner of the "Mission Life" campaign, the campus buzzed with energy as participants joined in awareness rally, cleanliness drive, plantation drive and informational sessions focused on combating single-use plastics. A highlight of the day was the stirring Nukkad Natak performance, where cadets took center stage to spotlight environmental issues and inspire collective action.

The event owed its success to the diligent efforts of Lt. Shivani Sharma, ANO Boys Senior

Division, and Prof. Himanshu Khajuria, NSS Programme Officer, who orchestrated a seamless experience for all involved. Hav. Vinod Kumar from 2 J&K Boys Battalion graced the occasion with his presence enriching the celebration with his insights. Further, all faculty members were present on the occasion.

World Environment Day serves as a global platform for raising awareness and catalyzing meaningful change to address environmental challenges.

The spirited participation of GDC Khour underscores the vital role of education and community engagement in fostering a sustainable future.

ing arrest for a staggering 17 years. The individual in question has been identified as Madan Singh, son of Gaje Singh, resident of Basant Nagar, Janipur, Jammu. Madan Singh was implicated in case FIR No. 101/2000 under sections 452/332/148/149 RPC at Police Station Nagrota.

Following vital leads regarding the absconder's whereabouts, the diligent team from Police Station Nagrota, under the leadership of the Station House Officer, took decisive action yesterday and successfully apprehended the accused.

Jammu's Cyber Cell solves online financial fraud

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Cyber Cell of Jammu & Kashmir Police, based in Jammu District, has successfully resolved cases of online financial fraud, demonstrating its commitment to combating cybercrime.

A complaint was lodged with the Cyber Cell Jammu, reporting a financial fraud amounting to Rs 60,272. The victim had joined a 'Telegram group, where fraudsters falsely promised employment opportunities, leading to the investment of the aforementioned amount. Additionally, another complaint highlighted a financial fraud of Rs 50,000. In this case, the victim received a call from a fraudulent individual impersonating a police officer, claiming that the victim's spouse was in police custody, thereby coercing the victim to send the mentioned amount.

In response to these incidents, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu swiftly initiated investigations, demonstrating exemplary dedication. Through meticulous efforts, an amount of Rs 1,01,272 out of Rs 1,10,272 involved in these two separate online cybercrime complaints was successfully withheld. Further investigation into these matters is ongoing.

CIU Rajouri recovers hard-earned money of online fraud victims

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The District Cyber Investigation Unit Rajouri, dedicated to addressing cases of online frauds and cybercrime, has achieved a significant milestone by successfully recovering the hard-earned money of cyber fraud victims.

In response to recent incidents of financial fraud, the District Cyber Investigation Unit Rajouri has executed a successful operation resulting in the recovery of funds for six affected victims, amounting to a total of Rs 4.48 Lakhs. Six separate complaints of cybercrime and online fraud were received by the unit in Rajouri, prompting a thorough investigation by the dedicated team.

The commendable investigative efforts of the District Cyber Investigation Unit Rajouri, in collaboration with financial institutions, have led to these successful recoveries. The unit reiterates its unwavering commitment to preventing and combating financial crimes, prioritizing the protection of citizens' interests and financial security.

121 bottles of illicit liquor recovered, two brothers among 3 bootleggers arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In its ongoing drive against the menace of Drugs/ illicit liquor, Nowabad Police Station in Jammu District achieved a success when it apprehended 03 Bootleggers alongwith 121 bottles of illicit liquor.

During patrolling/checking, police party from PS Nowabad headed by ASI Tilak Raj signaled 03 persons having 01 card board box each looking Suspicious to stop for checking near J P CHOWK JAMMU. Instead of stopping, they started running from the spot. Who were chased away and apprehended by the alert police team. On checking, total 121 bottles of illicit liquor (180 ml each) were recovered from 03 cardboard boxes which they were carrying. On questioning they disclosed their identity as Pawan Kumar, son of Dina Nath, resident of Chand Nagar Jammu; Chandan Balgotra and Shiv Balgotra both sons of Girdhari Lal Balgotra, resident of Vikram Chowk Jammu. They were immediately taken into custody and illicit liquor seized on spot. In this connection, case FIR No. 86/2024 U/S 48(a) Excise Act stands registered at PS nowabad. Police team led by ASI Tilak Raj I/c patrolling/checking party from P/S Nowabad made the arrest/recovery under the supervision of SHO P/S Nowabad, Dy SP Hqrs. and SP City North Jammu.

Illegally acquired property by narcotics dealer attached

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Police in Srinagar attached property of Kamran Mushtaq Lone, son of Mushtaq Ahmad Lone, resident of Maloora, acquired in the name of his relative, out of illegal income earned through drug trafficking.

The accused namely Kamran Lone, a narcotics dealer, was arrested in case FIR No. 10/24 under section 8/21/27A/29 of NDPS Act by Police Station Parimpora on 30-01-2024.

During the investigation of the instant case, the illegal proceeds from his narcotics trade were identified and a double storeyed duplex house in the name of Abdul Ahad Lone, son of Late Mohammed Akbar Lone, constructed in 2023, falling under survey no. 310 titled "Abadi Deh" situated at Shalla Mohalla, Maloora, has been attached with confirmation from the competent authority and administrator, SAFEMA and NDPSA, New Delhi.

In compliance to section 68 F(1) of NDPS Act, the immovable property acquired by the accused through illegal means was seized and attached, and it shall not be transferred/sold/purchased or otherwise dealt with without the prior permission of the competent authority.

GDC Nowshera celebrates World Environment Day

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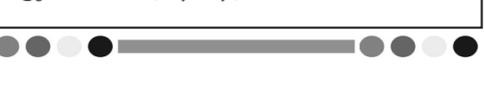
NOWSHERA: A Department of Environmental Sciences & NSS unit GDC Nowshera celebrated "World Environment Day" under its theme Land restoration, desertification and drought resilience.

The event was inaugurated by Dr K K Sharma, Principal of the college who emphasized the importance of revitalizing ecosystems to overcome environmental challenges from climate change to pollution, from deforestation to loss of biodiversity. He assures that college stands at the forefront of environmental stewardship, reaffirming its dedication to sustainability and green initiatives. Further he reminds that the college is proud to announce a series of initiatives fostering a culture of environmental protection. Together we can create a future where people can

live in harmony with nature where air we breathe and water we drink are clean and where all living beings can thrive.

During the plantation drive in the college campus, he highlighted the need of engaging students more actively in garden management. As the college has 102 kanals of its land, hence at least 30% of its land should be covered with tree plantation.

He acknowledged students from NSS unit for their active participation in tree planting ceremony and to clean and beautify college's Botanical garden for its efficient management. With these affords, the college has already turned into a green campus. To express gratitude to the faculty and students, the vote of thanks was presented by Dr Mohd Zeeshan, Department of Environmental Sciences.



Faculty members along with students during the programme.