

## Senior Citizens Welfare Forum holds General Body Meeting



Forum members during the meeting at Katra.

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KATRA: 93rd General Body Meeting of Senior Citizens Welfare Forum Katra (Regd.) was held at PWD Guest House Katra on Saturday which was chaired by its President Shiv Kumar Sharma and proceedings were conducted by Channay Ram, Executive Member of the forum.

In the beginning, birthday greetings were conveyed by the president and house to all

the members whose birth-days fell due in July 2022.

Various allied issues were threadbare discussed in the meeting, besides it was unanimously agreed to go for picnic to Sankari Devta (Panchari) on the eve of festival in the last week of August.

Many senior members who spoke on this occasion are Shiv Kumar Sharma, Sukhdev Singh, Mohan Lal Sharma, Sita Ram Dogra,

Gopal Komal, Krishnan Ram, Sansar Chand and expressed their views and experience.

Later two minutes silence was observed by the house to pay homage to one of our senior member Vinod Kumar Vaishanvi who left for heavenly abode early in this month.

Meeting was concluded with celebration of birthday to Sukhdev Singh, Capt. Hans Raj and Sita Ram Dogra by garlanding ,showing of flower patels and presenting them a gift to each by President and other senior members as a mark of love and respect together with light refreshment. About 21 worthy members of the forum participated in the meeting. Vote of thanks was presented by Sukhdev Singh, Vice-president.

## Arrangements for I-Day celebrations & Har Ghar Tiranga campaign discussed

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BHADARWAH: Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhadarwah, Ch. Dil Mir on Saturday chaired a meeting to discuss the Independence Day Celebration arrangements here in the Conference Hall of Dak Bungalow Bhadarwah.

Launch of Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign from 11th of August to 17th of August was also discussed in detail during the meeting. The ADC directed the concerned officers to ensure all necessary arrangements viz security, power supply, drinking water etc are put in place well in time. He informed that the main function will be held at New Bus Stand Kotli, where Chief Guest will unfurl the tricolour and shall take salute at the March Past Parade from the contingents of IIRP, CRPF, Senior and Junior NCC wings, Government and Private school children. Similarly, a variety cultural programme by local artists and school children showcasing local culture, tradition and patriotism was also finalised. The meeting also discussed the road map for the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. It was apprised that under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Government has launched "Har Ghar Tiranga" from August 11 to August 17 to encourage people to hoist the National flag at their homes to mark the 75th Independence Day. The programme aims at invoking a feeling of patriotism in the hearts of people and promoting a sense of respect for the symbols of Independence, he added.

The meeting was attended by Tehsildar, SDPO, Commandant 4RR, BDO, the Heads of Higher Secondary Schools and Degree College Bhadarwah, TSWO, AEE Jal Shakti, AEE PDD, AEE PMGSY and other representative officials of various other departments.

## SKPA accords warm send-off to SSP Vijay Kumar Jamwal

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UDHAMPUR: On attaining the age of superannuation Vijay Kumar Jamwal, SSP, was given warm send off on Saturday from the Sher-I-Kashmir Police Academy Udhampur.

While speaking on the occasion the retiring officer remembered number of memorable moments of his service career. He said that he is fully satisfied with the services delivered by him during the service of 37 years in the police department. At Police Academy Udhampur, he served as Dy. Director (Outdoor) for the last one year during which he worked with entire satisfaction and he was happy to retire from this premier institution.

Speaking on the occasion, Mohan Lal, SSP, Dy Director (Indoor/ Training) and Vinay Kumar, SSP, Dy. Director (Administration) congratu-



SKPA officials giving farewell to SSP Vijay Kumar Jamwal.

lated the retiring officer on behalf of the Director SKPA Udhampur; other officers and staff of the Academy. Mohan Lal, SSP appreciated the services rendered by Jamwal in the J&K Police in general and Police Academy in particular. He said that Jamwal is a man of integrity and we have worked together in synergy for the last one year at this Academy. Mohan Lal extended warm regards to the family members who

were also present in the function. He wished the retiring officer a healthy and prosperous post-retirement life.

Among others Pawan Kumar, Dy.SP, AD (Outdoor), Tahir Hussain, Dy.SP, AD (Indoor/Intl.), Summati Gupta Dy.SP, Assistant Director (Q), NGOs, faculty members of Indoor and Outdoor and other staff of the Academy were also present on the occasion.

## GDC Samba elects Staff Secretary

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SAMBA: The faculty members of Pt. Prem Nath Dogra GDC Samba unanimously elected Dr. Kuldeep Singh as staff secretary of the college. A joint meeting of all the faculty members was held in the Smart classroom of the college. For the conduct of electoral of the election has conducted by senior most faculty member Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhagat.

The name of Dr. Kuldeep Singh was proposed by Dr. Rajni Sharma and was seconded by Dr. P.S. Manhas. The election of other office bearers was also conducted by following the same procedure. The presidium of the college, Dr. Kuldeep Singh Associate Professor (HOD Punjabi) as staff secretary, Prof. Kamaljeet and Prof. Rashu Sharma as Joint Secretaries, Dr. Virender Pal Singh as treasurer and Dr. Manjulla Gupta as Publicity Secretary. In his address, Dr. Kuldeep Singh expressed gratitude and deep sense of thanks to all the faculty members for showing faith in him and he assured all the member he will work tirelessly for the well being of college fraternity.

## KVK Reasi promotes eco-friendly farming

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REASI: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Reasi under the aegis of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Jammu (SKUAST-J) is educating and encouraging the farmers for ecofriendly farming/organic farming so that they can produce quality and safe food and generate more income and employment.

According to Dr. Banarsi Lal, Sr.Scientist and Head of KVK, Reasi, the cost of

chemicals for agricultural use is increasing and it is difficult to mitigate the inputs costs for the small and marginal farmers so organic farming is the best option to enhance their income. He said that indiscriminate use of chemicals in the crops is causing different kinds of ailments to the human beings and also deteriorating the soil health and environment so there is need of eco-friendly farming. He added that eco-friendly farming can be done with

the minimum resources which are already available at farmers field.

He said that KVK, Reasi is providing the technical support to the farmers and guiding them how to convert a chemical farm to an organic farm.

He added that KVK is stressing on the cluster based approach for organic farming. He further added that organically grown crops are healthier than conventionally grown crops and are more profitable. He said that KVK

experts are guiding the farmers on organic inputs preparation such as Jeevamrit, Beejamrit, cow urine, Panchagavya, fermented butter milk etc. for organic agriculture. He also informed on the crops rotation and sowing of leguminous crops to increase the fertility of soil.

He narrated that organic inputs such as neem cake, neem oil, pheromones traps, sticky traps, biofertilizers etc. can also be utilized in organic farming.

## Army constructs 170 feet bridge to restore Machail Mata Yatra

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UDHAMPUR: Army constructed a 170 Feet bailey bridge to restore the Machail Mata Yatra. The existing bridge enroute Machail Mata Yatra was washed away at Kundail village due to flash floods which interrupted the Machail Mata Yatra. The civil administration requested the army for necessary assistance, thereafter the army immediately swung into action and transferred almost 40 vehicle loads of stores over 400 km to the work site ,util-

ising multiple vehicles for store shifting due to road restrictions. The army engineers worked day and night to construct 170 feet double single bailey bridge on the gap during inclement weather and terrain. The task was especially challenging due to restricted back space available and manual carriage of stores to site. The timely completion of bridge helped in restoration of the yatra to its original status and enabled cutting down the walking time by almost 15 km.

## Digital Week celebrations underway at GDC Akhnoor

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AKHNOOR: The Department of Computer Applications of GDC Akhnoor organized one week programme under "Digital Week Celebration" which was to be held from July 25 to 31, 2022. A number of activities were held in the college which includes Awareness lecture on various digital schemes in the UT of

J&K, Online quiz on general awareness about digital services in J&K, Collaborative sharing of various IT initiatives by the students of the college, Selfie with banner and hoardings. The whole week long event was organized under the guidance of Prof Surinder Singh Parihar, Principal of the college. The activities were co-ordinated by

Prof Jyoti Sharma (HoD) and Prof Dewarka Nath from department of Computer Applications. The Principal of the college applauded the students for their active participation in all the events. The Principal also congratulated the department of Computer Applications for the successful conduct of "Digital Week Celebration".

## DIPR Centre Doda bids adieu to retiring officer

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DODA: District Information Centre Doda on Saturday bid teary adieu to Assistant Information Officer Bhaderwah, Bikram Singh on his superannuation from the services.

While recalling the unmatched and exemplary services of the outgoing AIO, all the speakers said that people of his calibre are limited in the department and his services will be remembered by the department for all times to come.

The AIO expressed gratitude to the staff of the District Information Centre Doda for extending unconditional support during his services.

The staff wished him best of luck and also prayed for his sound health and happiness for the upcoming countless times.

## Selfie point created at GDC R S Pura to celebrate Digital Week

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R S PURA: Department of Computer Applications, GDC RS Pura in collaboration with 2 J&K NCC Girls Bn under guidance of the Principal of the college, Prof. Sunil Uppl created a selfie point as part of the ongoing Digital J&K Week celebrations. The event was organized and managed by Dr

Neha Jain, HOD and Prof. Amit Singh, Assistant Professor; Department of Computer Applications and Lt. Shaveta Choudhary, ANO. The selfie point was created with an aim to spread awareness regarding the digital initiatives of the government and to encourage the students to use the digital platforms for the

ease of work. The event marked the conclusion of the week long Digital Week celebrations. The principal applauded the efforts of the organizing committee and the students in creating awareness regarding the digital portals and motivated the students to spread the awareness even more amongst their friends and family.

## CRIME REPORT

## 4 drug-peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

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HANDWARA: Continuing efforts to eradicate menace of drugs, Police on Saturday arrested 4 drug peddlers in Handwara and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Qalamabad at a checkpoint established at Shartgund Bala intercepted 2 persons roaming in suspicious conditions. On checking, 110 gm Charas like substance was recovered from their possession. The accused, identified as Tariq Ahmad Mir, son of Ab Kabir, resident of Haril and Shareef Din Pandith, son of Gh Rasool, resident of Bunpora Langate, were arrested and shifted to police station, where they remained in custody.

Meanwhile in another action, a party from Police Station Handwara, at a checkpoint established near ITI Handwara, arrested 2 drug peddlers identified as Shafkat Shahnaz Kaboo, son of Shahnaz Ahmad Kaboo, resident of Ganipora and Farooq Ahmad Dar, son of Mohd Sultan, resident of Lachipora. During search, 350 gm Charas like substance and cash amounting to Rs 2,800 was recovered from their possession. They were shifted to police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law were registered in respective police stations and investigation started.

## 4 gamblers arrested; stake-money seized

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SOPORE: Acting tough against social crimes, Police on Saturday arrested 4 gamblers and seized stake-money along with playing cards from their possession.

As per details, acting on specific information about gambling activities in orchards of village Mazbugh, a party from Police Post Fruit Mandi led by PSI Irfan Nazir raided the spot and arrested 4 gamblers, identified as Abdul Majeed Bhat, son of Mohd Ramzan, resident of Butpora; Abdul Rahim Lone, son of Ghulam Nabi Lone, resident of Ladoora Rafiabad, Ghulam Muhammad Illahi, son of Mohd Subhan, resident of Chakla Baramulla and Abdul Qayoom Mir, son of Abdul Ahad Mir, resident of Noorbagh. Officers also seized stake-money amounting to Rs 10,050 and playing cards from gamblers, who were shifted to Police station where they remained in custody. Accordingly, FIR No. 161/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Sopore and investigation started.

## Woman among 3 thieves arrested; stolen property recovered

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SRINAGAR: Police on Saturday arrested 3 thieves including a woman and recovered stolen property worth Rs 6.5 lakh & cash amounting to Rs 1,10,500 from their possession.

As per details, on July 27, 2022 Police Station Shergarhi received a complaint from one Kartik Sarkar, son of Sitaram Sarkar, resident of Hugli, Kolkata working as a goldsmith at Sarai Payeen Srinagar stating therein that during intervening night of July 26-27, 2022 some unknown burglars barged into his jewellery workshop and decamped with gold jewellery. In this regard, FIR No. 60/2022 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Shergarhi and investigation started.

During course of investigation, the police team after examining technical evidences and CCTV footages identified an accused namely Tahir Ahmad Mir, son of Sonaullah Mir, resident of Harden Siver, Khurhama Lolab, Kupwara. Subsequently, after strenuous efforts he was arrested and on his disclosure two more accused involved in crime were arrested, who were identified as Jameela @ Jabeena, wife of Tahir Ahmad Mir, resident of Harden Siver Khurhama Lolab, Kupwara and Irshad Hussain Yattoo, son of Mohd Akbar Yattoo, resident of Sultanpora Pattan, Baramulla. On their disclosure, stolen property worth Rs 6,50,000, including 3 gold neck collars, a gold Necklace, a gold pendant, 6 pairs of gold earrings, a bangle and cash amounting to Rs 1,10,500 was also recovered. The investigation of the case is going on and more recoveries are expected.

## Three arrested; 13 stolen two-wheelers recovered

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MIRAN SAHIB: Police on Saturday solved a theft case by arresting three thieves and recovered 13 stolen two-wheelers.

As per details, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Miran Sahib regarding a theft in the area. On receipt of information, FIR No. 66/22 under sections 380/454 of IPC was registered and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib under supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Miran Sahib Inspr Zaheer Mushtaq, after putting in strenuous efforts, rounded up three suspects identified as Karanjeet Singh alias Jimmy, son of Manjeet Singh; Sandeep Kumar, son of Ashok Kumar alias Pinka, both residents of Khour Deonian and Balvinder Kumar alias Kala, son of Darshan Lal, resident of Chawala Kothay R S Pura. On thorough questioning accused confessed their involvement in theft case. Moreover on their disclosure, 13 motorcycles /scooters were recovered from their possession, which included Splendor Plus (JK02CD4480); Passion Pro (JK02BE-0181); Passion Pro chassis No. MBLHA10EWBGB09038; Discover 125 cc chassis No MD2A15BZ50PC63135 (Blue Black); Passion Plus chassis No MBLHA01AL9HMO3592 (Blue Black); Super Splendor chassis No. MBLJW094K9E23653 (Black); Motorcycle FZ (JK02BT-9004); Super Splendor chassis No MBLJAW097K9D01666 (Black); Passion Pro (JK02BA-9461); Splendor Plus chassis No. MBLHAR084HHBH1047 (Black); Passion Pro (JK02BH-3858); Passion Pro Engine No HA10ECC9A00991 (Black) and Scooty Activa (JK02AT-8180, Engine No. JC44E05058987). The overall operation was done under the supervision of SP Hqrs Rannish Gupta.

## 6 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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JAMMU: In a quest to stern menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which teams of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli, Police Posts Talab Tillo, Phallain Mandal, Pallanwala, Jourian and Chinore acted stringently on specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas. 6 different vehicles involved in illegal mining were seized which included a tipper (JK14D/0599) seized by Jhajjar Kotli Police; a dumper (JK02BX/3802) seized by

Talab Tillo Police; a JCB (JK02CU-2830) seized by Phallain Mandal Police; a tractor-trolley (JK02CB-2393) seized by Pallanwala Police; a tractor-trolley (JK02CU 0737) seized by Jourian Police and a tractor (JK02CV8556) seized by Chinore Police. DMO Jammu was also intimated about the same. The recoveries were made by SHO Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Vikram Sharma, Incharge Police Posts Talab Tillo PSI Rajesh Kumar, Phallain Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, Pallanwala-PSI Vijay Kumar, Jourian-PSI Karnail Singh and Chinore-PSI Amit Singh in their respective jurisdictions.

## Shopkeeper arrested; 12 rolls of banned thread recovered

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ARNIA: Police on Saturday nabbed a shopkeeper and recovered 12 rolls of banned Chinese Manja (Gattu) from his possession.

As per details, information was received at Police Station Arnia regarding sale of banned synthetic thread. On this, a team from Police Station Arnia under the supervision of SDPO R S Pura Surinder Singh led by SHO Arnia Inspr Devinder Singh raided the place and rounded up a suspect, who was selling banned Chinese Manja. During search, 12 rolls of Chinese Manja (Gattu) were recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 71/2022 under sections 188 of IPC was registered against him at Police Station Arnia. The accused was identified as Sahil Gupta, son of Subash Gupta, resident of Arnia.

## Two killed, 4 injured as mud house collapses in Reasi

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JAMMU: Two persons were killed and four others injured after a mud house collapsed due to heavy rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Saturday, officials said.

The incident took place in high-altitude Khanikot Doke area where the victims had gone to graze cattle, they said.

Six people were living in the mud house. Due to heavy rains, it collapsed, resulting in the death of a man and a woman and injuries to four persons, the officials said. Many goats also died in the incident, they said.

## Two arrested in Sangam death case

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SRINAGAR: Police on Friday arrested two persons in connection of Sangam death case in Srinagar district. As per an official statement, police said that one Shameem Ali Nath, son of Ali Mohammad Nath, resident of Weir area Chatabal went missing on July 5 and later his dead-body was recovered from Sangam area on July 19, 2022.

The police spokesman further stated that subsequently inquest proceedings under section 174 of CrPC were initiated at Police Station Sangam and post-mortem of deceased was conducted by a team of doctors and after medico legal formalities. It came to fore that deceased was mentally and physically harassed by two persons namely Ashiq Wani (50), son of Ghulam Wani, resident of Chatabal, Srinagar and Fayaz Ahmad Mewaforash (51), son of Ab Aziz Mewaforash, resident of Sarnal, Anantnag on account of some financial issue. Pertinent to mention here that both accused had illegally locked house of deceased on account of some debt. On basis of oral and technical evidences, the inquest proceedings were converted into a formal case and FIR No. 137/2022 under sections 306,452,427 and 506 of IPC was registered at Police Station Safakadal and both accused Ashiq Wani and Fayaz Ahmad were arrested. Meanwhile, a SIT headed by SDPO M R Gunj, Mohd Farooq Bhat has been formed for in-depth investigation of the case.