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The decision shall enable early completion of construction of targeted accommodation for migrant employees by providing additional funds for construction purposes.

Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction shall ensure that allied works related to security arrangements like watch tower, installation of CCTV cameras etc. are taken up to ensure security of the inhabitants.

LS passes Union...

also passed by the House.

Replying to the debate, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the fiscal deficit of the central government is proposed to be brought down to 4.9 per cent of the GDP during 2024-25 and further to below 4.5 per cent by 2025.

1,477 pilgrims leave...

The 33rd batch of 1,477 pilgrims left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp here at 3.25 am in a convoy of 52 vehicles, the officials said.

While 1,100 pilgrims took the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district, 377 took the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district, they said. So far, over 4.65 lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance at the naturally-formed ice lingam at the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine. The yatra commenced on June 29 and will conclude on August 19.

HM operative arrested...

Jangal, Pattan and adjoining villages in Surankote area of Poonch and Bangar-Saroor forest in Drabshalla area of Kishtwar district this morning.

The security forces also conducted a precautionary search operation in Rajouri town, which has seen 15 terror attacks in the last 50 days.

Under the prevailing security situation and high alert, security forces conducted a precautionary search operation in the main town of Rajouri last evening, the officials said.

This operation was carried out by the Jammu and Kashmir Police and its Special Operations Group, and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), they said.

The officials said a sniffer dog of the CRPF and a bomb disposal squad of the police were also present.

On Monday evening, security forces also conducted a multi-agency security table top exercise (MASTT) to review the security situation in Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts, a defence spokesman said.

"To review the security situation in Jammu, Samba and Kathua region, a MASTT exercise was conducted at the Samba military station. The conference was attended by all stakeholders from security forces and intelligence agencies", he said.

The security agencies brainstormed and deliberated on various probable security scenarios and instituted measures to employ the full spectrum of counter-terror capabilities in a synergised manner, he said.

The successful conduct of this joint exercise demonstrates the commitment of all agencies to ensure safety and security in the Jammu region, he said.

In a related development, the authorities in Rajouri district have advised people not to visit the forest areas wearing shawls and blankets during night hours to avoid any untoward incident and intensified anti-terror operations..

The advisory has been issued by Additional District Magistrate Rajeev Kumar Khajuria on the request of the army, which informed the civil administration about some civilians roaming in the forest areas or their fields wearing shawls and blankets during night hours.

"General public is hereby informed that no person shall visit, roam in the forest area during late and night hours from 9 pm to 4 am, wearing shawls and blankets," Khajuria said in an official notice.

The movement has been strictly prohibited without prior permission from concerned army and police authorities in order to avoid any mishap or untoward incident, he said. Security forces are undertaking frequent search operations in the forests of Rajouri and adjoining Poonch district to track down and neutralize the terrorists, who have managed to infiltrate from across the border and are hiding in the areas.

State Bar Councils...

Adding the SBCs and the Bar Council of India (BCI) cannot "alter or modify" the fiscal policy laid down by Parliament.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said the bar bodies are delegates of powers under the Advocates Act, 1961.

The bench said SBCs and the BCI cannot charge more than Rs 750 and Rs 125 for enrolling law graduates from general and the SC-ST categories, respectively.

"The SBCs cannot charge 'enrolment fees' beyond the express legal stipulation under Section 24(1)(f) as it currently stands," it held, adding the provision specifically lays down the fiscal pre-conditions subject to which an advocate can be enrolled on State rolls.

"The SBCs and the BCI cannot demand payment of fees other than the stipulated enrolment fee and stamp duty, if any, as a pre-condition to enrolment," it held.

Writing the 68-page judgment, the CJI said the decision of SBCs to charge fees and charges at the time of enrolment in excess of legal stipulation violated Article 14 (right to equality) and Article 19(1)(g) (right to practice a profession) of the Constitution.

The bench, however, said the decision will have "prospective effect" and SBCs were not required to refund the excess enrolment fees collected so far.

The bench linked the levy of exorbitant fees by various SBCs to the dignity of law graduates, especially belonging to SCs, STs and the EWs categories.

The bench said dignity is crucial to substantive equality. The dignity of an individual encompasses the right of the individual to develop their potential to the fullest. The right to pursue a profession of one's choice and earn livelihood is integral to the dignity of an individual, it said.

J&K HC converts...

the same order was implemented on all government purchases in the year 2008.

The petitioner Kapil Kaul said, "The order was not implemented by some officers having vested interests."

The Court on September 10, 2013 issued directions for its strict implementation. The World Health Organisation has also stated heavy metals beyond permissible limits are health hazardous.

Justice Vinod Chatterjee Koul, after hearing the petition on June 07, 2024, observed that it is a case of public interest and forwarded the same to Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice, after accepting the plea, converted the writ petition to Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

The petition was heard on July 10, 2024 by the bench headed by the then Chief Justice N. Kottiswar Singh and Justice Rajesh Sekhri, who after hearing the advocates from both the sides, issued notices to all concerned. The notices were accepted by Vishal Sharma DSGI and S S Nanda, Senior AAG.

Advocate Rupinder Singh represented the petitioner Kapil Kaul. Kapil Kaul, who made a petition against the government agencies for patronising unsafe drugs has appreciated J&K HC's decision of converting his petition to PIL keeping in view the seriousness of the matter. He said, Supreme Court in its latest judgement, has also described "Right to Health includes Right to be made Aware of Products' Quality.

Here it is relevant to mention that the Central Government had issued a directive on September 9, 2008 as a follow-up to its previ-

ous order of October 14, 2005, enforced in the country with immediate effect, which stated that every drug shall accompany Quality Analysis Report of government approved laboratories but some officers for monetary gains did not implement this directive and accepted drugs without mandatory test report.

OROP: SC pulls...

under the scheme. It said the cost of Rs 2 lakh shall be deposited in the welfare funds of the Army and warned the government that if the decision is not taken by November 14, it will direct for enhanced pension by 10 per cent to the retired regular captains.

It listed the matter for further hearing on November 25.

Appearing in the court on behalf of the Centre, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhatti said six anomalies have been pointed out by the Kochi bench of the Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT), which need to be rectified, but the government is yet to take a stand in the matter.

The bench said, "For how many years will this go on? Either you pay an enhanced pension by 10 per cent or we are imposing a cost on you. We wanted a decision to be taken, but you have not taken it. This matter came up in 2021 but still no decision has been taken."

Bhatti said the government cannot take a piecemeal decision, it has to look at the issue holistically and consider all the six anomalies as the decision may affect others.

"All I can do is tender my apology. Please give us one more chance, we will take a decision in this regard. We will file an affidavit in this regard. Give us three months' time, we will take a decision," the additional solicitor general said.

The bench initially refused to give any further time to the Centre and accept any affidavit and said it will direct an enhanced pension to these retired officers.

Justice Khanna said, "What is this? If the government is not taking a decision, I cannot do anything. This does not give solace to these officers. They are retired captains. They have no say. They have no access to you people. Either you start paying 10 per cent more or pay the cost. The choice is yours."

As soon as the bench started dictating the order for enhanced pension for the retired captains, Bhatti asked it to kindly impose a cost because that will serve equity better than enhanced pension.

The bench then gave time till November 14 to the government as a last opportunity but imposed a cost of Rs 2 lakh on it, saying the amount has to be deposited in the welfare fund of the armed forces in four weeks.

Rahul Gandhi has...

and Rajiv Gandhi ensured it was not implemented for the first ten years. Chugh stated that Rahul Gandhi should stop shedding crocodile tears. He has dishonored the dignity of the House by presenting incorrect facts and behaving irresponsibly.

Chugh further stated that Rahul Gandhi's Congress has lost more than a dozen elections over the past decade and a half. This time, Congress has completed a hat-trick of defeats. What Rahul Gandhi said in the Lok Sabha was driven by feelings of frustration and despair, marking one of the most shameful and unconstitutional moments in parliamentary democracy, he said.

Man involved in...

Activities (Prevention) Act and CrPC. "Despite being booked and put out of circulation for his inimical acts, the accused was still not mending his ways and was continuously involved in unlawful acts and thus posing a serious threat to peace and order," he said.

The spokesman said a detailed dossier was prepared by the district police office in Rajouri and submitted to the Rajouri district magistrate, who has issued an order for his detention under PSA.

ED raids against...

documents and the persons in whose name the loans were sanctioned did not exist, the agency claimed. All the loan accounts (total 250) were sanctioned "without" following the due procedure and by "violating" the norms and conditions of the loans, the ED said. The agency said "incriminating" documents including books of account and digital devices were seized during the searches.

High temperature disrupts...

level, then the plane cannot be operated at that elevation, a senior Airbus pilot said.

For Boeing 737 planes, the maximum temperature for operation at the Leh airport is 32 degrees Celsius, according to a SpiceJet official.

The pilot said the maximum temperatures are decided after taking into account various operational parameters, including the elevation of an airport and obstacles around it.

The Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport in Leh is at an altitude of 10,682 feet above the mean sea level.

Pilots are provided special training for operating flights to this airport, which is one of the highest commercial airports in the world.

In recent weeks, the temperature in the Leh area has been mostly high and above 30-degree Celsius, a situation that has resulted in the cancellation of some flights.

IndiGo, Air India, SpiceJet and Vistara have services to Leh.

Aviation industry officials said that high temperatures have been causing operational issues, including those related to payload of an aircraft.

At high altitudes like in Leh, the air has less density and combined with high temperature, it becomes difficult for an aircraft to take off, the officials said.

At least 123 dead, 128 injured in Kerala landslides

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
WAYANAD (KERALA): In one of the worst natural disasters in Kerala, at least 123 persons were killed and 128 injured in massive landslides triggered by torrential rains in Wayanad on Tuesday. With hundreds trapped under the debris, sparking fears of mounting fatalities, rescue agencies were racing against time to pull out any survivors.

Government sources said 123 people have been killed so far in the tragedy.

Heart-wrenching scenes and phone conversations of several people crying and pleading to be rescued, as they were either trapped in their houses or had no way to move out of places where they were stranded, were witnessed after the landslides that left a trail of death and destruction in the picturesque hamlets of Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala and Noolpuzha.

Earlier, speaking at a press conference in Thiruvananthapuram about the massive tragedy, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said: "Due to the intense rainfall, landslides occurred, and an entire region has been destroyed. Ninety-three bodies have been recovered so far."

He said 128 people are undergoing treatment at various hospitals.

"Children who went to sleep last night, including infants, are among those who lost their lives in this disaster and are now buried under the earth. The floodwaters swept away many people. Sixteen bodies were recovered from the Chaliyar River in Pothukallu in Malappuram district (neighbouring Wayanad), and body parts were also found," Vijayan said.

"This is one of the most severe natural disasters our state has ever seen," he said. He said 34 bodies have been identified, and 18 of them have been handed over to relatives of the deceased persons. More than 3,000 people have been shifted to 45 relief camps set up in the district, Vijayan added.

Bike lifter gang busted; 15 motorcycles recovered 2 burglaries solved; gold and electronic items Valuing around 6 Lakh recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Rajouri police busted a gang involved in bike lifting and has recovered as many as 15 bikes from the possession of accused.

Police said that on 16th of April, a written application was lodged in PS Rajouri by a resident of Dhanour, Jarallah Rajouri who stated to have parked his motorcycle bearing registration number JK11E-4637 outside his residence but next morning the vehicle was missing.

On receipt of this application, a case in FIR No 273/2024 U/S 379 IPC was registered and investigation was started during which several suspects were rounded up and with the assistance of CCTV footage and technical analysis, one Shoket Ahmed son of Mohd Shafi resident of Kundal Dhan Tehsil Chasana in district Reasi was identified as main suspect and detained, later put to questioning during which he confessed about theft of the motorcycle.

The said person was arrested in the instant case and on his disclosure, his other associates namely Aftar Hussain S/O Mohd Iqbal R/O Kalakote; Mudasir Mir S/O Parvaiz Mir R/O Shar Tehsil Mahore, District Reasi and Zafar Hussain S/O Abdul Hussain R/O Kote Dhara Tehsil Rajouri were arrested.

With these arrests, 15 stolen motorcycles worth around 25 Lacs were recovered and 04 Cases in FIR No's 273, 292, 314 and 326 of 2024 registered at PS Rajouri stands solved.

Notably, the sincere efforts of police team led by SHO PS Rajouri also resulted in solving 02 more burglaries committed in Rajouri in respect of which, 02 Cases in FIR No's 67 & 186 of 2024 were under investigation.

Mentionable that during investigation of duo burglaries, three burglars namely Sharn Sharma @ Sunny S/O Satish Kumar R/O Rajouri; Anil Singh S/O Prem Singh R/O Ransoo and Nadeem Khan S/O Mohd Kabir R/O Nerojal Saj were arrested.

The thorough questioning of arrested trio resulted in recoveries of gold and electronic items valuing around 06 lacs. As the investigation moves ahead, there is likelihood of solving other theft cases as well.

14 gamblers apprehended, stake money recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has apprehended nine gamblers red-handed in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur, district Samba and recovered stake money to the tune of rupees 18,400/- alongwith playing cards and 09 Mobile phones from their possession.

Acting on specific information regarding gambling, a Police team headed by SHO Police Station Vijaypur raided the gambling spot near GurdwaraGaliVijaypur and apprehended nine gamblers while gambling alongwith stake money of Rs 18,400/-, playing cards and 09 Mobile Phonesfrom their possession.

The apprehended gamblers, all residing at present Vijaypur, have been identified as KamleshKawet S/o Dharam Ram R/o Barekalam Tehsil & District Jahnagar(Chattisgarh) (2) RajuAhiwar S/o Hari Ram R/o Laloni Tehsil Chattarpur District Bhowal(MP) (3) Dhanjay Kumar S/o Ram Prashad R/o Padoh Tehsil Nowgarh District JhangirChampa(Chattisgarh) (4) Gkanshayam S/o GokulSahu R/o Shitalpur Tehsil Beligarh District Sharangarh(Chattisgarh) (5) SurinderLal S/o Sat Ram R/o Keharim Tehsil Belligarh District Sharangarh(Chattisgarh) (6) Janak Raj S/o Ram Kumar R/o Nowapara Tehsil Belygarh District Sharangarh(Chattisgarh) A/PKootahMorhHiranagarKathua (7) Vikas Kumar S/o RagubirLal R/o Shitah Tehsil & District Jahnagar Champa(Chattisgarh) (8) GopiNathNayak S/o Nikhil Nayak R/o Rahati Tehsil Zanatparshad District Ganzanand (9) KeshavLekri S/o BishramLekri R/o Sheetal Tehsil Belygarh District Sharangarh (Chattisgarh). Legal action under section 13 of Gambling Act has been taken by police against the said gamblers.

Baramulla Police also arrested 05 gamblers and seized stake money and playing cards from their possession.

Acting on a reliable information regarding the gambling activities, a police party headed by Incharge Police Post Old Town Baramulla under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Baramulla raided at Azadgunj Baramulla. During raid, five gamblers were arrested & stake money of Rs-13200/- & playing cards were recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Javid Ahmad Parray son of Gh Ahmad resident of Arampora, Kallu Sheikh son of Azeem Sheikh resident of Kalaroos Kupwara, Gh Nabi Gojree son of Sonaullah & Abdul Hamid Dar son of Ab Khaliq both residents of Azadgunj & Aijaz Ahmad Waza son of Mohd Yousuf resident of DK Marg. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law stands registered at Police Station Baramulla and investigation has been initiated.

Two dumpers indulged in illegal mining seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: J&K Police at Kathua district seized 02 vehicles i.e. (02 Dumpers) indulged in illegal transportation of construction material(Sand) in the jurisdictional area of PS Hiranagar at Tarnah Nallah. During the intervening night of 29/30.07.2024 A Police team of BPP Chakra headed by I/C BPP Chakra under the supervision of SDPO Border & SHO PS Hiranagar during patrolling/checking in its jurisdictional area at Tarnah Nallah seized 02 vehicles i.e. (02 Dumpers) bearing Reg. No. JK21D-1898 being driven by Amir Parray R/o Doda Tehsil Bhagvana and other Dumper bearing Reg. No. JK08N-9039 driven by Amrit S/o Madan Lal R/o Korepunnu Tehsil Marheen District Kathua indulged in illegal mining i.e transportation of construction material (Sand) without any legal permission. Meanwhile both the vehicles indulged in illegal mining were seized & immediately handed over to the officials of the Geological and Mining Department Kathua for further legal proceedings.

Three nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI/JAMMU: In a continued drive against drug abuse, District Police Reasi, under Operation Jeevandan, has intensified its efforts to curb illegal drug activities through surprise checkpoints and thorough inspections.

During a surprise naka at Reasi Arnas Road, a team of Police Station Reasi spotted a suspicious individual near Sideo Gate, Gran Morh Katal. Upon seeing the police, the individual attempted to flee from the spot but alert jawan swiftly swung into action and apprehended him. The suspect was identified as Sunil S/O Kartar R/O Katal Gran Morh, during his search 2.21 grams of a heroin-like substance was found from his possession.

In this regard an FIR No.125/2024 under sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Reasi, and an investigation is ongoing to uncover further connections in the drug network. The whole operation is led by SHO Reasi under supervision of DySP Hqs Reasi.

Meanwhile, a police party of Police Post Sidhra while on routine patrolling established naka at Bajalta Morh Sidhra one car

also bearing registration no JK15A/5697 which was coming from Narwal towards Bajalta was signalled for checking but driver of the said alto car and the other person sitting in the car tried to escape from spot.

This police party of PP Sidhra overpowered both the persons and detained them.On preliminary questioning the said persons disclosed their name as Mudasir Ahmed Maggi S/O Abdul Rashid R/O Shalipora Sumbal Bandipora and Muneer Ahmed Beig S/O Mohd Sultan R/O Shalipora Sumbal Bandipora.During their personal search heroine like substance recovered from the possession of both the above said person.

In this regard a case FIR No 211/2024 u/s 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act stand registered at Police Station Nagrota and the investigation of case started

In another instance, a police party of Police Station Bahu Fort Jammu while on routine patrolling/frisking During performing patrolling/frisking duty near JDA office Bahu plaza they noticed that one vehicle bearing Registration no. IIR62A-6518 coming from Shiv market towards Railway station. when police party signalled him to stop the vehicle the driver of the said vehicle want to flee away from the spot but police party stopped the vehicle with high efforts.

On this police party of P/S Bahu Fort successfully overpowered the above said vehicle and detained him. when police party checked the vehicle they found three persons were sitting in the said vehicle and during questioning they disclosed his name as 1.Mohsin Aslam Khan S/o Mohd Aslam Khan R/o Hamama Budgam Srinagar. 2. Mohd Amin S/o Ghulam Hassan R/o Sheikhpora Budgam Srinagar and 3.Azhar Manzoor Bhat S/o Manzoor Ahmed R/ Nowabazar Srinagar. During their personal search heroin (chitta) like substance recovered from their possession. In this regard a case FIR No. 167/2024 U/S 8/21/22/25/29/60 NDPS Act stand registered with this police station and investigation of the case started.

It is pertinent to mention here that the above said accused persons were involved in drug peddling and destroying the life of youth of the area by selling the drugs.

Cyber Cell recovers defrauded amount of Rs 2.3 lakh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN/JAMMU : Cyber cell DPO Ramban, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online frauds and cyber crime, has successfully recovered hard earned money of the complainant which had been fraudulently transacted.

Brief facts of the case are that Cyber cell DPO Ramban received a complaint mentioning therein that the complainant lost money from her account as she got scammed by an unknown person.

During the course of indepth enquiry it has been found that the Complainant got a call from an unknown person, the said person told the complainant that she has to pay the amount in advance and in return they will gift her an i-phone and expensive house hold item. The complainant fell into the trap of fraudster and transferred the amount but later she learnt, it was a fraud.

During the Enquiry, the Cyber Cell DPO Ramban, acted swiftly and exhibited the ultimate professional excellence which resulted in recovery of Rs1,03,000/

Cyber cell DPO Jammu, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online frauds and cyber crime who has been relentlessly working day in and day out for ensuring the safety and security of masses in general has once again successfully recovered hard earned money of the complainant.The complainant fraudulently cheated by a fraudster who approached him telephonically on WhatsApp and persuaded him to invest amount from his hard earned sources in trading . The complainant invested in trading and lost an amount of Rs one lac.

The cyber cell DPO Jammu took no time to start the investigations and acted swiftly while exhibiting the ultimate professional excellence through its dedicated skilled human resource which was put to task and in no time the lost amount of Rs 1,00,000/-was recovered.

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

Shri Machail Mata Yatra: SSP Kishtwar conducts crime and security review meeting



■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: The Senior Superintendent of Police Kishtwar, Shri Abdul Qayoom-JKPS, convened a comprehensive security and crime review meeting today at the District Police Lines Kishtwar. The meeting was held to review the crime and security arrangements made in view of ongoing Machail MataYatra-2024 which was attended by Adtl. SP Kishtwar, SDPOs, SHOs, IC PPs, IOs, and other senior officers.

During the meeting, SSP Kishtwar addressed several critical aspects related to crime prevention, investigation, community safety, and enhancing the security of the ongoing Shri Machail Mata Yatra. The primary objectives were as follows:

Review of Recent Crime Trends: A thorough examination of recent crime trends and statistics in the Kishtwar district was conducted to identify areas of concern.

Progress in Ongoing Investigations: The status of ongoing criminal investigations was reviewed to ensure timely resolution and justice for victims.

Enhancing Community Policing: Strategies to strengthen community policing and enhance public safety were discussed, with an emphasis on community involvement in maintaining law and order.

Evaluation of Crime Prevention Initiatives: The effectiveness of current crime prevention initiatives was assessed to optimize resources and improve outcomes.

Combating Drug Abuse: Measures to tackle drug abuse within the district were deliberated, focusing on prevention, rehabilitation, and enforcement.

Addressing Bovine Smuggling: Strategies to curb bovine smuggling activities were reviewed, underscoring the need for coordinated efforts to combat this illegal practice.

Anti-Militancy Operations: Updates on anti-militancy operations and strategies were provided, highlighting the importance of vigilance to ensure the safety and security of the region. It was emphasized that daily updates on these issues would be maintained through the E-beat book records, facilitating real-time monitoring and response. SSP Kishtwar further directed the officers to lead in conducting area domination/patrolling and speculative/specific CASOs in vulnerable areas/pockets. Important directions were imparted among the officers to remain extra vigilant, strengthen nakas/checkpoints, and generate actionable intelligence to thwart the nefarious designs of anti-national elements.