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Modi cites East...

Minister S Jaishankar at the meeting in which the bureaucrat-turned-politician had highlighted many successes of Modi's recent overseas trips and the warm welcome and praise the prime minister received from foreign leaders.

The sources said Modi suggested that this highlighted the fact that different countries realise that they have to deal with this Indian government in the future as well.

The Indian economy has grown to be the fifth largest under his government from tenth and will be the third biggest in its third term, the prime minister said, asking his party leaders to work with resolve and determination to help develop the country.

With the BJP accusing opposition parties of disrupting Parliament, Modi said they have become more irresponsible, making it imperative for the ruling party to behave more responsibly.

The opposition has been demanding that Modi make a statement on the Manipur issue in Parliament before a debate on the matter can be taken up.

The BJP has insisted that it is willing for a discussion and Home Minister Amit Shah will reply to it, asking the opposition to not set any precondition.

In his address, Modi also referred to the recent meeting of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. The alliance is the legacy of BJP stalwarts like Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani, he said, emphasising on maintaining strong and cordial ties with allies.

He asked party leaders to organise several programmes, including 'Har Ghar tiranga', in connection with Independence Day celebrations on August 15 across the country and said they should pay tributes to freedom fighters and other great personalities.

There is also a plan to make 'Amrit Van' (Amrit forest) at places across the country, party leaders said.

No infiltration into...

at the International Border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC), use of technology like surveillance cameras, night vision cameras, heat sensing gadgets, etc., multi-tiered deployment along IB and LoC and border fencing.

Deployment of intelligence personnel to collect advance and target-oriented inputs on infiltration, ambushes and foot-patrolling by the Army and the Border Security Force (BSF), establishment of Border Police Posts for generating local intelligence and taking pro-active action against infiltrators are among others, he said.

Pak intruder killed...

and Rs 330 in Pakistani currency was recovered during the subsequent search of the area," the officer said.

He said the BSF is fully alert all along the IB and maintaining a tight vigil to frustrate any infiltration attempt.

Officials said the seized heroin is high-grade and is believed to be worth Rs 28 crore in the international market.

The intruder was trying to sneak in with the contraband near S M Pura post when his movement was detected, they said, adding he was shot dead when he ignored repeated warnings and tried to flee.

The body of the deceased was recovered five metres from the border fence and 90 metres from the IB, the officials said.

They said the identity of the deceased could not be ascertained immediately as the search of the area is still continuing.

The body is being handed over to police after completion of necessary formalities, the officials said.

J&K Bank to...

they should handle such cases with sensitivity.

Prakash said the bank has almost doubled its profits at Rs 326 crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal compared to Rs 166 crore in the corresponding period of the last year.

He said the bank has shown good performance on all parameters by bringing down the gross NPA below six per cent to 5.77 per cent. The gross NPA in the corresponding period last year was 9.09 per cent.

Similarly, net NPAs, or bad loans, declined to 1.39 per cent, as against 3.02 per cent in the year-ago period.

On the future strategy, Prakash said the bank is progressing steadily towards achieving the target of Rs 2.5 lakh crore business this fiscal.

According to the Bank's regulatory filings, the total income in the first quarter of

the current fiscal rose to Rs 2,885 crore, from Rs 2,306 crore in the same period a year ago. Interest earned by the bank improved to Rs 2,657 crore, as against Rs 2,103 crore in June 2022. As a result, provision for bad loans came down to Rs 56 crore, as against Rs 135 crore allocated in the same quarter a year ago.

Capital adequacy ratio of the bank increased to 14.83 per cent, as against 13.02 per cent at the end of June 2022.

NIA Court rejects...

his involvement in the case. The petitioner is affiliated with terrorist organization LeT which is a banned organization and if released at this juncture he may again join the organization and will hamper the prosecution evidence. It is also claimed that there is a threat to the life of the prosecution witnesses who are yet to be recorded.

Additional Sessions Judge Baramulla Pawan Kumar Sharma after hearing both the sides observed that petitioner in the present case has claimed that he is in custody for the last five months and even otherwise he is also not very old like the case of which law has been submitted. Not only this, the jail authorities have been providing the treatment to the applicant and have been regularly taking him to the hospital as per his requirements. In these circumstances it cannot be said that the condition of the applicant is such that he requires bail. Even otherwise jail authorities are continuously providing treatment to petitioner.

Court is of opinion that once a case falls under section 43-D of ULA(P) Act Clause-V , there is no provision for grant of bail on medical grounds and the Supreme Court of India as well as High Court of Bombay are the constitutional Courts and they have granted the bail while exercising constitutional powers. In view of this, the applicant is not entitled to bail on health grounds as his case is entirely different from that of the law submitted by the Counsel for the petitioner-applicant. With these observations, the Court rejected the bail application.

Machail Mata Yatra...

are expected to come in large numbers from within and outside the Union Territory during the 43-day long yatra.

Officials said the yatra started with ceremonial "Pratham Pooja" at the shrine which is dedicated to goddess Durga, also known by the name of Kaali or Chandi'. "All required arrangements are in place to ensure the best experience to the pilgrims who had to foot over 22 km to reach the revered temple from the base camp set up at Gulabgarh," Yadav told PTL.

He said the district administration has also taken in hand road construction at Chishoti and on its completion by the first week of August, the track will be reduced further by almost three kilometres.

"A private telecom service provider has set up an additional tower to provide better mobile connectivity in the areas adjacent to the shrine, while a 30 KV Solar battery was installed to provide uninterrupted power supply to the shrine and the mobile towers," he said.

He said a yatri bhawan' was set up at the base camp with a facility to accommodate 2,000 pilgrims at a minimum charge of Rs 10 per person.

The concerned departments have been entrusted with the work to ensure sanitation and hygiene in and around the langar sites for the convenience of the yatris, he said.

He said the chopper facility has also started working with the start of the yatra from the base camp.

The deputy commissioner said the introduction of a Micro ATM facility at six key yatra points, including Atholi, Gulabgarh, Kundail, Chishoti, Hamori, and the temple would be a great relief to the devotees and the general public alike, significantly easing monetary transactions in hitherto underserved banking areas during the Yatra period.

CS calls for...

saturation of over 90 per cent population in the UT.

A breakdown of Aadhaar saturation for different age groups was also given out which include 0-5 years: 60.70%, 5-18 years: 89.2% and above 18 years: 92.4%.

Despite the positive progress, concerns were raised about lagging behind the national average in the 0-5 years age group.

The meeting focused on the urgent need for document updation by residents who have not updated their Aadhaar details in the last 10 years. In this context, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has disseminated pamphlets and posters across all blocks of Jammu and Kashmir to raise awareness regarding document updates.

An action plan was devised during the meeting to address the challenges and expedite the Aadhaar registration process which includes preparation of school-wise and

class-wise lists of children requiring Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBUs); roster for the movement of MBU kits in the schools, besides roping in Health and ICDS for the enrollment of children in the age group of 0-5 years.

Dr Mehta called upon Deputy Director General UIDAI, Regional Office Chandigarh, that awareness campaigns be conducted by the School Education Department at all locations, besides efforts to increase the turnout in schools.

Regarding the availability of functional Aadhaar centers, it was reported that 780 permanent centers and 450 mobile tablets are operational throughout the UT. The Chief Secretary urged for activation of all these centres and optimum utilization of their resources in order to bridge the gap between the actual population and registrations made so far.

In an effort to cover all school students under Aadhaar registration, Dr Mehta directed concerned officers to ensure that 100 percent of students in schools, including those not yet registered under Aadhaar, are included within the next six months. He also emphasized on the importance of registering for Aadhaar during births, whether in government-run or private hospitals in order to saturate it on real time basis.

Furthermore, the Chief Secretary urged all officers involved to raise awareness about the Aadhaar updation process by ensuring 100 percent functionality of all Aadhaar centers.

The meeting also highlighted the approval of proposals under the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020. Some of the approved proposals include the eKYC registration of Yatris by Shri Amarnath ji Shrine Board at all counters across J&K, authentication of applicants for property-related documents by the Department of Registration, DBT linked beneficiary oriented schemes and authentication of applicants for Domicile Certificates by the Revenue Department.

Dr Mehta reaffirmed that with the comprehensive plan in place and the commitment of all stakeholders, Jammu and Kashmir aims to achieve full Aadhaar registration, ensuring seamless services and enhancement in quality governance for its citizens.

DPAP Govt if...

during those days by the administration making it easy for people to live a normal life in harsh winter," Azad said.

Terming present development scenario in Jammu and Kashmir as archaic due to administrative inertia, the former chief minister said that his tenure of two and half years is reflective of his vision and focus for overall growth of people.

"There was no regional or religious bias in my plans and programmes as all regions of Jammu and Kashmir were equally allocated funds with focus on overall growth and development of the state," he said.

Urging the people of Gurez to strengthen DPAP by electing its representatives with impeccable record of honesty and integrity for overall growth and development, Azad assured them that DPAP will ensure equitable distribution of funds and plan implementation for border areas.

Azad was accompanied by Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial President, Shafiq Shabnam Gen Secretary Province, Sr DPAP leader Nisar Ahmed Lone and others.

Another batch of...

commencement of the pilgrimage from the twin tracks of Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal districts on July 1.

HC upholds detention...

or reformatory or punitive, but a preventive action, acknowledged object of which being to prevent anti-social and subversive elements from endangering the welfare of the country or security of the nation or from disturbing public tranquility or from indulging in anti-national activities or smuggling activities or from engaging in illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, etc. Preventive detention is devised to afford protection to society. Rulings on the subject have consistently been kept in view that preventive detention is devised to afford protection to society. The object is not to punish a man for having done something but to intercept before he does it and to prevent him from doing so.

Dr Ashutosh new...

of the college. According to an official order, Sharma was transferred and posted as Secretary (Technical) in the Health and Medical Education Department, in the interest of the administration and patient care, with immediate effect. Dr Gupta will hold the charge of the post of principal, GMC, Jammu, in addition to his own duties, for a period of one year, or till further orders, states the order issued by Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar.

CRIME REPORT

Three killed, 1 injured in Doda road accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BHADARWAH: Three persons including a young girl were killed while one suffered serious injuries when the vehicle fell into a deep gorge near Doda in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday evening, the police said.

The car bearing registration number JK06 - 6559 was on it's way from Thathri towards Gandoh, when it reached near Bamoo village, the driver perhaps lost control on the steering and the vehicle fell into 200 feet deep gorge.

"Despite darkness and very slippery conditions, locals assisted by seluthes of police from the nearby post immediately started rescue operation and evacuated 4 persons from the badly damaged vehicle," said Vinod Sharma, SP Bhaderwah.

"All the injured were shifted to SDH Gandoh, where doctors declared two of them as brought dead," SP added.

The deceased have been identified as Bilal Ahmed(23) and Insha Ayaz (19) while the injured were Danish Ayaz and Muzafar Ahmed. Later Muzafar Ahmed, son of Ab Karim Khan, resindet of Sanwara succumbed to injuries at hospital.

Meanwhile DDC Doda Vice Chairperson Sangeeta Bhatat express deep sorrow over the loss of 2 precious lives in a tragic road accident at Bamoo area of Doda.



Cash snatcher held

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police on Tuesday arrested a person soon after he snatched money from a person in front of an ATM in main town area.

Police in an official statement said that a man from Darhal Malikan in Rajouri went in an ATM for withdrawal of cash from where he withdrew eighteen thousand rupees.

Soon after he came out of J&K Bank ATM infront of main branch in Rajouri town, an unknown person snatched the cash and fled from the spot.

Acting swiftly over receiving information of this snatching, a team of police headed by Incharge Police Post Rajouri city, PSI Sahil Choudhary swung into action, chased the accused and succeeded in intercepting him.

Accused has been identified as Syed Asif son of Wazir Hussain Caste Sayeed in resident of Boniyar Baramulla, at present Power House Kheora in Rajouri.

Police team has recovered the snatched money from the possession of accused.

A case in FIR No.351/2023 under section 382 IPC has been registered against the accused.

Kandi burglary case: Fourth member of burglars gang nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police on Tuesday arrested the fourth member of burglars gang who was evading his arrest after arrest of his other three accused.

The accused arrested now is identified as Ashfaq Ahmed son of Zaffer Iqbal resident of Naika Panjerian of Manjakote tehsil.

He has been arrested by police team of Kandi police station headed by SHO Kandi Shakil Manhas.

Police team has also recovered



stolen amount of rupees 3337 stolen from Shiv Mandir Kotranka and a shop in intervening night of 04th and 05th July have been recovered.

Cases in FIR No 71/2023 under sections 457/380 IPC and FIR NO 72/2023 U/Ss 457, 380 IPC have already been registered at Police Station Kandi over these thefts.

Three members of this gang of burglars have already been arrested in these case but this fourth accused was evading his arrest.

Police team worked tirelessly to gather evidence and tracked down the suspects.

Two accused involved in Gandhi Nagar firing incident arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday arrested two accused involved in Gandhi Nagar firing incident

SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli, said that Jammu Police has arrested two accused persons involved in Gandhi Nagar firing incident in which two persons were injured.

Giving details, SSP Jammu said that an information was received at Police Station Gandhi Nagar regarding a firing incident near Aquaf market Gandhinagar near PNB Bank where two persons in an Innova car bearing regd. No. JK21G/7888 hit himself and other by mishandling of pistol. On this both the injured were shifted to GMC for treatment. He further said that team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar under the supervision of SP South Shaheen Wahid assisted by SDPO South Sachit Sharma and SHO Police Station Gandhi Nagar Inspector Pankaj Sharma reached at the location and seized the vehicle. During investigation it came to fore that the vehicle belonged to person namely Sachin Patiyal, son of Kulwant Singh, resident of Rajinderpura Baguna Tehsil Vijaypur District Samba who gave his vehicle to his driver namely Deepak Masih, son of Parkash Masih, resident of Valmiki Colony Gandhi Nagar Jammu who also brought along three persons namely Akshay alias bobby, Manish and Vishal. Moreover there was an unlicensed pistol in the Innova car which Akshay took in his hands and due to negligent handling of weapon he hit himself and another person namely Manish. In this regard case FIR No. 185/2023 u/s 3/25 Arms Act, 337 IPC has been registered at Police Station Gandhi Nagar and two persons namely Sachin Patiyal, son of Kulwant Singh, resident of Rajinderpura Baguna Tehsil Vijaypur District Samba and Deepak Masih, son of Parkash Masih, resident of Valmiki Colony Gandhi Nagar Jammu have been arrested and the unlicensed weapon and vehicle has been seized. Further investigation of the case is going on.

Notorious drug smuggler arrested, contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Tuesday arrested a notorious drug smuggler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per details, a police party led by SHO Uri arrested the most wanted & notorious drug smuggler at a checkpoint established at Uri. During search, officers were able to recover 276 grams of Charas like contraband substance and cash of Rs 10000/- (believed to be proceeds of narcotic crime) from his possession. He has been identified as Mohammad Sharief son of Ghulam Mohd resident of Hathlanga Uri. He has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Uri and further investigation has been initiated.

8 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Acting tough against the social crimes, police on Tuesday arrested 8 gamblers in Baramulla and Bandipora besides, seized stake money from their possession.

In Baramulla, acting on specific information regarding gambling activities near Govt Degree College Pattan, a police party led by SHO Police Station Pattan raided the specific spot and arrested 04 gamblers. They have been identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Ganie son of Mohd Ramzan resident of Frastahar Kreeri, Nadeem Ahmad Wani son of Nazir Ahmad Wani resident of Wailoo Hajibal, Ab Majeed Sheikh son of Gh Mohd Sheikh resident of Par Mohalla Pattan & Assadullah Bhat son of Gh Mohi ud din Bhat resident of Bhat Mohalla Pattan. Officers have seized stake money of 78300/- and playing cards from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

In Bandipora, acting on specific information regarding gambling activities at Aloosa Ghat, a police party led by Incharge Police Post Aloosa raided the particular spot and arrested four Gamblers. They have been identified as Touseif Ahmad Dar, Mohmad Maqbool Fafoo, Bashir Ahmad Dar and Farooq Ahmad Dar all residents of Aloosa Ghat. Officers have seized stake money and playing cards from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation have been initiated.

Illicit timber seized, accused arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BANDIPORA: Police on Tuesday seized illicit timber in Bandipora and arrested an accused person involved in the commission of crime. Bandipora police received a specific information regarding movement of timber smugglers in Arin village. Acting swiftly, a police party led by incharge Police Post Sumlar, laid a surprise naka at Arin Dardpora and a vehicle (load carrier) bearing registration no JK15A-4335 was intercepted. During search, illicit forest timber was recovered from said vehicle. The accused person identified as Azad Ahmed Malla son of Gh Mohmad Malla resident of Arin Bandipora has been arrested on spot and vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. He was shifted to PS where he remains in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Bandipora and investigation has been initiated.

Police carries wild bhang destruction drive

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AWANTIPORA/BANDIPORA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police destroyed wild bhang in Awantipora and Bandipora.

In sub-division Awantipora, a joint team comprising of Police Station Awantipora alongwith officials of Revenue Department, irrigation & flood control department and MC Awantipora headed by SDPO Awantipora Shri Muntaz Ali Bhatti -JKPS along with Tehsildar Awantipora carried a special drive and destroyed wild bhang at Larkipora in the jurisdiction of Police Station Awantipora. During the drive huge quantity of wild bhang spread over 300 Kanals of land was destroyed.

Similarly, in sub-Division Tral a joint team comprising of Police Station Tral alongwith officials of Revenue Department and MC Tral headed by SHO PS Tral launched a special drive at Kunjbal and Gamraj in the jurisdiction of Police Station Tral. During the drive huge quantity of wild weed bhang spread over 11 kanals of land was destroyed.

Meanwhile in Bandipora, a Police party of PP Nowgam led by Incharge Police Post Nowgam in collaboration with Excise Dept. carried out a Cannabis destruction drive in Nowgam Sumbal and destroyed Cannabis cultivation in different villages of Nowgam.

Hardcore criminal 'Goru' detained under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Tuesday detained under Public Safety Act (PSA), 1978hardcore criminal "Goru" who was involved in several cases of attempt to murder including Birpur firing case, Arms Act, heroin supplying & was acting in a manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order,in pursuance of detention order issued by District Magistrate (DM) Samba upon the dossier forwarded by SSP Samba.

Hardened criminal Balwander Singh alias "Goru Jatt", son of Swarn Singh, resident of RahyaRanjari district Sambahad been posing a grave threat to the public peace and tranquility & therefore to prevent him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the maintenance of public order,SSP Samba had prepared a dossier enumerating his criminal activities/involvements and forwarded the same to the District Magistrate SambaAbhishek Sharma IAS who issued detention order. Goru was also a notorious heroin supplier and used to supply heroin to the youth of Samba District. Moreover, he was one of the top criminals of the Samba District and was posing a threat to the peace loving people of Samba, because of his repeated involvement in murderous attacks, criminal intimidation, wrongful restraints and drug peddling.

The detention order against notorious criminal "Goru" has been executed by a police team headed by SHO Police Station Vijaypur Tribhuwan Khajuria.

