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LG calls for...

representations of every community and every sect", said the Lt Governor. While reviewing the division and category wise details of the 35 projects (18 in Jammu & 17 in Kashmir) approved by the Executive Committee, including Temples, Shrines, Gurudwaras, Ports, Church, Sculptures and Bowl, the Lt Governor directed the department for early start of the work on the projects already approved.

He also advised the department to put focus on developing digital libraries to promote intangible heritage and knowledge heritage.

He asked the department to send proposals of some potential projects to the Government of India that can be included in the existing schemes and programmes of the central government.

He further asked the department to take up the issue with the Culture department, Government of India for speedy execution of conservation and restoration of Shergarhi in Kashmir and Mubarak Mandi in Jammu, which is the symbol of our great architectural heritage.

The department was also advised to spread information regarding the places of tourists' interest in the UT through booklets at airports.

Zubair Ahmad, Administrative Secretary, Culture Department gave a detailed presentation on the initiative of revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of architecture and heritage in the UT. He also informed about the Cultural festivals to be held at Tourist destinations, besides talent hunt programmes planned at grassroot level.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to Lt Governor; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to the Government, Tourism Department; Pardeep Kumar, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums and other senior officials attended the meeting at Raj Bhawan.

Rajnath, Smriti Irani...

"Tiranga Bikers rally. The bikers are scheduled to reach Kargil on July 26. Several BJP leaders would be present on the occasion.

In Jammu, Rajnath Singh is scheduled to arrive on Sunday along with the RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, where he will address a gathering at Gulshan ground near Jammu University.

The event has been organized to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's independence and Kargil Vijay Diwas that falls on July 26.

Half of over...

halted for several hours owing to bad weather and shooting stones in Ramban district in the morning, officials said.

Hundreds of vehicles, including those which were part of the Amarnath yatra convoy, were stranded on the highway at various places.

Traffic was resumed after restoration of highway and improvement in the weather and road conditions, officials said.

The Amarnath convoy for Baltal, which was stopped at Yatri Niwas at Chanderkoot, has been allowed to move up to Mir Bazzar in Anantnag for night stay, they said.

The convoy coming after the night-stay at Mir Bazzar (Kashmir) following 'darshan' at the cave shrine will be allowed to move towards Jammu, they said.

The highway was closed this morning due to shooting stones at Meehar Ramban and Pantiyal, officials said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, traffic, Shabir Malik said no traffic will be allowed from Jammu today.

So far, over 2.22 lakh pilgrims have offered prayers at the cave shrine, housing the naturally formed ice Shiv lingam, the officials said.

The pilgrimage is scheduled to end on August 11 on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan. So far, 35 people, mostly pilgrims, have died during the ongoing Amarnath Yatra. This excludes 15 pilgrims who died in a flash flood near the cave shrine on July 8, the officials said.

BSF fires at...

he said. Earlier, police had busted three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) modules arresting seven of its members and recovering huge cache of arms, ammunition, and explosive material reportedly dropped by 20 drone sorties from Pakistan.

Reportedly, LeT had set up three terror modules in Jammu and Rajouri districts to collect and transport weapons dropped by drone in border areas of Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Rajouri districts to terrorists in Kashmir.

Srinagar Court summons...

JKCA funds to the tune of Rs 51.90 crore and utilised proceeds of crime for settling his personal and business liabilities".

It initiated the money laundering probe against the JKCA office-bearers on the basis of a case registered at the Rammunshi Bagh Police Station in Srinagar.

The case was later transferred to the CBI on the high court's directions.

The CBI has filed a charge sheet in the case against the former JKCA office-bearers for misappropriation of funds to the tune of Rs 43.69 crore.

Yasin Malik on...

and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), began his indefinite strike on Friday as he had threatened to earlier this month, they said.

On Friday morning, he refused to eat anything despite repeated requests by jail authorities, the officials said. His health is being closely monitored.

Appearing before a special CBI judge through video conference, Malik had said he wanted to appear physically in the case related to the kidnapping of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of the Union home minister Mufti Mohammed Sayeed, in December 1989.

Malik informed the court that he had written a letter to the government seeking his transfer to a Jammu jail so he could appear physically in the case and contest the allegations against him.

He had said he would like to personally cross-examine all the prosecution witnesses in the case and would wait for a government nod till July 22. If not, he would sit on an indefinite hunger strike inside the jail.

Malik began his protest when he received no information from the government about his plea to shift him to any prison in Jammu, the officials said.

The JKLF chief was arrested in early 2019 in connection with a 2017 terror-funding case registered by National Investigation Agency (NIA). Malik had pleaded guilty in the case and was sentenced by a special NIA court in Delhi in May.

Rubaiya Sayeed was allegedly kidnapped by the JKLF on December 8, 1989. She was freed from captivity five days later on December 13 after the then V P Singh government at the Centre, supported by the BJP, released five JKLF terrorists in exchange.

The case had gone into virtual cold storage and was revived after Malik was picked up by the NIA in 2019.

In January last year, the CBI, with help from special public prosecutors Monika Kohli and S K Bhat, framed charges against 10 people, including Malik, in the case that was a turning point in the Valley's volatile history.

After the release of the five JKLF members, terror groups started rearing their heads. Rubaiya Sayeed had been kidnapped by JKLF members from Srinagar to ensure the release of their associates lodged in different jails, officials said.

On July 15 this year, Rubaiya Sayeed appeared in the case for the first time and identified Malik and three others as the ones who took her captive. Malik was present in the court through video conferencing.

"This is the person and his name is Yasin Malik. He was the man who threatened me that he would drag me out of the minibus if I refused to follow their diktat," Rubaiya Sayeed told the judge.

ACB nabs AEE...

these public servants were found to be prima facie true. "On basis of findings and recommendations of Enquiry Officer, FIR No 20/2022 was registered at Police Station ACB Baramulla under section 7 of PC Act 1988 (as amended in 2018) and section 120-B IPC against both accused public servants. Accordingly, a team was constituted which caught both accused red handed while demanding and accepting

bribe from complainant and both were arrested after completing all legal formalities," he said, adding that further investigations are going on.

3 children, woman...

In the accident, three children died on the spot and 15 others were injured, they said.

Of the three children, two were siblings.

The deceased were identified as Suman Devi, 40, Rahul, 8, his sister Muskan, 5, and Krish, 5.

All of them were residents of Jaswal Mandal of Samba district.

Meanwhile, Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) Working President Raman Bhalla expressed deep shock and grief over the Samba Tragic accident.

Bhalla termed Samba accident very unfortunate and painful in which three minors and a lady lost their precious lives while leaving 15 others injured.

"I was deeply saddened to learn about the tragic accident in Samba, no words to express pain and grief," Bhalla said in his condolence message and expressed heart-felt condolences for the bereaved family.

Daughters not liability...

then directed the man to pay Rs 2,50,000 to his spouse and daughter within two weeks.

Later, when the matter came up for hearing in May this year, the bench was informed that the wife had died last year.

The counsel appearing for the man had told the apex court that he has duly paid the arrears of maintenance and referred to the bank statements.

"In order to enable the court to have a factual report on whether the order for the payment of maintenance has been complied with, we request the registrar (judicial) to prepare a factual report after ascertaining the position from the counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners and the respondent," the court had said in its May order.

It had said that report of the registrar (judicial) be prepared within eight weeks.

When the matter came up for hearing on Friday, the bench was informed that the woman is a lawyer and has cleared prelims of a judicial services exam.

The top court observed that the woman should concentrate on her exams so that she is not dependent on her father.

After the bench was informed that the woman and her father have not spoken to each other since long, the court suggested they talk.

The bench asked the man to pay Rs 50,000 to his daughter by August 8.

Progressing J&K: Saubhagya...

thanked GoI & J&K Government for realising their dream of seeing their homes lit-up in remote Saddal village.

Notably, Jammu and Kashmir has received a reward worth Rs 100 crore from the Government of India for achieving the target of 100 per cent electrification ahead of timeline.

Pertinently, the Union Territory had achieved another milestone under Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana 'Saubhagya' with J&K accomplishing the 100 percent target of rural electrification that too before deadline.

J&K records 557...

from the Kashmir valley, they said.

There are 2,801 active cases of the disease in Jammu and Kashmir at present, and the number of recoveries has reached 4,51,980, the officials said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 17 fresh cases of Coronavirus, thereby increasing the COVID-19 tally to 28,726, while 13 patients were cured and discharged a hospital, officials said. All positive cases were received in Leh.

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 the officials.

The number of active COVID-19 cases has gone up to 111 in Ladakh - 109 from Leh and 2 from Kargil, they said. All the 13 people were discharged from a hospital in Leh after being cured. With this, the total number of recoveries stands at 28,387, the officials said.



Missing woman traced, reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Police on Saturday traced a missing woman and reunited her with family members.

As per details, on July 15, 2020, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Hiranagar by a person stating therein that his daughter, resident of Chajarth Tehsil Hiranagar, District Kathua went missing from home. Acting on complaint, a missing report was entered at Police Station Hiranagar and search started to trace out missing woman. With strenuous efforts, coupled with technical assistance, the team from Police Station Hiranagar traced the missing woman and handed her over to family member after completion of all legal formalities.

2 excavators, dumper seized for illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing action against illegal mining within



district, Kathua Police under overall supervision of SSP R C Kotwal seized 2 excavators along with a dumper indulged in illegal extraction/transportation of construction material near Korepunnu on Saturday.

As per details, a team led by Insp Amit Sangra SHO Rajbagh under supervision of SDPO Border Pankaj Soodan seized 2 Excavators along with a dumper indulged in illegal extraction/transportation of construction material. Thereafter, the seized excavators and dumper were handed-over to officials of Geological & Mining Department Kathua for further legal proceedings.

Two held for selling Chinese Manja, 142 bundles recovered



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: In a drive against sale of Chinese Manja (Gattu) subsequent to an order issued by DC Jammu and on directions of SSP Jammu, Police on Saturday arrested two accused namely Vijay Kumar, son of Massu Ram, resident of

Lehar Sungal, Tehsil Akhnoor and Rajesh Sharma, son of Late Chaman Lal Sharma, resident of Ward-7, Arya Samaj Gali, Tehsil Akhnoor and recovered 142 bundles of Chinese Manja (Gattu). Accordingly, FIR No. 214 & 215/2022 under section 188 of IPC was registered at Police Station Akhnoor and accused persons was arrested. The arrest was made by PSI Manoj Kumar and PSI Zulfiqar under SHO Police Station Akhnoor Hilal Azhar.

Kidnapped minor girl rescued after 5 months, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday solved a kidnapping case after five months by recovering kidnapped minor girl and arresting accused.

As per details, on March 1, 2022, a person, resident of Ladore, Tehsil Marh lodged a complaint alleging that her 15 years daughter went missing since February 22, 2022 from school. He later came to know that a person namely Sumit Kumar, son of Satpal, resident of Kotli, Arjun Singh Pura has kidnapped her daughter. Accordingly, FIR No 72/2022 under section 363 of IPC was registered and different teams were constituted to trace abducted girl. After hectic efforts by police, abducted minor girl was recovered from Kotli Arjun Singh Pura, R S Pura from possession of one Sumit Kumar, who was also arrested. The abducted girl was handed over to her legal guardians.

Bootlegger nabbed with 46 quarters of illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 46 quarters of illicit liquor from his possession. As per details, information was received at Police Station Domana, that one Ashok Kumar, son of Karam Cahnd, resident of Nagbani is selling quarters of JK Exeise Whisky among locals at Machine Domana. On this, a party from Police Station Domana led by PSI Anoop Kumar rushed to the spot and apprehended the accused besides recovering 46 quarters of Desi whisky from his possession.

Narco-smuggler nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday nabbed a narco-smuggler and recovered 5 gm heroin from his possession.

As per details, a party from Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh and overall supervision of SP Hqrs Rammish Gupta established a Naka at Balool Bridge. During checking, police intercepted a scooter (JK02CT9625) on suspicious grounds. During search, 5 gm heroin (Chitta) like substance was recovered from possession of rider namely Tajinder Pal Singh, son of Dawinder Singh, resident of Lower GadiGarh. He was arrested and FIR No. 81/2022 under sections 8/21/22/60 of NDPS Act was registered against him.

Absconder arrested after 9 years

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday nabbed an absconder who was evading arrest for last 9 years.

As per details, information was received at Police Post Sidhra through reliable sources regarding an absconder namely Fateh Mohd, son of Mehraj Din, resident of Ragoora Sidhra, who was evading arrest in FIR No. 34/2013 under sections 341/323 of RPC registered at Police Station Nagrota.

On this, a team from Police Post Sidhra under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar led by SHO Police Station

Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap Singh assisted by Incharge Police Post Sidhra SI Majid Hussain, after putting in strenuous efforts, raided suspected locations and finally arrested the accused. It is pertinent to mention that a warrant under section 512 of CrPC was issued against the absconder by Court.

Illicit timber seized, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Saturday seized illicit timber and arrested an accused involved in crime.

As per details, acting on specific information regarding timber smuggling, a party from Police Post Pakherpora at a checkpoint established near Petrol Pump Pakherpora intercepted a vehicle (JK13E-6604) driven by one Syed Mukhtar Ahmad Indrabi, son of Syed Mehraj-u-Din Indrabi, resident of Thokerpora, Pulwama. During checking, 4 logs of illicit timber were recovered from vehicle. The accused was arrested and vehicle was seized. Accordingly, FIR No. 69/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Charar-e-Sharif and investigation started.

4 drug-peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: To eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Saturday arrested four drug peddlers in Baramulla and recovered contraband substances.

As per details, officers from Police Station Chandoosa under the supervision of SHO Police Station Chandoosa during routine checking at Jathar Chandoosa intercepted three persons. During search, 6 gm Brown Sugar and 60 gm Charas like substance were recovered from accused, who were identified as Farooq Ahmad Wani, son of Ghulam Ahmad Wani, resident of Kachwa; Mohd Rafiq Sheikh, son of Ghulam Hassan Sheikh, resident of Fatehgarh and Amir Ahmad Wani, son of Abdul Gani Wani, resident of Zandfaran. They were arrested and shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, case under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Chandoosa and investigation started.

Meanwhile, a party from Police Post Magam during patrolling in Bomdagar area intercepted a suspect and recovered 105 gm Charas like substance from his possession. Identified as Abdul Quyoom Ahanger, son of Abdul Razak Ahanger, resident of Magam was arrested and shifted to police station, where he remained in custody. FIR No. 206/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Handwara.

Burglary case solved; 4 arrested, stolen property recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Police on Saturday cracked a burglary case by arresting 4 accused involved in crime and recovered stolen property from their possession.

As per details, on June 11, 2022, Police Station Khan Sahib received a joint application from Syed Mohammad Iqbal Shah, Ghulam Mohi Din Indrabi & Mohammad Shafi Paul, all residents of Kaitech Razgiri stating that during intervening night of June 10-11, burglars entered their houses and decamped with gold and cash. Accordingly, FIR No. 85/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Khan Sahib and investigation started. Many suspects were called for questioning and after strenuous efforts, the accused were identified and arrested. They were identified as Bashir Ahmad Sheik, son of Ghulam Mohammad Sheikh, resident of Frestibal Pampore; Bashir Ahmad Sangru, son of Jan Mohammad Sangru, resident of Raithan Budgam and Fareed Ahmad Khan, son of Mohammad Shafi Khan, resident of Kalakote Rajouri.

During investigation, the accused confessed that they had committed burglary and sold stolen items to one Mohammad Akbar Itoo, son of Mohammad Jafar Itoo, resident of Pattan who runs a Jewellery shop at Hamdaniya Colony, Bemina, who was subsequently arrested. On their disclosure, stolen property including 3 gold rings, 3 pairs Jhumkas, a pair of ear-rings and cash amounting to Rs 33,450 was recovered from their possession. Further investigation is going on and more recoveries and arrests are expected.

75 bovines rescued, 12 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Saturday foiled various bovine smuggling bids by rescuing 75 bovines and arrested 12 smugglers. As per details, Jammu Police rescued 19 bovines during Naka checking at two different places including 7 bovines at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli while 12 were recovered under the jurisdiction of Police Station Akhnoor. As per details, Naka was laid near Suketar by team of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli constituted under supervision of SDPO Nagrota Pardeep Kumar. The team led by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Insp Vikram Sharma recovered 7 bovines from a vehicle (JK02CX-3758), which were rescued. FIR No.185/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA ACT, 50,52,54,56 of Transportation of Animals Rules of 1978 was registered at Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and accused namely as Khan Mohd, son of Saraj Din, resident of Raipur Jagir, Bhadr-Rode Jammu was arrested. Similarly, at another Naka under jurisdiction of Police Station Akhnoor, a team from Police Post Chowki Chourah constituted under supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial and led by SHO Akhnoor Inspr Hilal Azhar assisted by Incharge Police Post Chowki Chourah SI Saroop Singh, intercepted a vehicle (JK20A-4382) and recovered 12 bovines, which were rescued. FIR No 212/2022 under section 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act, 184 of MV Act and 50, 52, 54 read with 56 of Transportation of Animal Rules 1978 was registered at Police Station Akhnoor.

Udhampur Police also rescued 20 bovines and arrested 2 smugglers at Tikri. On directions of SSP Udhampur, Dr Vinod Kumar under supervision of DySP Hqrs Udhampur Sahil Mahajan, a party from Police Party Tikri headed by Insp Rajesh Sharma SHO Rehambal and assisted by PSI Abdul Satar Incharge Police Post Tikri established a Naka and noticed a group of bovines, which were taken on foot without any legal permission. Accordingly, 12 bovines were rescued and a smuggler namely Mohd Mushtaq, son of Saif Ali, resident of Chak Wizru was arrested on spot.

In another case, same police party rescued 8 more bovines which were found laden in a vehicle (JK14 H 1272), driven by one Mohd Saleem, son of Mohd Rashid, resident of Jaganoo, who was arrested on the spot. FIRs Nos. 171 & 172 of 2022 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act were registered at Police Station Rehambal and further investigation started.

In another instance, on direction of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra, teams led by DySP Surankote, SHO Police Station Surankote, Incharge Police Post Behramgalla, Incharge Police Check Post Poshana established Naka at Behramgalla, Poshana and Surankote areas. During Naka checking, police apprehended 4 bovine smugglers and seized 4 vehicles (JK20 5057, JK02AB 6686, JK12B 0612 & JK02Q 1641) laden with 20 bovines, which were rescued. Accordingly, FIR Nos 215, 216, 217 & 218 under sections 188 of IPC, 11 of PCA Act were registered at Police Station Surankote and investigation started. Rajouri police also foiled three separate bovine smuggling bids and rescued ten animals. As per details, police in Nowshera foiled two separate bovine smuggling bids, seized two vehicles besides apprehending 4 smugglers and rescuing eight bovines.

In morning hours of Saturday, patrolling parties of Police Station Nowshera during routine checking frisking at Kulwant Chowk and Bareri area of Nowshera, intercepted vehicles bearing registration numbers JK11F4520 and JK11D 1698 loaded with bovines. Four persons namely Mohd Sohil, son of Mohd Sadiq; Imtayaz Ahmed, son of Mohd Munshi and Iqab Maqsood, son of Mohd Maqsood, all residents of Gurdian Pain, Rajouri and Mohd Israel, son of Mohd Sain, resident of Tain, Bhata, Qila Darhal were arrested. Similarly alert police party at Potha Naka of Police Station Kalakote intercepted a Tata Mobile loaded with two bovines, which were rescued.

Teenager injured in mine blast along LoC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A teenager was injured in a mine blast along Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district on Saturday, officials said.

There was a mine blast in forward area along LoC in Poonch sector in which a teenager was injured, they said.

The injured boy was hospitalised, they said.