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344 kg of...

were found concealed inside the tanker. The tanker driver, Punjab native Harpreet Singh, was arrested and the vehicle was seized, the police said. A case has been registered in the Chenani police station and an investigation is underway, they added.

UIDAI asks 10...

have also been asked to aware residents about updation of mobile number in Aadhaar to avail benefits of various online services. Pertinently, UIDAI has already distributed pamphlets and posters for awareness regarding document update in all blocks of UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Live grenade on...

when I went to check, I saw that an object was lying in the corner. My younger son said that he found the object suspicious," a resident of Gulfam told reporters here.

"I thought it belonged to the electricity department and I called them because they were working here in the daytime. When he checked, he asked me to tell the security guard because the object did not belong to him," the woman added.

The security guard told them that it was a bomb and they needed to inform the police, she said.

A deputy superintendent of police arrived here with a team and took away the bomb within half an hour, she added.

The police said they have asked the people to remain alert and report any suspicious movement immediately to the security agencies.

Ex-IAS officer...

to him, stating the nature of the proceedings, the cause of action therefore, the name, description and place of residence of the party by whom such proceedings are to be instituted and the relief which he claims.

"The applicant has failed to produce any proof or evidence, that such a notice has been made and delivered. Hence, this tribunal is not inclined to grant any relief to the applicant to this extent," it said.

Parmar, in his plea, sought direction to the Lt Governor and other officials to upgrade his grading of 5 to 10 (on a score of 1-10) on the assessment of work output, personal attributes, and functional competency and also to upgrade his overall numerical grade of 5 to 10.

He also sought to expunge the adverse remarks in his 'Performance Appraisal Report' for the reporting period -- May 4, 2022, to August 6, 2022 -- for his performance as principal secretary of the Jal Shakti Department.

He also sought his empanelment as an additional secretary with effect from 2019 and as secretary from 2023.

India reaffirms close...

Talks with his counterpart Pema Choden. This is Misri's first official visit abroad in less than a week after assuming charge.

The foreign secretary met PM Torgay who congratulated him on his appointment and said that their discussions "covered the full spectrum of our bilateral relations."

"Honoured that H E @VikramMisri has chosen to visit Bhutan as his first 'overseas visit barely 4 days after his appointment as the Foreign Secretary of India. I congratulated him on his appointment, and our discussions covered the full spectrum of our bilateral relations," Torgay said in a post on X.

"We reaffirmed the close bond between Bhutan and India, agreeing that our partnership, rooted in mutual trust and benefit, must continue to flourish," he said.

"I expressed my heartfelt gratitude to the Government and the people of India for their steadfast support, with a special mention of their generous assistance for the 13th FYP and the Economic Stimulus Programme," he added.

Misri, who is visiting Bhutan at the invitation of Foreign Secretary Choden, will co-chair with her the Third Bhutan-India Development Cooperation Talks - commonly called 'Plan Talks' - of the 13th Five Year Plan, a statement from Bhutan's Foreign Affairs and External Trade said.

During the visit, Foreign Secretary Misri will receive an audience with the King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and also call on Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade Lyonpo D N Dhungyel, a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs said in New Delhi ahead of his visit.

He will also meet other senior officials of the Bhutan government.

"The visit is in keeping with the tradition of regular high-level exchanges between India and Bhutan and underscores the highest priority Government of India attaches to its 'Neighbourhood First' Policy," the MEA statement said.

India is extending development support of INR/Nu 10,000 crore for the 13th Plan period as per priorities of the Bhutan government in sectors such as connectivity, infrastructure, cultural heritage, health, education, energy, agriculture, skilling, and digital economy, according to the Indian Embassy here. On Thursday, India's Ambassador to Bhutan, Sudhakar Dalela, joined PM Torgay at the launch ceremony of the 13th Five Year Plan of Bhutan here.

CS reviews progress...

the review, the Chief Secretary received update on the progress achieved, so far, under the JK Samadhan initiative, including a detailed account of the functionalities completed by BISAG-N.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of expediting the remaining works to ensure the initiative is promptly dedicated to the public. He issued certain directions including preparation of a comprehensive user manual for the app to enhance its accessibility and user-friendliness.

Dulloo suggested incorporating multimedia elements such as video and audio in the attachment section and ensuring that users receive messages in the language of their choice when filing grievances or complaints.

He also recommended that final resolutions be approved by a gazetted officer and proposed the integration of advanced technologies to further improve government accessibility and responsiveness.

The Chief Secretary asked all the officers to collaborate effectively to ensure app's timely rollout.

During the meeting, the BISAG-N team presented a detailed update on the reformative measures and advanced technologies integrated into the JK Samadhan app.

They highlighted that JK Samadhan represents a significant enhancement over the previous systems, JKIGRAMS and CPGRAMS, featuring a multilingual AI-based platform. The new system will enable automatic forwarding of grievances to relevant departments, real-time updates, prompt acknowledgements, and a multilingual voice. The app will also offer grievance prioritization, various dashboard types and comprehensive reporting. JK Samadhan is expected to be fully operational soon.

Another batch of...

pilgrims have paid obeisance at the naturally formed ice lingam at the cave shrine so far this year. More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine last year.

The yatra commenced on June 29 and will conclude on August 19.

MVD Doda cracks down on traffic violations, suspends 22 driving licenses for 3 months

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In a significant crackdown, the Motor Vehicle Department Doda (MVD), under the supervision and guidance of ARTO Doda Rajesh Gupta, suspended 22 driving licenses of commercial drivers for three months in the downtown area of Doda. The operation targeted various traffic violations, reinforcing the department's commitment to road safety.

The extensive operation against traffic violators involved MVD inspectors and other officials from the Motor Vehicle Department. The crackdown is part of an ongoing initiative by MVD Doda to curb dangerous driving practices and enforce traffic regulations strictly. Violations included overspeeding, not wearing seat belts, overloading, driving without speed limit devices, riding without helmets, lacking pollution certificates, vehicle alterations, and missing High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP).

In addition to the suspensions, 128 drivers were challaned, and a total amount of Rs. 351,500 was realized from fines over the last seven days.

ARTO Rajesh Gupta emphasized that the primary reasons behind the suspension of driving licenses were to ensure public safety and reduce road accidents. He stated that such stringent measures are necessary to discourage reckless driving and promote adherence to traffic laws among the commercial driver community.

The MVD team also highlighted the importance of regular monitoring and strict enforcement to maintain discipline on the roads. This operation aims to set a precedent and encourage all drivers to follow traffic rules diligently, ensuring a safer environment for all road users.

Traffic Police, Enforcement wing of RTO lay joint Naka; book several for traffic violations

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Traffic Police City Jammu and Enforcement wing of RTO Jammu laid joint nakas at various locations i.e Bhagwati Nagar, Talab Tillo, Ambphalla Chowk to check Overcharging and other Traffic violations.

During the Special drive 76 No's of vehicles particularly e-Rickshaw, Auto, Mini-buses were booked for overcharging, overloading, plying vehicles without fitness certificate, insurance certificate etc.

e-Rickshaw drivers were directed to implement zones notification and ply their vehicles in their respective zones. They were also directed to follow the guidelines issued by the Transport Department with respect to Passenger safety and levy of fares.

6 vehicles seized; 6 drivers arrested for Illegal extraction & transportation of minerals

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BARAMULLA: Cracking a whip on illegal mining & transportation of minerals, police have seized 06 vehicles and arrested 06 drivers in Baramulla.

A police party under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla & SDPO Kreeri assisted by SHO Police Station Sheeri & SHO Police Station Kreeri seized 6 vehicles (2 tippers, 2 Dumpers, 2 Tractors) & arrested 6 drivers involved in illegal extraction/transportation of minerals at Gantamulla Payeen & Frastahaar Kreeri. They have been identified as Anzar Malla son of Shabir Ahmad resident of Sheeri, Ghulam Hassan Malik son of Mohammad Munawar resident of Kitchama, Irfan Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Ahad resident of Hajin Bandipora, Mumtaz Ahmad Wani son of Abdul Aziz resident of Nadihal Bandipora, Ab Hameed Waza son of Gh Mohd & Omer Waza son of Ab Rashid, both residents of Frastahaar.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered in Police Station Sheeri & Police Station Kreeri and investigation has been taken up.

Persons found indulging in illegal mining activities shall be dealt as per law. Community members are appealed to share information regarding the crimes in their neighbourhood with their concerned police units.

Isuzu Motors to roll out Isuzu I Care Monsoon Camp from July 22

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a constant endeavour to reaffirm ISUZU's commitment to provide best service and ownership experience, Isuzu Motors India will be conducting a nation-wide 'ISUZU I-Care Monsoon Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the season across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the

Monsoon camp will be organised across all ISUZU authorised dealer service outlets, between 22 July to July 28, 2024. During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles. Customers can avail free 37 point comprehensive check up, ten percent discount on labour and RSA purchase, five percent discount in parts, tubes and fluids and free REGEN. Apart from Baramulla, Jammu and Leh, the Monsoon Camp will be organised at all authorised service facilities of ISUZU across the country.

Hill Council Leh assures support for Skalzangling's Community initiatives

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

LEH: CEC Tashi Gyalson convened a crucial meeting with a delegation from Skalzangling, led by the incoming President Tashi Tsewang and outgoing President Tashi Sonam, alongside other Tsogpa executive members. Central to the discussions was the upcoming construction of a new cremation ground and other community initiatives. CEC Gyalson commended the outgoing president for his commendable work and extended warm wishes to President Tashi Tsewang as he assumes his new role. Reaffirming unwavering support, CEC Gyalson assured the delegation of the Hill Council Leh's dedication to addressing any future challenges.

BLSKS presents musical play titled "Neel Kanth Gangadhar"

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Bhartiya Lok Sangeet Kala Sansthan (BLSKS) presented a grand musical play titled "Neel Kanth Gangadhar" at Durga Bhawan, Jammu on July 19, 2024, as part of its 443rd Friday Series. The event aimed to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Jammu & Kashmir and was organized in collaboration with Sangam Tru Art Productions. The program was inaugurated by V.K. Magotra, former Regional Director of the Directorate of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India. Dr. Anju Kumari Dogra from the Government Health Department Jammu and Dr. Tara Singh Charak, Former Deputy Director of the Health Department, J&K

DSW CLUJ in collaboration with DLL JU celebrates Youth Skill Day

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Dean Student Welfare (DSW), Cluster University of Jammu (CLUJ), in collaboration with the Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu organized a one-day workshop on communication skills to celebrate Youth Skill Day on Friday.

The event aimed to enhance the communication skills of youth particularly NSS volunteers from the constituent colleges of the CLUJ.

The programme began with an inaugural address by Dr. Rajashree Dhar, DSW, CLUJ emphasising the sig-

Drug peddler arrested; contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested a drug peddler in Kulgam and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A police party of Police Station Qazigund at a checkpoint established at Upper Bazar Qazigund intercepted a motorcycle ridden by one person identified as Sahil Ahmad Lone Son of Abdul Rashid Lone resident of Dalwaha, Qazigund carrying a nylon bag. During search, 1.4 Kgs of poppy straw like contraband substance was recovered. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody. Vehicle used in commission of crime has been seized.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 189/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Qazigund and investigation has been taken up.

6 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: Under the overall supervision of SSP Poonch Yougal Kumar Manhas Poonch Police tightening its nose against bovine smugglers, a police team headed by IC PP Behramgala PSI Rahul Angral under close supervision of SHO Surankote Rajesh Kumar Thappa and Ad SP Mushim Ahmed during intervening night hrs have foiled bovine smuggling bid in which 06 bovines were rescued, arrested the bovine smuggler and 01 vehicle seized, Tata mobile bearing registration number JK12A/6761 loaded with 06 bovines being driven by being driven by Shahid Ahmed S/o Shabir Ahmed R/o Trarawali Tehsil surankote distt. Poonch for routine checking which were being transported illegally without any valid permission.

In this regard FIR no. 174/2024 u/s 223 BNS has been registered in Police Station Surankote.

Drug Control Authority Anantnag closes-down 2 Medical Establishments

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: In a concerted effort to enhance regulatory enforcement, the Drug Control Organization Anantnag today conducted inspections in peripheral areas of Kokernag, including Khalar, Nagam, Vailoo, Soyan, Devalgam, Mathadoo, and Matigavran.

During the operation, nearly 20 medical sale establishments were inspected and found to be compliant with the necessary regulations. However, the operations of two retail drug sale establishments, M/s Naikoo Medical Store Nagam and Mehboobul-Ul Alam Medical Store Nagam, were immediately disallowed for violating the conditions of their licenses.

Chemists in the area were strongly urged to adopt Good Pharmacy Practices, maintain Good Storage Conditions, and adhere strictly to the circulars and guidelines issued periodically by the Drug Control Organization and the District Administration.

They were also warned of stringent actions, including the permanent cancellation of their licenses, in case of violations under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and the rules thereunder.

Jammu's Cyber Cell recovers iphone worth Rs 92 K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Cyber cell DPO Jammu, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online frauds and cyber crime, has successfully recovered an iphone of the complainant. The complainant lost his iphone worth Rs 92,000 while traveling in the Jammu City. The complainant approached cyber cell DPO Jammu and lodged an application for tracing of the iphone.

During the investigation, the Cyber Cell DPO Jammu, acted swiftly and exhibited the ultimate professional excellence and technical expertise for tracking the same. After thorough investigation the lost iPhone was recovered and handed over to its authentic owner after proper physical and technical verifications thereof.

District Police Jammu, equipped with advanced technology and expert human resource remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.

nificance of communication skills for youth empowerment and career development. Prof. (Dr)B.B Anand, Principal of MAM College, addressed the audience, sharing insights on the practical applications of strong communication abilities in various fields and stressed being skilful in the present scenario. The resource person of the workshop was Neetu Dhar the corporate master trainer, who conducted an engaging and informative session on interpersonal skills and non-verbal communication for the participants. She also conducted an

assessment test based on the topic. The workshop was held under the guidance of Prof. Jeevan Jyoti, Incharge Director, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu. Amitpal Kour, NSS Coordinator CLUJ also apprised the students about the importance of honing their communication skills to meet the challenges of the modern world. Prof. Sugandha conducted the proceedings of the programme. Dr Rewa Khajuria, Counsellor, Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Jammu coordinated the workshop. About

40 students from constituent colleges of the cluster university of Jammu participated in the workshop.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks presented by Prof. Lukesha, NSS PO, MAM College expressing gratitude to all the speakers and participants for their valuable contributions.

Other faculty members present on the occasion were Dr. Rahul Kait, Dr. Deepshikha Sharma, Dr. Neha Sharma, Prof. Sarita Dogra, and Dr. Kailash Sharma NSS Program Officers, from various constituent colleges of Cluster University of Jammu.

IIM Jammu felicitates Balwant Thakur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Natrang Director Padma Shri Balwant Thakur was felicitated here on Friday by Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Jammu for the outstanding presentation of his new play 'Naye Yug Ki Naari' during the orientation program of PhD, MBA and EMBA at the majestic auditorium of IIM campus, Jammu.

The honours were done by the Director IIM Prof B.S Sahay who appreciated the innovative work of Balwant Thakur and his team Natrang and desired to introduce theatre in IIM with the aim to position IIM Jammu as one of the finest business schools in the world. Terming theatre as magi-

cal in transforming personalities, he desired to utilise this medium in enhancing confidence and communication skills of the students.

The participants who gave engrossing performances included Mahi Verma, Payal Khanna, Shalini Bhagat, Aradhana Soodan, Akriti Jamwal, Ayushika Rajput, Harmandeep Kour, Pratishtha Sharma, Ayushi Sharma, Pooja Thakur, Palak Thappa, Prerna Sharma, Simran Rajput, Meenu Sharma, Geeta Thakar, Richa Dutta, Lakshita Devi, Pratibha Verma, Anshika Mangoch, Anshika Choudhary, Parul Magotra, Kibriya Gohar, Isha Gupta, Aditi Verma, Divyanshi Sharma, Pragi Sharma, Simran Bhagat and Mitali Sarmal.

JKTF holds virtual meeting, leaders demand resolution of genuine issues of teaching fraternity

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of the Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Forum (JKTF) was held through virtual mode under the leadership of UT President Mohammad Ashraf. The meeting was attended by the Executive and District Presidents.

While speaking on the occasion, Mohammad Ashraf raised the genuine and pressing issues of the teaching fraternity and sought the attention of the LG and Principal Secretary of School Education for their resolution. He emphasized the need for a comprehensive transfer policy for teachers appointed

under the ReT scheme, stating that these teachers have been working in the same schools for more than 21 years despite clear directions from the High Court and CAT that they should be transferred within the district like General Line Teachers. "But in the absence of a transfer policy, thousands of these teachers, including females, are suffering badly," he said. He demanded the inclusion of these teachers in the ATD, noting that recently, the ATD link excluded a large community, including ReTs, Teachers Grades II/III, and 3rd teachers. He requested the Principal Secretary of the

School Education Department to include these teachers in the ATD.

Others who also spoke on the occasion included Ram Krishan Singh, Sanjeet Sharma, Raman Sharma, Neetan Kalyan, Mohan Singh, Jail Sheikh, Rafiq Hussain Maliq, Rifat Hussain Maliq, Nasir ul Haq Bhat, Imtiyaz Ul Haq, Rail Singh, Surjeet Kumar, Amarjeet Singh, Dr Sanjay Sharma, Lokesh Sharma, Rajeev Chada, Nasir Mir, Ajeet Singh, Mustafa Kamal, Ashraf Hussain, Gulshan Sharma, Shafiq Mirza, Ali Akbar, Ajay Sharma and others.