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J&K moving ahead...

our existence. We must take inspiration from Abdul Rahim Bhat and discharge our responsibility towards protecting natural resources from destruction while walking on the path of development, he added.

Highlighting the role of Self Help Groups as a facilitator of development, the Lt Governor mentioned Anita Devi, a resident of Reasi district, who is spearheading a Self Help Group of 1300 women, and has transformed several villages of her area.

She is a living example of 'Nari Shakti' who has converted the challenges of remote hilly areas into opportunities, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also acknowledged the notable work of Kulgam's Shahina Akhtar for providing free coaching to the women of her area so that they can become self-dependent.

Referring to a suggestion received from Doda's Reva Raina related to capacity building and credit facilities for women entrepreneurs, the Lt Governor listed various programs of the government to connect women folks with entrepreneurial endeavors and assured her that all the necessary steps will be taken by the administration.

We have adopted the MTC model- Market Network, Training and Continuous Support, to create a strong eco-system of Women Entrepreneurs in Jammu and Kashmir with personalized support. Financial assistance of Rs 1840 crore was also given through various banks to the people to start their own employment in the financial year 2021-22. Under Tejaswini scheme, 2000 girls were made entrepreneurs in the last financial year, having been provided a financial assistance of Rs 102 crore. Skill development training has also been ensured by JKEDI to all the entrepreneurs, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor instructed the JKPTPO to integrate the suggestions received from Reva Raina during their upcoming programmes.

On the suggestion of Anita Goel from Inner Wheel Club Jammu on strengthening the relationship between the civil society and administration, the Lt Governor called upon civil society groups to participate in the process of social development and create awareness about public welfare programs run by the administration.

The Lt Governor thanked Poonam Shashtri from Jammu who suggested conservation and preservation of heritage sites and assured her that the key ideas will be incorporated in the policies.

The Lt Governor exhorted the enlightened citizens to identify ancient heritage sites in their respective areas to intensify 'Adopt a Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehehaan' initiative. He also called upon all the public representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions to join this campaign.

The Lt Governor also mentioned some thoughtful observations shared by Uma Sharma from Jammu to promote 'Literary festivals', 'Book Cafes' and scaling up the pace of digitization of libraries.

The valuable insights received from Kupwara's Altaf Hussain Khan and Ganderbal's Peerzada Vikar Shah pertaining to maintenance and promotion of gardens and landscaping in J&K, besides promotion and monetization of floriculture were also shared by the Lt Governor.

J&K parties to...

There is no clarity on the most important point of voting rights to outsiders ordinarily residing in J-K, National Conference (NC) state spokesperson Inuran Nabi Dar told PTI.

Dar said the government should make it clear what it means by ordinarily living persons.

The problem is that someone has come here and works as a labourer. There is no

documentary proof like it is needed in other places that a person has lived for seven or eight years or so and then he becomes eligible to vote there.

Any such person can come here for two months, deregister himself at his native place and register here to vote, and then return. So, if somebody comes here for two months, will he also be eligible for enrolling himself as a voter here, the NC state spokesperson said.

The clarification was issued through an advertisement in local dailies after a political backlash

PDP chief spokesperson Suhail Bukhari said the all-party meeting will be held as scheduled and everything, even the clarification issued by the government, will be discussed.

He said it was no less than the chief electoral officer who made the remarks on the inclusion of nonlocals.

The Congress party on Saturday said its representatives will also attend the meeting.

AICC in-charge J-K, Rajani Patil, told reporters that the party opposes the inclusion of non-locals in the electoral rolls and was mulling taking a legal course as well against the government's move.

While there was no reaction so far from the Peoples Conference led by Sajad Lone over the participation in the meeting or over the clarification, Apni Party led by Altaf Bukhari seems to be satisfied with the government's response.

Bukhari on Saturday expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the clarification.

LeT guide trained...

side from Jhangar in Nowshera sector. On December 16, 2019, another brother of Hussain, Mohammad Sayeed, was also apprehended by the army in the same area where he was caught this morning.

Sayeed was found to be under the heavy influence of drugs at the time of his arrest. He, too, was subjected to imprisonment and later repatriated, the officials said. According to the officials, Hussain was cultivated by Pakistan Army, likely its intelligence agency Inter-Services Intelligence, and worked for the intelligence unit for about two years.

During this period, he was trained to acquire enemy information and establish cover story in case he was ever apprehended. He had also undergone six weeks' training as a guide at an LeT training camp at Bhimber along the LoC.

J&K records 276...

said. Ladakh has so far recorded 229 fatalities linked to the infection of which Leh accounts for the highest 169 deaths followed by 60 in Kargil.

IED found in...

by security forces in the Beihgund area of Tral in the south Kashmir district.

"On a specific input of police, an IED, approx 10-12 Kgm has been recovered in Beihgund area of #Tral. Police and Army are on the job to destroy it in situ. A major #terror incident averted," Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter.

China disregarded border...

one will have their interests and we need to be sensitive to what the concerns are of the other party," he added.

"Relationships are a two-way street. A lasting relationship cannot be a one-way street. We need that mutual respect and mutual sensitivity, he said, adding that it is no secret we are going through a very difficult phase.

Last week in Bangkok, Jaishankar had said that the relationship between India and China is going through an "extremely difficult phase" after what Beijing has done at the border and emphasised that the Asian Century will not happen if the

two neighbours could not join hands.

"We very much hope that wisdom dawns on the Chinese side," he had said while replying to a question from the audience in Bangkok.

Besides Brazil, Jaishankar will visit Paraguay and Argentina, and it is his first trip to the South American region as the external affairs minister.

The visit is aimed at exploring new areas of cooperation in the post-pandemic era, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

25 pc extra...

cent supernumerary seats for international students, over and above of their total sanctioned enrolment for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

"The decision regarding 25 per cent supernumerary seats has to be carried out by the concerned higher educational institutions as per specific guidelines/regulations issued by the regulatory bodies considering the infrastructure, faculty and other requirements," he added.

The supernumerary seats for international students will not include the international students under exchange programmes and through Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between institutions or between Indian government and other countries.

The HEIs will also be permitted to admit international students using a transparent admission process as is done by the foreign universities and that these students do not have to go through the entrance process used for admissions in India.

"The seats shall be exclusively meant for the international students both in the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. A seat remained unfilled in the supernumerary category, shall not be allocated to anyone other than an international student. International students in this context shall be defined as the one who shall possess a foreign passport," Kumar explained.

The commission has decided that the provision of creating supernumerary seats for international students should be formalised by way of approval of statutory body of the HEIs in accordance with the guidelines and regulations issued by the regulatory bodies from time to time.

"The supernumerary seats in professional and technical institutes shall be governed by the respective statutory bodies. All details regarding the number of seats available for international students in each programme, fee prescribed for the same, admission process, eligibility conditions etc. shall be made available on the website of the HEI," he said.

According to Ministry of External Affairs' data, a total of 23,439 foreign students arrived in India in 2021. However, the number used to higher in pre-pandemic years.

In 2019, over 75,000 international students had come to India for higher studies. Internationalisation of higher education is an essential aspect of the National Education Policy 2020 and helps in integrating the international and intercultural dimensions in higher education," Kumar said.

"Opportunities to attract international students, academics and funding are growing and many Indian HEIs are now committed to increase their international outreach," Kumar said.

"In order to facilitate the internationalisation of Indian HEIs, the UGC has framed the guidelines for admission and creation of supernumerary seats for international students.

"The main objectives of these guidelines are to facilitate a smooth and simple admission of international students in higher educational institutions of India, to create a favourable environment for attracting international students to Indian higher education system, and to make India a preferred destination for international students, he added.

CRIME REPORT

Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS HANDWARA: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Sunday arrested a drug peddler and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

As per the details, a party of Police Post Zaehaldara at a checkpoint established at Sultanpora Bridge intercepted a person moving in a suspicious manner who tried to flee from the spot but was apprehended tactfully. During search, around 140grms of Charas like substance was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Abdul Rashid Sheikh son of Gh Qadir Sheikh resident of Krumhoora. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 232/2022 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Handwara and investigation has been initiated.

23 bovines rescued, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI/KATHUA: Rescuing eight animals from a load carrier(tata mobile)police in Rajouri foiled a bovine smuggling bid and seized the vehicle used in the crime and accused arrested.

Police said that in the Afternoon hours on Sunday a patrolling party of Police station Rajouri under the close supervision of SHO Rajouri Fareed Ahmed during routine checking, frisking at the Khandli bridge Rajouri intercepted a tata mobile which was moving towards Rajouri.

The vehicle with registration number JK11F 4197 was found loaded with Eight bovine animals being smuggled and accused arrested.

The animals were tied with ropes in an improper and very cruel manner without food and water and there was no requisite permission with the driver.

In this connection, cognizance has been taken up and Case FIR No 444/2022 under Section 188IPC 11PC Act registered in Police station Rajouri and further investigation is going on.

District Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua, R C Kotwal also succeeded

in foiling bovine smuggling attempt by rescuing 15 bovines and arrested a smuggler. A team of Police Station Lakhapur led by Insp. Vijay Kotwal SHO Lakhapur under the supervision of DySP DAR Kathua Sukhdev Singh while on Naka/checking duty near New Toll Plaza Lakhapur noticed one suspicious Truck (JK02AT-6085) which was being driven by a person namely Shakeel Ahmed alias Fali, son of Ghulam Ali, resident of Kala Dabad near Batra Hospital Jammu who was enroute from Punjab towards J&K UT was signalled to stop for checking. On thorough checking, Police team was able to found 15 bovines which were being transported without any legal permission. All the 15 bovines were rescued and FIR No. 74/2022 under section 188/IPC, 11PCA act was registered at Police Station Lakhapur.

Two nabbed with heroin, Rs 14,000 cash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Sunday nabbed two narco-smugglers and recovered 20.4 grams of heroin from their possession.

As per the details, a team of Police Station Gangyal led by SHO Gangyal Inspector Joginder Singh Chib while on Naka duty at Sehora Bridge rounded up one suspect who was on his way from Bishnah towards Kunjwani side on his vehicle (PB10CE-1920), suspect was signalled to stop for routine

checking. The suspect was later identified as Chanchel Singh, son of Anar Singh, resident of H No 149 Shastri Nagar Jammu. During search, 10 grams of heroin along with total



cash Rs 14000 was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR No 9 3 / 2 0 2 2 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Gangyal. The whole operation was done under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma. Meanwhile, Tikri Police intercepted a scooty (JK14G-7510) for checking and during frisking of rider 10.4 gms heroin was recovered from the possession of the rider. The accused identified as Pankaj Sharma, son of Ashok Kumar, resident of Jib Padhamu was arrested and FIR No 194/2022 under section 8/21/22 NDPS act was registered against him.

Two missing persons traced; reunited with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Police on Sunday traced two missing persons and reunited them with their family.

As per the details, two different complaints were lodged at Police station Channi Himmat by legal heirs of a boy name withheld resident of chattisgarh MP At present Channi Himmat Jammu and a girl, stating that they got missing from their respective homes. In this regard, FIR No 128/2022 under section 363 of missing boy and missing report vide DD No 4 dated August 21 2022 of missing girl was registered at Police Station Channi Himmat. On this, a team of Police Station Channi Himmat formed under the supervision of SDPO East Syed Zaheer Abbas Jafari led by SHO Channi Himmat Inspr Deepak Katoch did hectic efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area along with connecting various leads finally traced both the missing boy and missing girl.

Subsequently families of the missing persons were informed and the traced persons were handed over to their respective families after completing all the legal formalities.

Girl student found dead under mysterious circumstances

■ STATE TIMES NEWS SAMBA: A girl student from Samba was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Ludhiana on Sunday.

As per the details, a girl resident of Sumb area who was studying in Samba Degree College didn't returned back home from college after which her parents lodged a missing complaint with police. During investigation, her found was found near Samarala Rail Track at Ludhiana as the police of respective area contacted Samba Police for the same. It was learnt that she took ticket of Haridwar and boarded in train but was found dead near railway track. Police is investigating the matter.

Two SSB jawans receive electric shock, hospitalized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Two SSB Jawans on Sunday received electric shock and were hospitalized.

As per the details, two jawans who were engaged in some electricity work at their battalion in Sidhra area received electric shock. They were shifted to hospital where they were under treatment and have been identified as Jagdish and Mohd Raffiq.

Gang of thieves jogged, 1 more arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Police on Sunday have arrested one more member

of a gang of thieves from Srinagar.

As per the details, investigating a theft case, Sidhra Police had nabbed a thief in Jammu who during questioning disclosed name of one more member of gang. On his disclosure, police nabbed the accused form Srinagar. Till now police have nabbed 4 persons for questioning and have recovered stolen goods from two different locations.

Two houses burgled

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Two theft cases have been reported in Jammu on Sunday.

As per the details, Yoginder Kumar, resident of Karlup lodged a complaint with Kanachak Police that thieves targeted his house when he along with family was out and decamped with goods.

Another theft case has been reported in Bathindi area where thieves also targeted a house.

Jawan found hanging

■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI: A jawan was found hanging in Rajouri on Sunday.

As per the details, Niak A.S Reddi, presently posted in RR at Mankote was found hanging and was shifted to hospital where doctors declared him as brought dead. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Chemist shop seized after recovery of banned tablets

■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI: Authorities in Rajouri on Sunday seized a chemist shop after recovery of banned tablets from the shop in violation of norms.

In an official statement, police said that a team of police station Rajouri with Drug Control Officer conducted a surprise inspection of M/S Royal Care Pharmacy Kheora in Rajouri. Two persons were found present in the shop who include Vipal Bhasin and Rameez Raja.

During inspection, it was found that the accused are selling Eydol100 and DDTE100 (Taupentadol) to the youth without prescription.

During search, 156 tablets of Taupentadol were seized by the Drugs Control Officer Rajouri. Accordingly, police said, the premises has been sealed by the DCO Rajouri under Drug and Cosmetics Act 1940.

Police said that police is taking action against people involved in drugs trade and a number of FIRs have been registered in past.

Woman among two killed, 6 injured in mishaps

■ STATE TIMES NEWS BANI/GANDERBAL: Two persons including a woman were killed and 6 other got injured in separate mishaps on Sunday.

As per the details, an Alto (JK08K-4785) fell into a river near village Asodhar of Bani area as a result 4 persons boarding in it got injured. Locals rescued the injured and shifted them to hospital where one of the injured was declared dead by the doctors. The deceased has been identified as Shristia Devi, wife of Hoshiar Singh, resident of Haldar Chandal. While injured have been identified as Radha Krishan (driver), son of Birbal, resident of Kanthal, Nisha Devi, daughter of Kamal Singh, resident of Haldar Chandal.

Meanwhile, a car plunged into a gorge on Zojila Pass of district leaving the driver dead and three on board seriously injured.

The accident happened on late Saturday night when the vehicle was on way to Sonmarg from Zojila.

Police sources said the car (DL9CN-3828) was driven by a driver namely Sameer Ahmad Najar son of Ghulam Nabi Najar of Akhaal Kangan plunged down into gorge at Ranga Morh near BEACON Camp after it went out of control from the driver and plunged into the deep gorge.

The driver died on the spot while the three persons on board were referred to SKIMS Soura from PHC Sonmarg in critical condition. Police sources identified the injured trio as Imtiyaz Ahmad Wani son of Habibullah Wani of Akhaal Kangan Ganderbal, Subash Chander, son of Mohan Lal of Chenani Udhampur and Kuldeep Kumar son of Lajpat Kumar, a resident of Ramnagar Udhampur Jammu.

The vehicle was completely damaged in the accident. Police in this regard have registered a case under relevant sections of law.

Sikh organisations highlight demands

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of various Sikh organizations of Jammu and Kashmir was held today under the Chairmanship of Sudarshan Singh Wazir, President Sikh United Front. The participants in this meeting appealed to the Prime Minister of India Narinder Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir and elections here be held at the earliest.

The Chairman said that while abrogating Art 370 and 35A and demoting the State to Union Territory, it was assured that the people of Jammu and Kashmir will find lot of developments which we are still waiting for.

Chairman further requested to defreeze 8 Assembly and 2 Parliamentary seats out of 24 seats freed and these be allotted to Refugees equally in Jammu and Kashmir provinces. He also invited the attention of the Prime Minister to the recommendation of Joint Parliamentary Committee recommending payment of Rs 30 lakh to Refugees out of which only 5.5 lakh has been paid so far. He requested for taking immediate

steps to pay the balance amount at the earliest. Chairman also requested to appoint an Advisor as well as a High Court Judge from Sikh community besides a member of the community in Public Service Commission. Those who participated in the meeting included Mohinder Singh Chief Organizer Bhai Kanahiya Nishkam Sewa Society, Darbinder Singh President Shiromani Akali Dal J&K, Rajinder Singh General Secretary, Raja Singh Sarpanch, Ravinder Singh Sarpanch, Kulwant Singh Khajuria Joint Secretary Shiromani Akali Dal, Gajan Singh, Kuldeep Kour President Istri Akali Dal, Gurmeet Kour General Secretary, Charanjeet Singh retired SDM, Prof. Yudhvir Singh Corporator, Charan Singh Bali, Harpreet Singh Chhotu President Youth Akali Dal J&K, Surjeet Singh Kukoo President Sikh Naujwan Sabha, Manmohan Singh Chairman Gurdwara Singh Sabha Gole Gujral Jammu, Kuldeep Singh Malik, Kulwant Singh, Rasbir Singh, Parmajeet Singh Raina, Tejpal Singh, Kulkarni Singh and Charanveer Singh.

Congress pays tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Ramban Congress unit celebrated the 78th birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi at a programme organized at Ramban.

In this connection, a program was organised by INC Leader Ramban and Councillor Batote Shahrugh Bhatti in which party leaders and workers paid tributes to Rajiv Gandhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Councillor Batote, Shahrugh Bhatti described Rajiv Gandhi as the architect of Panchayat Raj System in India. He said during his leadership he fulfilled the dreams of great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi to devolve powers of planning and development to the grass root institutions of democracy, so that the people shape their own destiny as per their needs. He asserted that it was Rajiv Gandhi who translated the concept of participatory democracy at the grass root levels.

Among those who were present include Block President Batote Sardar Janak Singh, Congress leaders Atta Mohd, Mohd Ishaq, Krishan Lal, Dilshad Ahmed, Shahir Aktab and Tariq Rather.