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4,800 pilgrims leave...

Central Reserve Police Force, the officials said.

They said 1,836 pilgrims heading for Baltal were the first to leave the Bhagwati Nagar camp in 62 vehicles followed by the second convoy of 97 vehicles carrying 3,062 pilgrims for Pahalgam.

With this, 1,15,656 pilgrims have left from the Bhagwati Nagar camp for the Valley since June 29, the day the first batch of pilgrims was flagged off by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The annual 43-day yatra commenced from the twin base camps -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag and 14-km shorter Baltal in central Kashmir's Ganderbal -- on June 30.

So far this year, over 1.99 lakh pilgrims have offered prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice-sculptures, the officials said.

The yatra is scheduled to end on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

Thirty two people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing yatra. Another 15 pilgrims died in the flashfloods near the Amarnath cave shrine on July 1.

Ballot boxes of...

assembly had reached the parliament house.

The counting of votes will begin on July 21 morning to decide who will be the 15th President of India.

Elected MPs and MLAs are entitled to vote in this election, therefore voting also takes place in state legislative assemblies, but votes are counted in the national capital. The ballot box from the Delhi Legislative Assembly had reached the strong room late Monday night.

'Mr Ballot Box' came seated in the front row seat in aircraft under the watchful gaze of the Assistant Returning Officers (AROs) of their respective states.

The Election Commission had on Monday posted photographs of the sealed ballot boxes onboard flights accompanied by AROs.

According to the EC, each ballot box was issued an e-ticket under the name 'Mr Ballot Box'. The polling for the presidential election was held between 10 am to 5 pm Monday at 31 locations including the Parliament house and 30 centres within state legislative assemblies.

Conducting Assembly polls...

two new AIIMS and fast-tracking of infrastructure projects in roads and power are being initiated, Rai said.

Besides, a new central scheme is being implemented for the industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir with an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore, which would provide employment to 4.5 lakh people, he added.

Nearly 30,000 recruited...

from August 2019 up to June 2022.

"The government of Jammu and Kashmir has carried out recruitment in the public sector from the year 2019 onwards totaling 29,806," he said replying to a written question. The Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir, was scrapped on August 5, 2019 and the erstwhile state was bifurcated into two Union Territories Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Jammu and Kashmir has been under central rule since 2018.

Govt mulls proposal...

Kaushal Kishore said that meanwhile, an interim extension of six months for all verticals, except Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme, has been granted.

Kishore said that based on the project proposals submitted by states and Union territories, a total of 122.69 lakh houses have been sanctioned during the scheme period till 31 March 2022.

"Against the sanctioned houses, 101.94 lakh have been grounded for construction; of which 61.15 lakh are completed/delivered to beneficiaries. Central assistance of Rs 2,03,427 crore has been approved; out of which Rs 1,20,130 crore has been released," he said.

Out of the total 122.69 lakh sanctioned houses, around 41 lakh have been sanctioned in the last two years, Kishore said, adding that states and UTs have been advised to expedite the construction of sanctioned houses so that all houses are completed within the stipulated

ed timeline as per detailed project reports.

"A proposal seeking extension of the Mission up to March 2024, to complete all houses sanctioned under the scheme till March 31, 2022 without changing the funding pattern and implementation methodology, is under consideration," he said in the written reply. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) Housing for All' Mission, since June 25, 2015 by giving central assistance to states and UTs for providing all-weather pucca houses to all eligible urban beneficiaries.

COVID spike: Masks...

from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to officials.

The number of active cases stands at 75 in Ladakh -- all in Leh, they said.

Of the total 227 sample reports tested in Ladakh, 119 in Leh and 15 in Kargil were found to be negative, officials said.

Four people were discharged from hospital in Leh, taking the overall recoveries to 28,345, officials said. As many as 2,239 passengers were screened at Leh airport, 587 people, including drivers and helpers of trucks and light motor vehicles, were screened at Khaltse, and 267 were screened at Upshi check post on the highway, they added.

Prophet remarks row...

and Maharashtra on her plea and sought their responses by August 10.

The bench posted the matter for hearing on August 10.

On July 1, the same bench of the top court severely criticised Sharma for her controversial comments against the Prophet, saying her "loose tongue" has "set the entire country on fire" and that she is "single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country."

LG directs for...

Youth Services and Sports. Besides, Deputy Commissioners will set up panchayat level committees of officers, PRIs, Students, NCC/NSC cadets, colleges, socio-cultural organisations, political parties and Red Cross for distribution of flags.

The Administrative Secretaries briefed the Lt Governor on the plans and preparations made by their respective departments for Har Ghar Tiranga programme under Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

It was further informed that the action plan has been prepared to organise essay competition, debate and symposiums in schools/Colleges on different topics celebrating the spirit of Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The Lt Governor issued directions for organizing competition on National Anthem Singing and felicitating the best performers at District, Divisional and UT level functions of Independence Day celebrations.

The Lt Governor asked the Secretary RDD to procure at least one lakh flags made by the members of SHGs.

The Lt Governor also instructed for identification of the families and houses of freedom fighters where Police Bands will play tunes, besides organising one week Prabhat Pheri programs involving students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers celebrating the memory of heroes of our freedom struggle.

Home department would ensure Tricolor is unfurled at all the offices of its different wings including all Police Stations. Swachhata Abhiyan shall be organised at all the panchayats as well as urban areas, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor further issued directions for promoting and exhibiting the spirit of Har Ghar Tiranga through all the Government websites and Social Media Handles. Later, Deputy Commissioners of various districts also apprised the Lt Governor about the preparations and plans for Har Ghar Trianga programme.

SIA conducts raids...

against the Union territory to support and glorify terrorism by using different social media platforms for indoctrinating and alluring youngsters into terrorism," the spokesman said.

He said during the raids, some people who were found involved in the nexus of narcotic terror financing have been arrested under relevant sections of law and investigation is proceeding to establish the involvement of some more people in the nexus who are already under scanner.

The spokesman did not specify the number of persons arrayed during the raids.

LeT module brings...

from drones from Pakistan in the Line of Control area and ferrying them to Kashmir;



As per the details, an information was received at Police Station Miran Sahib regarding one absconder namely Pankaj Singh alias Panku alias Raja, son of Gopal Singh, resident of Kotli Mian Fateh, Miran Sahib who was absconding in several different cases.

On this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Miran Sahib Inspri Zaheer Mushtaq did strenuous efforts and finally arrested the above mentioned accused along with weapon.

It is pertinent to mention that accused was a notorious criminal of desperate character having more than 10 cases registered against the above said criminal including one murder case.

The issue was referred to a Fitment Committee consisting of officers from Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana and Gujarat.

he said.

"They were instrumental in bringing terrorists from Kashmir to this Pir Panjal side," the ADGP said.

Talib alias Abu Ahmad Haider Shah of Draj-Kotranka was the commander for the Rajouri area and instrumental in almost all major terror activities and incidents in the Pir Panjal area over the past three years, he said. He was arrested along with his three associates.

Qasim was monitoring the modules headed by Talib and another commander Altaf Hussain Shah to carry out terror attacks on security forces, minority communities and prominent political figures in the area, he said.

Talib and his associates have been found to be involved in five criminal and terrorism cases, the ADGP added.

After his arrest by the police and on subsequent disclosures, three under barrel grenade launcher grenades, one AK-47 rifle, four AK-47 magazines (containing 120 armour piercing rounds), two pistols, five pistol magazines, a Glock pistol silencer, 49 Chinese pistol rounds, one 2-kg IED, one 5-kg IED, five remote IEDs and four pressure mines were seized, he said.

Go First's aircraft...

involved in engine snag incidents will fly only when cleared by the regulator; officials said. Go First did not respond to PTI's requests for a statement on the aforementioned incidents. There have been multiple technical malfunction incidents in planes flown by Indian carriers in the last one month.

Over the last three days, Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has held multiple meetings with airlines and officials from his ministry and the DGCA officials to ensure safety oversight.

Narrow escape for...

also rushed to the spot and detained Parvez Khan, his brother Sohail Khan and Mohd Amir and also recovered a pistol," they said.

"A manhunt has been launched to apprehend Saddam and Mohd Hussain who managed to escape from the spot," police sources added.

GST on daily...

on foodgrains in the pre-Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime and the present levy on cereals, pulses, flour, curd and lassi is an exercise to curb tax leakage.

The decision, she said, was taken by the GST Council, where all states are represented, through a consensus.

The minister's comments come against the backdrop of the first two days of the monsoon session of Parliament virtually getting washed away due to vociferous protests by Opposition parties over the GST on daily use items and other issues.

"Is this the first time such food articles are being taxed? No. States were collecting significant revenue from foodgrain in the pre-GST regime. Punjab alone collected more Rs 2,000 crore on food grain by way of purchase tax. UP collected Rs 700 crore," she said.

Sitharaman also cited VAT on rice levied prior to 2017 in Punjab, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Bihar to buttress her point.

However, the tweets did not give instances of levy on pulses, paneer and lassi as has been the case now.

"Recently, the GST Council in its 47th meeting recommended to reconsider the approach for the imposition of GST on specified food items like pulses, cereals, flour, etc. There have been a lot of misconceptions about this that have been spread," the minister said.

When the GST regime, which subsumed 17 central and state taxes including central excise and state VAT, was rolled out in July 2017, a 5 per cent tax was levied on 'branded' cereals, pulses, and flour.

"Later this was amended to tax only such items which were sold under registered brand or brand on which enforceable right was not foregone by the supplier," she said. "However, soon rampant misuse of this provision was observed by reputed manufacturers and brand owners and gradually GST revenue from these items fell significantly."

Suppliers and industry associations asked the government to impose GST uniformly on all packaged commodities to stop such misuse, she said.

The issue was referred to a Fitment Committee consisting of officers from Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana and Gujarat.

The panel, she said, examined the issue over several meetings and made its recommendations for changing the modalities to curb misuse.

Labour Room Surgical wards, Gynae wards, Medicine wards, Pediatrics, Geriatrics & orthopedic wards were visited by DC & interacted with the patients, attendants, Staff & Medical Suptt Dr. Zulqar Ahmed. He also inspected Jan Aushadhi medical store. While checking attendance and punctuality of staff, 2 Junior Staff Nurses namely Roomi Malik and Samina Farooq were found unauthorized absent from duty. The Deputy Commissioner placed of both of them under suspension and stopped the salary.

Ring road mishap: Two more succumb, toll reaches to 5

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In ring road mishap, two more injured succumbed to injuries on Tuesday taking toll to five.

As per the details, few days back two cars collided head-on near Bari Brahmana on ring road as a result three died, while eight others were under treatment in GMC Jammu. Today two injured succumbed who have been identified as Raj Kumar, son of Ram Pal, resident of Nogran and Rebu Devi, wife of Mintu, resident of Bishnah.

Man electrocuted

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A man was electrocuted to death at Nehru Market area on Tuesday.

As per the details, a man came in contact with live wires in the area on July 17 and was shifted to hospital where he was under treatment. Today he succumbed.

Drug peddler nabbed with 180 grams Charas

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Cracking down heavily on narcotics smuggling as well as to neutralise the activities of drug peddlers within the district, Kathua Police under the guidance of SSP Kathua R C Kotwal on Tuesday nabbed a drug peddler and recovered/seized approx. 180 grams of Charas like narcotics from his possession at Lakhapur.

As per the details, a police team led by Insp. Vijay Kotwal SHO Lakhapur under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh during Naka/checking duty in its jurisdictional area near Lakhapur noticed one Car (JK14B-8427) enroute from Punjab towards Kathua which was being driven by person namely Manoj Kumar alias Manu, son of Heera Nand, resident of Danho Tehsil Marheen District Kathua at present W. No 17 Kathua who was signalled to stop for checking. On thorough checking approx. 180 grams of Charas like narcotics was recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested and FIR No. 62/2022 under section 8/20 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Lakhapur.

Pedestrian nabbed with poppy straw

STATE TIMES NEWS

JHAJJAR KOTLI: Police on Tuesday nabbed a pedestrian and recovered poppy straw from his possession.

As per the details, Jhajjar Kotli police during Naka at Suketar area intercepted a pedestrian on suspicion grounds. During frisking, police recovered 2.1 Kg poppy straw from the bag he was carrying. The accused identified as Mohd Ashraf, resident of Anantnag was arrested and a case under relevant section of law was registered against him.

Temple discretion attempt foiled, accused arrested

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police on Tuesday nabbed a man who was trying to damage idols in a temple at Chenani area.

As per the details, a team of Chenani Police during patrolling in the area, saw a man who trying to damage idols in Poli Mata temple. Acting swiftly, police nabbed the accused after a chase and registered a case under relevant sections of law.



Security forces including DySP Garu Ram Bhardwaj, Para Commandos, CRPF, SOG, Special Squad of J&K Police carrying out mock drill at accommodation center built in Chichi Mata temple Samba on Tuesday.

Man consumes poison, dies



STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR: A man was dies after he consumed poison in his house at Mendhar Tehsil. As per the details, Mohd Shakoor Khan, son of Mohd Taj Khan, resident of village Kandi Gulhota Tehsil Mendhar consumed poisoning substance in his house and was shifted to SDH Mendhar where after first aid he was referred to GMC Rajouri for further management but he died on way near Manjakote. Later, the was brought back to hospital and after autopsy handed over to the family for final

rites.

Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Pandey, has instructed the department to redouble its efforts to curb illegal mining activities and sought tough action against the violators. As per the officials, a heavy penalty, to extent of around Rs. 12.00 lakh, has been imposed on the pochail and dumper.