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Govt dedicated to..

benefits reaching to underprivileged and tribals being empowered, the Lt Governor further said.

Sinha lauded the significant contribution of the Tribal community in strengthening the spirit of cultural integration, and conservation and protection of natural resources.

"Tribal community has laid the strong foundation for the country to prosper. For centuries, the community acted as a bridge connecting our cultural ethos and conserving our biodiversity. Their determined contribution to the development process is a source of inspiration for all of us," he said.

The Lt Governor also shared the efforts and initiatives of the government to empower the tribal youth and women and to give impetus to the socio-economic development of the tribal community.

"We understand dreams of tribal youth and encouraging them every way possible so that they do not fall behind anyone in the age of accelerated change. Efforts are being made to ensure that every benefit is available to them", he said.

Today the doors of opportunity are opening up for tribal community. It is the prime objective of the government to provide equal opportunities to youth and women of tribal community, to ensure that economic and social justice reaches them and we make them partners in the system, the Lt Governor added.

He urged the people to buy the products made by the tribal community members. We will also direct the government departments to procure products made by Tribal artisans, he said.

The Lt Governor appreciated the artists of the tribal community from different states for showcasing the rich tribal culture and heritage through dance and music performances.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor launched various initiatives of Tribal Affairs Department including TRI Wool Web Portal and GIS Portal for Transhumance. He also rolled out Law 20 Coaching Scheme for Law students staying in Tribal Hostels.

The Lt Governor inspected the stalls installed by tribal artisans, and entrepreneurs and also handed over the smart tools to the beneficiaries.

Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government, Tribal Affairs Department gave a detailed briefing on the initiatives taken by the administration for the welfare of tribal community in J&K UT. He expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the support.

The Tribal Affairs Department in collaboration with the Jodhpur-based Central Wool Development Board is launching several schemes for the families involved in sheep farming.

Under Law 20 Scheme, Law students staying in Tribal Hostels will be provided free of cost coaching for Prestigious Exams by the renowned coaching institute of the country.

The GIS Portal will help in tracking of the migratory tribal population.

Dr Naval Jit Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Secretaries of various states; senior officers from Union Ministry, UT Administration and Police; members, artisans, entrepreneurs and students of tribal community were present on the occasion.

15 JKAS officers..

Jr. JKAS, Under Secretary, Information Department, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary, Higher Education Department; Mehnaz Chisti, Jr. JKAS, BDO, B.K. Pora, has been transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of Transport Department; Sat Paul, Under Secretary, Higher Education Department, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary, Floriculture, Parks and Garden Department; Neerja Pandita, Under Secretary, Higher Education Department, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary, Culture Department

According to another order, Anuradha, Jr. JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Directorate of Rural Development, Jammu, has been transferred and her services are placed at the disposal of office of Mission Youth; Sunil Sharma, Jr. JKAS, Tehsildar in the office of Commissioner, Survey and Land Records, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary, Agriculture Production Department; Mohammad Ashraf Choudhary Jr. JKAS, Project Manager, DIC, Jammu, has been transferred and his services are placed at the disposal of J&K Medical Supplies Corporation; Akshi Gupta, Jr. JKAS, Tehsildar in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary; Saba Noor, Jr. JKAS, presently posted in the J&K Medical Supplies Corporation, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary; and Mir Tajamul, Jr. JKAS, Under Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, has been transferred and posted as Under Secretary in the office of Chief Secretary.

Gujarat High Court...

on March 23 sentenced Gandhi to two years in jail after convicting him under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections 499 and 500 (criminal defamation) in a 2019 case filed by BJP Gujarat MLA Purnesh Modi.

The MLA had filed a criminal defamation case against Gandhi over his "how come all thieves have Modi as the common surname?" remark made during an election rally at Kolar in Karnataka on April 13, 2019.

Two Madrassas sealed...

Home Department and the Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, the officials said. Deputy Commissioner, Kishtwar; Devansh Yadav ordered the takeover of Ashraf-ul-Aloom and RPI Academy located in Tatani Saroor in the Drabshalla area, they said.

Yadav said the Madrassas were sealed for the FCRA violations.

These Madrassas, which were being operated by Maulana Ali Mia Nadvi Educational Charitable Trust (MAMNECT) from Bathindi (Jammu), received a notice from the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Kishtwar, instructing the trust to promptly hand over the possession of the Madrassas' buildings to the administration, the officials said.

The Tehsildar of the area was tasked with taking over the buildings and sealing them, they added. The officials said the action was initiated as part of the Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) efforts to address FCRA violation issues.

CRIME NEVER GOES...

in possession of two date of birth certificates - one having April 8, 1964 and another April 8, 1965 as her dates of birth.

At present Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal and Dean of Government Medical College and Hospital in Jammu, is on interim bail until July 8.

Advocate Pranav Kohli, Advocate Aftab Malik and their team represented Dr Shashi Sudhan Sharma before the Jammu Anti-Corruption Court, headed by Judge T K Raina and filed an application for anticipatory bail.

Apprehending her arrest, she moved a bail application before the court of anti-corruption judge," sources said.

IYC to hold...

nine years, he said. In order to form a better foundation for the future of India, we are conducting a programme in which 3000 youth between the age of 18 to 35 years from every district of India are going to take part, the IYC leader said.

"We request all the people from all those districts where BJP is ruling to participate and speak up for the 'injustice and problems they are facing in the regime of BJP'," he said.

"We are planning to conduct the same kind of press conference in every single district of India to 'expose the actual face of BJP which they are hiding and manipulating through social media platforms'," Gaga added.

Amarnath Yatra temporarily...

the yatra has been halted in the district's Chanderkote area.

"The yatra has been suspended due to inclement weather in the Pahalgam belt," Sharma told PTI.

Heavy showers, which started early on Friday, forced the temporary suspension of the pilgrimage, the officials added.

The pilgrims have been stopped at the Baltal and the Nunwan base camps.

According to officials in Jammu, while a batch of 4,600 pilgrims on its way to the Pahalgam base camp have been stopped in Chanderkote, another group of 2,410 devotees travelling to the Baltal camp has been allowed to proceed.

The yatra will resume once the weather improves, the officials said.

On Thursday, 17,202 pilgrims paid obeisance at the holy cave shrine, taking the cumulative total of devotees who have had 'darshan' of the natural ice lingam formation in the south Kashmir Himalayas to 84,768 so far.

A landslide hit the Baltal route of the Amarnath Yatra track on Friday following heavy rains in the area, officials said.

No loss of life was reported in the incident.

The landslide was reported near Rail Patri along the track on the Baltal-holy cave axis, they said, adding that as an impact, the pilgrimage trail was blocked.

No one was hurt as the yatra was suspended this morning following heavy rains in the area, they said. Most of the areas in the Kashmir valley received rain on Friday.

Another batch of...

cave shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for the valley in a convoy of 247 vehicles amid tight security.

The officials said 4,600 pilgrims headed for Pahalgam left in a convoy of 153 vehicles, while another convoy of 94 vehicles carrying 2,410 pilgrims was the first to leave for the Baltal base camp at 3.45 am.

With this, a total of 43,833 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley since June 30, the day the yatra started.

She was arrested and FIR No. 291/2023 under section 48(A) Excise Act was registered against her at Police Station Kathua.

2 drug smugglers arrested; contraband recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police on Friday arrested 2 drug smugglers including a notorious drug smuggler and recovered contraband substance from their possession.

As per details, a police party assisted by SHO Kunzer at a checkpoint established at Kharkal Lolpora arrested a notorious drug smuggler identified as Bashir Ahmad Malla son of Abdul Razak Malla resident of Dhobiwan Kunzer after they intercepted a vehicle (Wagon-R) bearing registration number DL8CQ-4861. During search, 19.5Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. He has been shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Meanwhile, a police party assisted by SHO PS Boniyar at a checkpoint established at Trikanjan Boniyar intercepted 02 suspicious persons who on noticing police party tried to flee from the spot, however one among them identified as Inran Ahmad Abbasi son of Late Mohammad Yaseen resident of Nowshera A/P Boniyar was apprehended tactfully while another person managed to flee from the spot. During search, 35 grams of Charas like contraband substance was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody. Efforts are on to nab the other accused person.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective Police Stations and investigation has been initiated.

6 arrested, 5 vehicles seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BUDGAM: Acting tough against the persons involved in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals, police have arrested 06 persons and seized 05 vehicles in Budgam.

A police party of Police Post Soibugh at a checkpoint established at Soibugh Chowk intercepted 05 vehicles (tippers) bearing registration numbers JK01P-8145, JK04B-0876, JK02AC-6616, JK04E-9658 and JK04E-8398 carrying illegally extracted minerals. Consequently, all the vehicles have been seized and 05 drivers and 01 conductor have been arrested. They have been identified as Younis Ahmad Dar son of

The pilgrim footfall at the shrine has crossed the 84,000-mark, they said.

Old mortar shells...

have thrown out these rusted old shells here," a police officer told PTI. An investigation is underway to ascertain the details, he said.

CJ visits Kupwara...

Police. Chief Justice inspected proceedings of the court and also inspected fast track court Kupwara where an under trial accused was presented through virtual mode before the court of Additional District Judge (NIA Court), Khem Raj Sharma and he watched these proceedings of the open court keenly.

Chief justice later inspected Legal Aid defence Counsel (LADC) and Vidhik Seva Kendra (District legal Services Authority) here where he checked the progress and performance of PLVs (Para Legal Volunteers).

On the occasion, the Chief Justice directed staff of the court and PLVs to display their identity cards so that Public doesn't face any problems in locating them.

Justice Kotiswar Singh further directed staff of the court to update and upload data, as the data entry operations is very important for efficient delivery of judicial services.

Chief Justice also visited under-construction court complex Kupwara which is being executed at a project cost of 12.57 crores under PMDP (Prime Minister's Development Programme). He asked the executing agency to complete the under progress court complex before 31 March 2024 (timeline) and establish facilities for specially-abled persons and install back facilities by using solar panels.

Justice Kotiswar Singh also visited bar room where members of Bar Association Kupwara, led by its President Adv. Shafiq Ahmad Qureshi received the Chief Justice.

On the occasion President Bar association Kupwara thanked Chief Justice for visiting Kupwara and demanded rolling out of health insurance policy for advocates.

While addressing the Bar Association Kupwara Chief Justice assured all possible support and said that for dispensation of justice, cooperation and coordination among all the wings of Judiciary is must. He complimented Judges, staff of bar association of district court Kupwara for their exemplary performance in district.

Govt notifies 21...

which they can avail the Artisan/Weavers Credit scheme, Karkhandar scheme, Assistance under the Cooperative Act, MUDRA Scheme and educational benefits for their kin's. The artisans shall be brought at par with other registered artisans to open up avenues for artisans to showease and market their products to a wider audience by participation in exhibitions, trade fairs, and cultural events hosted by the department where they can promote and sell their crafts.

Notification of these crafts comes at the time when the Department of Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir is pitching hard for Geographical Indication (GI) of all the indigenous crafts of Kashmir.

The crafts which have been notified include, Sozni Embroidery, Staple Embroidery, Khatamband, Paper Pulp, Kharadi, Glazed Pottery, Katas, Copperware Engraving, Copperware Sakhta, Pottery, Calligraphy, Painting, Handicrafts Furniture, Handmade Aromatics, Handmade Soap, Filigree, Mosaic Craft, Vaguv, Shikara, Willow Bat, Innovative Crafts. Besides the 21 crafts of Kashmir, 10 crafts of Jammu have also been declared as "Notified Crafts".

Director Handicrafts and Handloom Kashmir expressed his satisfaction for inclusion of these crafts as Notified Crafts under the provision of the Jammu and Kashmir Handicrafts Quality Control Act 1978 which would address the demand of a wide sector of artisans who are associated with these crafts.

"We are taking several initiatives in reaching out to the artisans in Kashmir. Proactive marketing, curbs on fake handicraft products, special incentives to artisans and operationalizing of GI-system for Handicrafts are some of the major ongoing initiatives that are underway", he said.

Previous Govts made...

the Pindra fire station. He also inaugurated a government residential school in Tarsada and the Economic Offences Research Organisation building. Modi laid the foundation stone of several projects.

During the event, he distributed loans under PM SVANidhi, keys to PMAY Rural houses and Ayushman Bharat cards to beneficiaries.

Modi further announced the 'Grith Pravesh' of five lakh PMAY beneficiaries, the distribution of 1.25 lakh PM SVANidhi loans and the distribution of 2.88 crore Ayushman cards. Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath were present during the programme.

Budha Amarnath Yatra...

drinking water, medical facilities and accommodation for the pilgrims.

The meeting also focused on the importance of sanitation and cleanliness, uninterrupted water and power supply at the langars.

The Baba Buddha Amarnath shrine, also known as 'Chattani Baba Amarnath temple', stands at 4,600 metres above sea level. The shrine is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is located 290 km northwest of Jammu.

Ab Majeed Dar resident of Nasrullahpora, Mehrhaj Ahmad Beigh son of Gh. Mohiud-Din Beigh resident of Qadipora and Muzaffar Ahmed Mir son of Ali Mohd Mir resident of Nasrullahpora, Shahid Rahman Bhat son of Ab Rahman Bhat resident of Hakermulla, Waseem Ahmad Ganaie son of Mohd Ismail Ganaie resident of Chattabugh Budgam and Ishfaq Ahmad Malik son of Gh. Nabi Malik resident of Soibugh Budgam.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 184/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Budgam and investigation has been taken up.

Two absconders nabbed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police teams from Kandi police station in Rajouri district nabbed two absconders wanted in two separate cases. Police said that an absconder namely Rohit Dutta son of Hushair Chand resident of Rah Soit, Tehsil Akhnor was evading his arrest since long in case FIR No 130/2020 under sections 304/34/IPC 8/27/NDPS Act and a general warrant under section 299 CrPC was also issued by the Session Court Rajouri against him. A team headed by SHO Kandi Shakil Manhas nabbed the accused absconder. Another absconder namely Abid Hussain son of Abdul Rashud resident of Swari, Tehsil Kotranka has been arrested by Kandi police station team. The man was evading his arrest in FIR No 95/2021 under sections 341/323/335/504/506/IPC and a general warrant U/S 299 CrPC was also issued from the Court of JMJC Kotranka.

Man held with Ganja

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, police on Friday nabbed a drug peddler and recovered 200 grams of Ganja from his possession.

As per details, a team of Police Station Akhnor led by SDPO Akhnor Mohan Lal Sharma assisted by SHO Akhnor Insp Zaheer Mushtaq while on patrolling duty near Jia pota area rounded up a suspected person namely Dalbir Singh, son of Karnail Singh, resident of Pargwal Jammu. During search, 200 grams of ganja was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No. 191/2023 under section 8/20 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Akhnor.

200 modified bikes seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU : Continuing its drive against the rash driving and violation of traffic rules, a team of Police Station Gandhi Nagar led by SDPO South Sachit Sharma assisted by SHO Gandhi Nagar Insp Pankaj Sharma laid special nakas at different areas in the jurisdictions of Police Station Gandhi Nagar and seized different vehicles involved in violation of various motor vehicle offences. Due to modified silencers of bike great nuisance is created that cause tremendous noise pollution in the area thus disturbing the general public. Acting swiftly on this more than 200 modified bikes were seized by Police Station Gandhinagar during the last four months in violation of various Motor Vehicle offences like Modified Silencers, hiding of number plates, No high security Number plates. The drive was carried out under the overall supervision of SP South Shaheen Wahid.