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minister said. He also talked about several artefacts that have been brought back to India from the US recently. Modi noted that the past few days have been full of worries and trouble due to natural calamities. "People had to suffer in many places due to many swelled rivers like the Yamuna," he said. Amid natural calamities, people of the country have once again brought to the fore the power of collective effort, the prime minister said.

Modi also said that it was encouraging to see people make novel efforts for water conservation during the 2024 polls. He also cited the record plantation of 30 crore saplings in a day in Uttar Pradesh, saying it is an example of public participation and awareness.

1,974 pilgrims leave...

yatra through the traditional 48-km Pahalgam track in Anantnag district, 564 others are heading for the 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district, they said.

This was the lowest-strength batch of Lord Shiva devotees leaving the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu since the first batch was flagged off by Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on June 30. A total of 42 persons, mostly pilgrims, had died during this year's yatra till date. Among the victims are an Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) officer posted on yatra duty.

Cardiac arrest triggered by low oxygen concentration at high altitudes is one of the most common causes of fatalities among the pilgrims and security forces posted there.

Modi is messiah...

at poll booths who can make BJP victorious. "Resolve to break all the records of victory in Madhya Pradesh in 2023 to form a government and make Modi ji the PM for the third time by winning all 29 LS seats in Madhya Pradesh during the 2024 polls," Shah said.

He said it was PM Modi who revived shrines in India after Ahilyadevi Holkar and cited examples of the upcoming Ram mandir in Ayodhya, (construction of corridors of) Kashi Vishwanath and Mahakal temples and gold work at the Somnath temple.

Blaming Congress for the delay in the construction of the Ram temple, Shah said that PM Modi performed bhumi-pujan for building the temple in Ayodhya as soon as the Supreme Court passed orders.

"PM Modi has raised the flag of India all over the world. Slogans being raised for Modi in the world are for the people of India," he said.

The Union home minister further said that PM Modi has secured the borders of India.

"When the UPA government was in power from 2004 to 2014, every other day, anyone from Pakistan used to come and go away after firing bullets and throwing bombs. The then Central government did not even speak a word," he said.

When the Modi government came to power, Pakistan felt they could do it (sending terrorists to India) once again, he said.

"In Uri and Pulwama, they (terrorists) attacked Army and CRPF personnel. They forgot that the UPA government is not in power but it is the government of BJP. (They forgot) that Narendra Modi is the prime minister and not the 'mauni baba' Mamohan Singh," Shah said.

Within 15 days, Army personnel carried out a surgical strike and an air strike by entering Pakistan and blowing up terrorists to pieces, he added.

Shah said the previous Congress government headed by Kamal Nath stopped 51 schemes which the BJP governments had launched for the welfare of the poor.

During his speech, Shah repeatedly used terms like "Mr Bantadhar" and "corruption Nath", which are viewed as swipes at Congress leaders Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath, respectively.

Shah asserted the "double engine" governments of the Centre and state would make Madhya Pradesh the number one state in the country. He gave data on the help extended by the Centre to MP.

"Within just one-and-a-half years in the previous government of Kamal Nath, more than 18,000 class-I officers were transferred. During his tenure, only one industry started with the help of middlemen- the 'transfer industry'. This reminded the people about the rule of Mr Bantadhar," he said.

Shah said the annual budget of Madhya Pradesh during the erstwhile Congress government was just Rs 23,000 crore, while the incumbent government of Shivraj Singh Chouhan has presented a budget of Rs 3.14 lakh crore for the financial year 2023-24.

Notably, the BJP had used the term "Mr Bantadhar" against the then chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, Digvijaya Singh, in the campaign led by Uma Bharti during the 2003 assembly elections.

Kamal Nath was termed as the "corruption Nath" in posters with his picture put up by unidentified people in MP last month.

Shah also said PM Modi saved India from the COVID-19 pandemic by offering vaccines to 130 crore people.

"The BJP government in Madhya Pradesh turned the state into a developed one by lifting it from the BIMARU status which was the legacy of Congress," Shah added.

Earlier in the day, Shah visited Janapav Kuti, considered the birthplace of Lord Parshuram, in Indore district and offered prayers.

Shah was offered 'angavastram' by priests and he prayed amid Vedic chants.

Bhagwant Mann making...

on the welfare schemes run by the Modi government to benefit the poor families.

The Bhagwant Mann government had failed miserably on all fronts and was building its image on the basis of the Modi government's welfare schemes, Chugh added.

Eighth arrest in...

highly professional manner and conducting searches and raids to arrest the accused involved in the case. So far, police have been successful in arresting eight accused and some more have been identified who would be arrested soon," the SSP said.

Protest against installing smart meters held



SSH members staging protest in Jammu.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K Youth President Ganesh Choudhary on Sunday led strong protest against installing Smart Meters on National Highway at Bari Brahmana.

Speaking on the occasion, Choudhary said, "We don't understand why the government is not listening to our grievances. Despite all resentment, the government is going ahead with the move," he said. He said that they want flat rates and not the smart meter-generated power bills. He said that given their economic condition, they won't be able to

afford exorbitant bills. He said that most of the locals are either roadside vendors or labourers. He said the government should consider the poor people of the society before installation of Smart Meters.

Choudhary further said that most of the people in the area barely earn enough to feed the family. How are they supposed to pay thousands as electricity bills when their salary is meager," he said. "Despite abundant power resources, people are made to suffer. This is our electricity and we have first right over it," he said. He demanded that the installation of Smart Meters should

be halted. He said that the hike in cooking gas and other commodities has already made life difficult for them.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include District President Samba Nek Ram, Bari Brahmin President Sanjeev Kumar, Jammu District Raj Kumar Gupta, Pushan Kumar, Shankar Singh, Vikas, Ajay Kumar, Bharat Bushan, Sanjay Kumar, Pritam Chand, Balbir Kumar, Sukdev Singh, Surinder Chowdhary, Lucky Kumar Mohd Hanif, Sonia Chowdhary, Sunita Devi, Reena Kumari, Suman Kumari, Santosh Devi, Santosh Devi besides others.

The aggrieved residents said that they cannot afford inflated bills generated by Smart Meters. Earlier scores of locals, mostly women, assembled on National Highway against the move to install smart meters in the area. The protesters said that they belong to poor families and cannot afford smart meters, which they said generate exorbitant bills.

Blood donation camp held at Baghwanpora

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Idara Anqaf Islamia at Hakim Mohallah Baghwanpora in collaboration with SKIMS Soura organised a Blood Donation Camp within the premises of imam Bargah to mark the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hussain (AS). During the Camp, around 100 Volunteers and local people voluntarily donated blood. Speaking on this occasion, Haji Dr Hakim Mudasar said that we have been organizing this blood camp for the last 7 years with the collaboration of SKIMS Soura. He said that one pint of blood can save three lives and advised us to take part in such initiatives to protect humanity.

CRIME REPORT

Police constable shoots self with service rifle, dies

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A Jammu and Kashmir Police constable died on Sunday after he allegedly shot himself with his service rifle here, officials said.

Abdul Hamid Mir was deployed at a hotel in Rajbagh area. The reason behind the policeman taking the extreme step was not immediately known, they said. Mir allegedly shot himself at around 7.45 pm. He was taken to a hospital but succumbed to injuries, they said.

6 gamblers nabbed, stake money over Rs 23 K recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Continuing its Endeavour to weed out social crime from the society, District Police Reasi arrested 06 Gamblers and recovered stake money of Rs 23,800.

As per details, acting on a specific information about the presence of Gamblers in area of Katra, a party of Police Station Katra raided a gambling site and found 6 gamblers gambling they were arrested on spot and stake money of Rs. 23800/- and play cards were seized from them. The arrested gamblers have been identified as Satpal Singh, son of Chain Singh; Kuldeep Singh, son of Daler Singh; Shamsheer Singh, son of Chain Singh; Karnail Singh, son of Chain Singh; Hari Singh, son of Chain Singh all resident of Arli Road Katra and Bodh Raj, son of Late Shankar Dass, resident of Ward No. 4 Panthal Road Katra. Case registered under relevant sections of Gambling Act in Police Station Katra and further investigation has been taken up. The whole operation is led by SHO Police Station Katra Insp. Nishant Gupta.

Two narco smugglers arrested; heroin recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse,



Police recovered 5 grams of heroin from two narco smugglers during Naka duty who were on their way from Baspur towards R.S Pura .

As per details, a team of Police Station R.S Pura led by SDPO R.S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO PS R.S Pura Insp. Pawan Kumar and ASI Devi Dutta while on Naka duty near Nagra Palace Baspur Road R.S Pura rounded up two suspects. On search, 05 grams of heroin was recovered from them.

The duo identified as Honey Kumar, son of Sardari Lal, resident of W.No 8 R.S Pura and Suresh Kumar alias Kukal, son of Mangal Singh, resident of W.No 7 R.S Pura District Jammu was arrested and FIR No.109/2023 under sections 8/21/22/29/60 NDPS Act was registered in Police Station R.S Pura.

Missing minor sisters traced, reunited with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Two minor real sisters have been traced and reunited with their family members within hours after duo went missing on Saturday evening. A man from Rajouri lodged a complaint in police station Rajouri on

Saturday that his two minor daughters, aged 14 and 12 years, went to Peer Baba Ziarat Dhangri on Friday but did not return back.

On receipt of this information, cognizance was taken instantly and team of police headed by SHO Rajouri Aejaz Ahmed under the supervision of Deputy SP Headquarter Rajouri Mudassar Hussain started investigation and put in efforts to trace the minor sisters.

On Saturday evening at about 09 PM, both the girls were traced from Bela colony locality of Rajouri town and handed over to family.

Police is further investigating the matter.

Two theft cases solved; 2 nabbed, stolen vehicles recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Sunday solved two different theft cases by arresting two accused persons and recovered stolen vehicles.

As per details, a complaint was lodged at Police Station Bishnah by one person namely Nimesh Bral, son of Romesh Chand, resident of W.No 11 H.No 33 Bishnah stating that his scooter (JK03BJ-8847) was stolen from the area. On the receipt of this information, FIR No. 183/2023 under section 379 IPC was registered and investigation started. After this, a team of Police Station Bishnah led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Bishnah Insp. Vikram Sharma with the help of CCTV footages of the area arrested the accused namely Mohit Sharma, son of Randeep Sharma, resident of W.No 12 Kaacha Talab Bishnah. During search, stolen Scooty was recovered from his possession.

Similarly, another written complaint was registered by a person namely Kamaljeet Singh, son of Satnam Singh, resident of W.No 13 Shiv Nagar R.S Pura District Jammu at Police Station RS Pura regarding theft of his motorcycle (JK02BQ-8458) from the area. On this case FIR No. 108/2023 under section 379 IPC was registered. After this, a team of Police Station R.S Pura led by SDPO R.S Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO R.S Pura Insp. Pawan Kumar arrested the accused person namely Amit Singh, son of Swarn Singh, resident of Bidhipur Jattan Tehsil Suchetgarh District Jammu and on his disclosure stolen motorcycle bearing Registration No Jk02BQ-8458 was recovered from his possession. It is pertinent to mention that another motorcycle bearing Registration No JK02BV-0107 was also recovered from the accused and vehicle got seized under section 102 Cr.Pr

The overall arrests and recoveries were made under the supervision of SP Hqs Rajnish Gupta.

Man held with narcotics

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A man has been arrested by police in Manjakote police station area after Charas like substance, Cannabis powder was recovered from his possession.

Issuing a statement over it, Rajouri police said that a team headed by SHO Manjakote Abrar Khan under the supervision of SDPO Manjakote Zaffer Rather was on routine patrolling in Hayatpura village area of Manjakote tehsil when a man passing from the area suspiciously was intercepted for frisking as a routine measure.

Upon his frisking, 12 Challis (rolls) of Charas like substance weighing 150 Grams along with Cannabis powder 160 grams was recovered from the spot by police while the man has been arrested. He has been identified as Mohd Ajaz son of Mohd Sarwar resident of Hayatpura, Manjakote.

A case under relevant sections of law has been registered in Manjakote police station and investigation has been set into motion to unearth all the linkages of the arrested.



We have a clear vision to ensure equivalent development, prosperity in J&K: Mir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Apni Party's Provincial President, Kashmir, Mohammad Ashraf Mir, said on Sunday that the party has a clear vision to ensure equivalent development and enduring prosperity across Jammu and Kashmir. He assured that the Apni Party, if given a public mandate in the upcoming elections, will ensure the economic and political empowerment of the people in J&K. He also vowed that under the leadership of Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari, the party remains steadfast in its commitment to positively transform the scenario in J&K.

Mir made these remarks while addressing a day-long party convention in the Litter area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district today.

According to a press release issued here, Mohammed Ashraf Mir and his accompanying party leaders received a rousing reception by the party workers on their arrival at the venue.

Addressing the cheerful gathering, he reiterated the party's vision and policies saying, "Apni Party's key agenda is to ensure peace, prosperity, and development in J&K, which will eventually give political and economic empowerment to its people."

Shiv Sena Hindustan frames party's new unit at Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Shiv Sena Hindustan J&K President Pt Rajesh Kesri today framed Party's new unit at Village Nandpur Khor in Block Rangarh, District Samba. On this occasion dozens of people associated with Shiv Sena Hindustan. The newly framed unit comprises of Parveen Kumar as President, Manoj Kumar Kumar as Vice President, Vinod Kumar as Secretary, Kamaljeet as Chairman and Prem Paul as Treasurer. Similarly newly framed women wing comprises of Kanta Devi as President, Neha Devi, Vice President,



Newly framed unit of Shiv Sena Hindustan at Samba.

Sunita Devi, Secretary, Rajesh Kumar, Om Amarjeet Kour, Chairman, Prakash, Gara Ram, Asha Devi, Treasurer, Sanjeev Sharma, Labba

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Balveer Kumar, Jyoti Devi and dozens of Vijay Luthra Balwant Fauji, other Shiv Sainiks.

LJP (R) office inaugurated at Kotli Ratnu Chak, Samba

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: LJP (R) J&K President Rafiq Malik on Sunday inaugurated party office at Kotli Ratnu Chak, Samba. On this occasion several prominent persons joined LJP (R). Those who joined include Rajinder Kumar District President Samba Labour Cell , Rohit Kumar General Secretary Labour Cell Dist Samba, Rampal SC/ST President Dist Samba, Gafoor Hussain Sports and Culture Jammu Province President.

Speaking on the occasion, Malik said that public grievances are mounting every day but the Government has remained unmoved. He said



LJP (R) J&K President Rafiq Malik and others during inauguration of party office.

that public issues and grievances are piling up with the passage of every day but the Administration has failed to solve the basic issues. He expressed serious concern over hefty power tariff bills

highlighting poor people inability to pay such bills and that too when there is unsheduled power cuts in the area. He lashed out at the Central Govt for the unprecedented price hike and

record unemployment besides failing to address the grievances of people of J&K on every count after promising massive development in garb of their wrong policies in J&K.

Malik said people of JK UT have realized the politics gimmicks of various groups and parties which were trying to make inroads in JK to create confusion among the voters. He stressed upon the people to remain vigilant against the political exploitation by these political parties. He also highlighted fate of daily wagers, need-based and casual workers. He said that Govt is totally indifferent to the genuine demand

which will affect all section of people from various parts of the country, being tourist and pilgrims' state.

Prominent among those present on the occasion include Mulkh Raj State President SC Cell, Rajiv Gorka State President Legal Cell and Chief Advisor JKUT, Mahraj Krishan Bhat State President Migrant Cell JKUT, RP Singh State General Secretary JKUT, Neha Bhagat State President Mahilla Wing, Nirmal State Gen Secretary Mahila Wing, Anjali Tehsil Youth General Secretary Mahilla Wing, Rekha Devi Rural Dist President.