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on Thursday from the traditional 48-km Nunwan route in south Kashmir's Palgam and the 14-km Baltal route in central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

The pilgrimage is expected to see higher-than-usual attendance as it is being held after a gap of three years.

In 2019, the Yatra was cancelled midway ahead of the Centre abrogating Article 370 provisions of the Constitution. The pilgrimage did not take place in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**J&K logs 94...**

active COVID-19 cases in Jammu and Kashmir. So far, 4,49,882 people have recovered from the disease, they said.

**3 Amarnath pilgrims...**

the Sherbibi area in Banihal, they said.

Kundan Kumar (59) from Uttar Pradesh, Vivek (10) and Anita Gupta (49) from Chhattisgarh were undergoing treatment in Banihal hospital, the officials said.

They were to visit the cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas on July 3.

**Security agencies hold...**

Security forces carrying out mock drill at Chichi Mata temple in Samba.

challenges are being faced every day, sometimes with sticky bombs, revolvers, etc. are going.

He told that it is our utmost duty to protect Amarnath Yatri or any tourist who has come to visit Jammu and Kashmir.

All the preventive measures necessitated to be taken during any terrorist strike as well as the reaction time of the Police, Army and other Security forces was observed during the drill.

**Co-accused arrested...**

Police Station ACB Central against accused under section 7, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 read with PC (Amendment) Act, 2018 and Section 120-B of IPC for investigation. Subsequently, a trap team was constituted which laid a successful trap and nabbed accused Ashok Kumar, Naib Tehsildar, presently posted at Gharota red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 1.5 lakh from complainant. He was arrested on the spot by ACB team and bribe was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses. Searches were also conducted in houses of all accused persons and Rs 9 lakh was seized from house of Raman Gupta, resident of Akhnoor.

**Senior journalist DP Sharma passes away****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Veteran journalist D.P. Sharma passed away in Jammu on Friday morning. He leaves behind his wife and son. His cremation was held at the Jogi Gate in the afternoon.

Sharma retired as Bureau Chief of Times of India at Jammu. Earlier, he worked with Indian Express at New Delhi.

He was from a family of journalists. His father, BP Sharma, was Correspondent of AP and The Tribune in the pre-partition era and established the Radio Station in Jammu after partition.

Sharma's younger brother, S.P. Sharma, is Bureau Chief of The Statesman for J&K and Ladakh UTs. He was earlier with The Tribune in J&K, Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. D.P. Sharma's nephew, Arjun Sharma, is correspondent of The Tribune. Large number of people from cross section attended Sharma's cremation at the Jogi Gate crematorium. BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and former bureaucrat K.B. Jandial also attended the funeral. His son Varun Sharma lit the pyre.

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, MP and former CM, Dr. Farooq Abdullah, PDP leader Naseem Akhtar, Principal Secretary, IPR & Higher Education, Rohit Kansal are among those who condoled his death.

PGCIL provides Color Doppler ultrasound, X-ray machines to CMO Budgam



Executive Director PGCIL, Northern Region-II Kailash Rathore handing over colour doppler ultrasound and x-ray machines to CMO Budgam.

**■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), a Maharashtra PSU under Ministry of Power, on Friday provided one colour doppler ultrasound machine and 300 Ma x-Ray machine with high frequency generator to Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Budgam, for strengthening the medical infrastructure of the sub district hospital, Chattergam.

Kailash Rathore, Executive Director, PGCIL, Northern Region-II handed over two hi-end latest technology machines to Dr. Tehmeena Kousar, Dy.CMO, Health Department of Budgam district in the presence of Shafat Ahmed Wani, Sr. General Manager (RE/ST/SLTS), PGCIL, Arshad Hussain Khan, General Manager (Wagoora), Dr. Sami Ahmed, BMO, Chattergam and other senior officials of PGCIL and Health department, Budgam, Kashmir. The cost of these two hi-end machines is around 27 lakhs.

**Summer vacation in winter zone schools from July 4****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday announced summer vacation in schools in the valley from July 4. In an official order, Principal Secretary of School Education Department, B K Singh, said schools falling in the winter zone of Jammu region will also remain shut. "It hereby ordered that all the government educational institutions and recognised private schools up to higher secondary level functioning in the Kashmir Division and winter zone of Jammu Division shall observe summer vacation from July 4 to 14, 2022," according to the order.

**Restoring fettered constitutional...**

a lasting unity between different sections of our society," he said.

"We have to stop seeing ourselves as Hindu-Muslim, Shia-Suni, Barelvi-Deobandi, Kashmiri-Dogra binaries. Unity in diversity must be our creed to last for all time and under all circumstances, otherwise there is no end in sight to our common problems in the shape of poverty, unemployment, and development," he added.

The Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar alleged that the people of Jammu and Kashmir are being discriminated against at every level.

"There are no exceptions to this wanton democratic decline in Jammu and Kashmir. Our party had particularly suffered immensely for strengthening the roots of democracy in the region.

"We lost a number of our workers and leaders in the struggle. Unfortunately, the democratic march towards strengthening the institutions started by us at the cost of shouldering the coffins of our colleagues remains in suspended mode," he said.

Abdullah said the people of Jammu and Kashmir are at the epicentre of an emerging situation marked by widespread development deficit, pervasive unemployment, deepening alienation, unprecedented administrative inertia and insecurity.

The Centre revoked the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir on August 5, 2019, and divided it into two union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

**Six JKAS officers...**

Atul Sharma, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Industries and Commerce Department, has been posted as Managing Director, J&K Handloom and Handicrafts Corporation.

Mohammad Yaqoob Dar, Administrative Officer, Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, J&K has been transferred and posted as Administrative Officer Government Medical College, Anantnag.

Tajamul Yousuf, Junior Scale JKAS Officer of 2015 Batch, District Information Officer, Budgam, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the Office of Chief Secretary, J&K and the services of Erim Aziz, Junior Scale JKAS Officer of 2015 Batch, Block Development Officer, Baramulla, are placed at the disposal of Information Department for further posting.

**Army, Navy begin...**

on June 16 increased the upper age limit for recruitment under the scheme to 23 years from 21 for this year, and subsequently announced a slew of placatory steps such as a preference for Agniveers in central paramilitary forces and defence public sector undertakings upon their retirement.

Many BJP-ruled states also declared that 'Agniveers' -- soldiers inducted under the Agnipath scheme -- will be accorded priority in induction into state police forces.

The armed forces have made it clear those who had indulged in violent protests and arson against the new recruitment scheme will not be inducted.

**Amid spike in...**

seven fresh Covid cases that took the infection tally to 28,418, officials said.

All the new cases were recorded in Leh, they said.

So far, 228 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Ladakh. Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil, according to officials.

The number of active cases stands at 79 -- all in Leh, they said.

A total of 174 sample reports were tested in Ladakh. Of them, 122 in Leh and 45 reports in Kargil were found to be negative, officials said.

Five people were discharged from hospitals -- four in Leh and one from Kargil -- taking the overall recoveries to 28,110, officials said.

As many as 73 passengers were screened at the Leh airport, 851 passengers, including drivers and helpers of trucks and light motor vehicles, were screened at Khaltse and 307 were screened at Upshi check post on the highway, they added.

The number of active Covid cases has gone up to 78 in Ladakh -- 77 in Leh and one in Kargil.

**Drug peddler nabbed with contraband****Theft case solved; stolen property recovered****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

BUDGAM: Police has solved a theft case by arresting 2 accused persons and recovered stolen property from their possession. As per details, Police Post Waterihail received a complaint from a shopkeeper stating that 2 bike-borne youth, disguised as customers, fled away with 8 boxes of cigarettes from his shop. Accordingly, FIR No. 100/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Khansahib and investigation started. During the course of investigation, officers after utilizing all available means, nabbed two suspects identified as Umer Hassan, son of Ghulam Hassan Mir & Nadeem Yousuf Bhat, son of Yousuf Bhat, both residents of Kalshopora Khansahib, who during questioning confessed their crime. On their disclosure, stolen items were also recovered. The motorcycle used in crime was also seized.

**Drug peddler nabbed with contraband****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

BUDGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police has arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession. As per details, a Police party from Police Station Beerwah at a checkpoint established at Utigam Beerwah crossing signaled a motorcycle bearing registration number JK04G-0747 laden with two bags to stop. The motorcyclist on noticing Police, tried to flee but he was apprehended tactfully by alert cops. On search of accused, identified as Gulzar Ahmad Dar, son of Ali Mohammad Dar, resident of Ranipora Malpora, Beerwah, 30 Kg semi-grounded Poppy Straw was recovered. He was arrested and motorcycle used in crime was also seized. Police has registered FIR No. 79/2022 under relevant sections of law at Police Station Beerwah and investigation started.

**Thieves' gang busted; 4 arrested, stolen items recovered****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

BISHNAH: Police has busted a gang of thieves by arresting four thieves and recovered water pump-motors and other items worth Rs 1 lakh from their possession in Bishnah. As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Bishnah by one Rattan Lal, son of Natho Ram, resident of village Nongran, Bishnah stating that a group of thieves is active in the area for last few months and is mainly involved in theft of water motors installed in fields. FIR no. 112/2022 under section 379 of IPC was registered at Police Station Bishnah and investigation started. A special police team under the supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh and led by SHO Bishnah Insp Pawan Dogra, after putting in strenuous efforts and after connecting various leads, rounded up four accused identified as Baba Ram, son of Sudagar Mal, resident of Nougur, Kuldeep Kumar, son of Rashpal, resident of Gadiagh, Abhishek Kumar, son of Hareram Singh, resident of Gopalganj at present Miran Sahib and Mohd Hanief, son of Muhamar Ali, resident of Kotiya Madra, at present Bari Brahmana. During intensive questioning, they confessed their crime and on their disclosure, 8 water motors and 1 Motorcycle was recovered. The overall arrest and recoveries were made under supervision of SP Hqrs Rammish Gupta. Further investigation of the case is going on.

**Missing girl reunited with family****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Police has reunited a missing girl with her family in Arnia on Friday.

As per details, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Arnia regarding missing of a girl from her home. FIR No. 46/2022 under section 363 of IPC was registered at Police Station Arnia and investigation started. On this special police teams were formed under supervision of SDPO RS Pura Surinder Singh. The team led by SHO Insp Devinder Singh, after putting in hectic efforts, traced the missing girl and arrested an accused. Subsequently, family of the girl was informed and she was sent to CWC for further medical aid and counseling.

**Two narco-smugglers nabbed with 13.44 gm heroin****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

UDHAMPUR: In order to contain the spread of narcotic drugs & psychotropic substances, Udhampur police under overall supervision of SSP Udhampur Dr Vinod Kumar has recovered 13.44 gm in Heroin (Chitta) from 2 narco-smugglers at Rammagar, Udhampur.

As per details, a party from Police Station Rammagar led by Insp Pushpinder Singh SHO Rammagar under the supervision of Addl SP Udhampur Anwar ul Haq and SDPO Rammagar Dr Bishnu Dubey laid a Naka near SDPO Office Rammagar for checking. During Naka checking, police intercepted an Alto car bearing registration no JK14H 5461. During checking, 13.44 gm Heroin (Chitta) was recovered from the possession of two accused persons identified as Abdul Razzak, son of Abdul Qayoom, resident of Keya, Rammagar and Ajay Kumar, son of Puran Chand, resident of Jakhani. Both were arrested and FIR No. 86/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Rammagar.

**21 bovines rescued, 4 smugglers arrested****■ STATE TIMES NEWS**

RAMBAN: Acting tough against the bovine smugglers, Ramban Police acting on specific inputs regarding transportation of bovine animals, intercepted 4 vehicles and recovered 15 bovines from them, with JK02BJ-2721 carrying 4 bovines, JK02BW-5086 carrying 4 bovines, JK02CB-6705 carrying 4 bovines and JK02BL-7986 carrying 3 bovines, which were rescued.

Meanwhile, the Ladakh administration ordered a 15-day summer vacation in all government and private educational institutes in Leh district in the wake of a sudden spike in COVID-19 cases in the Union territory.

"In the wake of the recent spike in the Covid cases, especially among children, it will be appropriate to pre-empt the summer vacations in all government and private schools in Leh district as a measure to break the chain of infection," District Magistrate, Leh, Shrikant Balasahib Suse said in an order.

The summer vacations will now begin from July 4.

Further, as per an order issued by the Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture and Languages (LACAL), the Ladakh children festival, which was scheduled to begin from July 4, has been postponed and new dates will be communicated later.

**Directors of Companies...**

is to update yourself to work with the updated information linkages in new Version 3 of MCA system.

This step will ensure complete identification of every single filer in the system, be it director of any company, designated partner or any professional responsible for doing the ROC filings.

**Dr Jitendra announces...**

DoPT chaired by him in the last two-months. The Minister said, even legal experts were consulted widely as some of the orders were subject to the outcome of pending writ petitions in the court.

Dr Jitendra had recently also met a series of delegations of Central Secretariat officials on several occasions to thrash out the issue, as he considered that these three services - CSS, CSSS and CSCS form the backbone of the central secretariat administrative functioning.

Dr Jitendra Singh also recalled that over three years back, DoPT had carried out mass promotions of nearly 4,000 officials in different departments at different levels, which had been widely hailed. Many of these promotion orders were also issued, subject to the outcome of pending writ petitions, he recalled.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the secretariat services are an essential tool of governance, since the notes and drafts prepared by them form the bedrock of Government policies as the proposals pass through various stages in the government hierarchy.

**Man involved in...**

Act, a preventive detention law, to stop him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the union territory's security, they said.

He was continuously indulging in criminal activities and had created a state of terror amongst the peace loving people of the area, and has not mended his behaviour, they said, adding he has been lodged in the district jail.

**Commercial LPG price...**

is the second reduction in rates in a month's time. In June, price was cut by Rs 135 per 19-kg bottle.

However, there is no change in Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) price. The rate continues to be at an all-time high of Rs 141,232.87 per kilolitre (Rs 141.23 per litre) in the national capital.

While commercial LPG rate is revised on the 1st of every month, ATF price is revised on the 1st and 16th of every month based on average international prices and currency exchange rate in the previous fortnight.

Oil companies did not give any reason for not changing the price of ATF.

**15 DySPs promoted...**

Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary, Home department, the DySPs who have promoted as SPs include Shabir Ahmad, Shamsher Singh, Surinder Kumar, Ravail Singh, Pran Nath, Feroz Ahmad, Jagbir Singh, Firdous Ahmad Khan, Ravinder Paul Singh, Jagdev Singh, Diwakar Singh, B.K. Ganjoo, Nisar Hussain, Vikram Singh and Abdul Wahid Giri.

The arrested smugglers were identified as Kishore Kumar, son of Ram Nath, resident of Mansar; Basharat Kasanna, son of Manzoor Ahmed Khasana, resident of Mazmoh. FIR nos. 239/2022, 240/2022, 241/2022 & 242/2022 under sections 188 of IPC 11 of PCA act were registered at Police Station Ramban and investigation started.

Meanwhile, Police Station Dharamk