

## !! Continuations from Page 1 !! Jagdeep Dhankhar elected...

of political and ideological loyalty who became one of the BJP's most visible leaders and later India's vice president, Naidu came a long way.

He entered into student politics through the ABVP and played an active role in the movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan.

Born in a humble agricultural family in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district, Naidu has served as a BJP president, a union minister and a long-time Rajya Sabha member.

Known for his oratory skills, Naidu often uses interesting one-liners and rhyming phrases to put across his views effectively.

Not many know that Naidu translated former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's speeches for his audience down south.

As Rajya Sabha chairman, Naidu had to deal with difficult situations on various occasions, including protests in the House by opposition members on issues such as the now-repealed three central farm laws.

For Alva, the vice presidential election has been another comeback. Barring a brief lull in 2008 triggered by her standoff with Congress president Sonia Gandhi over the issue of family entitlement in ticket distribution, the suave and soft-spoken Alva's career has largely been a dream run.

She has had a political career spanning over four decades during which she occupied several positions, including a five-time Congress MP, a union minister and governor. She congratulated Dhankhar on his victory.

In the past there had been four instances when candidates were elected unopposed to the post of the vice president who is also the chairperson of Rajya Sabha.

In the 1992 vice presidential poll, K R Narayanan bagged 700 of the 701 valid votes while his rival Kaja Joginder Singh alias "Dharti Pakad" managed just one vote in his favour.

## Amrit Mahotsav golden...

programme should be taken up for the youth to familiarise them with the life of people residing there.

Similarly, the programme to construct 75 ponds in every district and similar such programmes should be designed in a way which is conducive for water and environment conservation.

The youth should be familiarised with such programmes to help them understand the ground realities of the country, he said.

Addressing the committee, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said more than 60,000 programmes have been organised successfully in the country till date and the campaign has percolated down from the national to the state, district and grassroots level.

The programme commenced on March 13 last year launching a 75-week countdown to India's 75th anniversary of independence and will end on August 15 next year.

Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress sources claimed West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was not given a chance to speak at the meeting. She wanted to highlight her state's contribution to freedom struggle, they said.

Members of the national committee who attended the meeting included the Lok Sabha speaker, governors, Union ministers, chief ministers, other political leaders, officials, media personalities, spiritual Leaders, artists and film personalities and eminent persons from other walks of life, the statement said.

Several participants also joined the meeting virtually.

Culture ministry secretary Govind Mohan gave a presentation on the overview of activities of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav since its inception.

The first meeting of the National Committee was held on March 8 before the launch of the campaign and the second meeting was held on December 22.

Modi said India is passing through an era of "Amrit Kaal" realising its resolves and this will take the country to the "peak of success" in the next 25 years.

## Two notorious criminals arrested; heroin, sharp-edged weapons seized

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Police on Saturday arrested two notorious criminals and recovered 5 grams of Heroin along with sharp edged weapons.

As per the details, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SHO Miran Sahib Inspector Zaheer Mushtaq while on Naka duty rounded-up two suspects. On search 5 grams of heroin was recovered from the suspects Arjun Kumar and Ashok Kumar, both sons of Bodh Raj, resident of Phinder and on their disclosure 5 grams of Heroin along with a sharp edged weapon was recovered.

Duo was arrested and FIR No. 89/2022 under sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act ,4/25 Arms Act was registered against them at Police Station Miran Sahib.

Intensive questioning has been going on to ascertain details about weapon along with contraband. The whole operation was done under the supervision of SDPO R.S Pura Surinder Singh.

## 4 vehicles seized for illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and Police Post Chinore acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized 4 different vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include two tippers (JK02BF-1458 and JK02AX-0947) seized by Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and two tractor trolly bearing Chasis No.MBNAAL2BMRMO1314 and Chasis No.MBNBG55AEMCG20108 by Chinore Police.

It is pertinent to mention that around 1.5 lakh fine has been imposed on the violators by Police teams of Police Station Jhajjar Kotli and the fine is to be paid at Joint Director Office, Geology and Mining Department.

The recoveries were made by SHO Police Station Jhajjar Kotli Inspr Vikram Sharma and In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Amit Singh in their respective jurisdictions.

## Youth arrested for molesting girl

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A youth was arrested for molesting a girl on Saturday.

As per details, an accused namely Adil Aziz Khan, son of Abdul Aziz Khan, resident of Saidakadel, Rainawari was arrested for molesting a girl (name withheld) studying in Islamia college. The accused was harassing the girl and also forcibly tried to drag her inside his i20 car. Clip of victim girl went viral in social media, after which police identified the youth and arrested him.

## Holders of arms...

section 4 or by any reason whatever; ceased to be lawful, shall without unnecessary delay deposit the same... an order issued by the District Magistrate said.

## Blast case solved...

Rajouri Police was contacted and the first clue came from there when it was informed that arrested Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Talib Hussain, a resident of Draj-Budhal (Rajouri), had revealed that he had visited Gool in 2021 to give some money to a local person.

Acting on this lead given by Rajouri Police, an intense cordon and search operation was launched in Gool market area and after thorough search and linking of input, Padyar was picked up for questioning, the officer said.

She said the suspect was put to sustained questioning during which he confessed to the hatching of criminal conspiracy to the effect of reviving the militancy in Ramban by lobbing an explosive device on the Police Post Ind.

After further questioning, Sharma said he disclosed the identity of his accomplice in the conspiracy as Farooq.

They used to act as handlers of the JKGF wherein they were given funds from the organisation and were in the process of recruiting the youth to revive militancy in Ramban. Padyar and Farooq during sustained interrogation confessed that Mohd Farooq received Rs 50,000 from one person whose identity is yet to be ascertained and who had assigned the task of attacking the security forces establishment to them, she said.

It was also prima facie found during the investigation that the claim for the blast was written in the handwriting of Padyar, she said.

A mobile phone and five SIM cards have been recovered from Farooq and the Electronic Surveillance Team (ESU) of Ramban police is further working on technical inputs to establish further evidence, the officer said.

She said various sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act were added to the instant case.

## No fresh batch...

after that," the LG had said.

Fifteen Amarnath pilgrims were killed and 55 injured in flash floods due to heavy rains near the cave shrine on July 8.

Meanwhile, a fresh batch of 360 pilgrims, including 145 women and 19 children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in a fleet of 12 vehicles for the Buddha Amarnath shrine in Poonch district on Saturday, the officials said.

## Old shell explodes...

or scrap there might have exploded which caused the loud sound," the official said. An investigation into the matter is underway, he added.

## Army Chief visits...

and also visited the Akhnoor sector in the outskirts of Jammu.

"General Manoj Pande #COAS visited @Whiteknight\_IA and was briefed about the prevailing security situation. He visited the forward areas and complimented the commanders & troops for their professional standards, operational preparedness & ability to thwart any threat," the ADGPI had said in an earlier tweet.

## Two Pvt Secys...

Neeraj Sharma, Junior Stenographer, under orders of transfer to Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, has been transferred and posted with the Chairman, J&K Real Estate Regularity Authority, on ex-cadre basis; Sunil Kumar, Junior Stenographer, awaiting orders of adjustment has been transferred and posted in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan; Rajinder, Kumar, Junior Assistant, has been transferred from the GAD and posted in the office of Chairman, J&K Real Estate Regularity Authority, on ex-cadre basis; Gh. Hassan Rather, Junior Assistant of erstwhile State Human Rights Commission, has been deputed

in the office of Chairman, J&K Real Estate Regularity Authority, for a period of one year subject to the condition that he shall retain lien and seniority in his parent Department viz; Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs.

Mohammad Rafiq Khan, Class-IV of erstwhile State Human Rights Commission, has been deputed to the office of Chairman, J&K Real Estate Regularity Authority, for a period of one year subject to the condition that he shall retain lien and seniority in his parent Department viz; Department of Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs; and Hussam Din, Class-IV, J&K Handloom Development Corporation presently deployed in the GAD has been deputed to the office of Chairman, Real Estate Regularity Authority, for a period of one year on the same terms and conditions as contained in his initial deputation order.

## Dalai Lama honoured...

opportunity to bestow its highest award to the 14th Dalai Lama on the auspicious occasion.

He also expressed gratitude to the LAHDC headed by Tashi Gyalson for the honour bestowed on the spiritual leader as a true reflection of the love, respect and dedication of the people of Ladakh towards the torch bearer of peace, kindness and compassion.

Both MP and Gyalson appealed for the conferment of the highest civilian award 'Bharat Ratna' on the Dalai Lama.

Advisor Umang Narula said, the 'dPal rNgam Duston' marks the celebration of the remarkable contribution and achievement of the heroes of Ladakh and seeks to instil a sense of pride in the younger generation.

## Illegal structure on...

for the last one week, the encroachers constructed this illegal structure on their own, which led to today's demolition operation" the Revenue Officials said.

Such demolition drives to free the State land in Marh shall continue in future also, they added. They said that the Deputy Commissioner, Jammu has already issued clear cut instructions to all SDM's/ Revenue Officers to deal strictly with the encroachers and make all out efforts to retrieve the illegally encroached State land in all Sub Divisions/Tehsils of Jammu.

## 796 fresh COVID...

active COVID-19 cases in the union territory, they said.

So far, 4,59,004 people have recovered from the viral disease, they said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh's COVID-19 tally rose to 28,960 after 16 more people tested positive for the disease in the last 24 hours, officials said.

Ladakh has so far recorded 228 fatalities due to COVID-19 since its outbreak in 2020.

Of the total fatalities, Leh accounts for the highest deaths at 168, followed by Kargil at 60, they said.

A total of 3,374 people were screened for COVID-19 in the twin districts on Friday and 16 of them 12 in Leh and four in Kargil tested positive for the infection, the officials said.

Two people were discharged in Leh after recovering from the disease. With this, the union territory's total number of recoveries stands at 28,635, the officials said.

## 18 injured as...

said, adding that the the driver lost control over it and the vehicle fell into a gorge near Ghordi village.

The officials said a rescue operation was launched immediately and 18 injured people, including 11 students, were rushed to the Udhampur district hospital for treatment.

The condition of many of the injured people is serious and one of them, Ashok Kumar (50) of Barneen, was referred to the Government Medical College (GMC) hospital in Jammu for specialised treatment, they said.

# Communal harmony on display: Muslims help transport idols to hill top temple in Bhadarwah

### ■ RAJA REHBER JAMAL

BHADARWAH: Setting an example of Hindu-Muslim brotherhood, Muslim residents s in Kursari Panchayat of Jammu and Kashmir's Additional district Bhadarwah joined hands with minority community to help them carry idols of hindu gods to the hill top temple by toiling hard round the clock for four days.

The amity of Muslim gentlemen towards their Hindu neighbours is winning hearts as the kind gesture has helped to carry 6 idols weighing 500 kg to 700 kg each to the temple which is located 3km away on hill top from the motorable Bhadarwah - Doda highway.

The Committee of ancient Shiv Temple Kursari after receiving the consignment of giant idols from Rajasthan was caught in a fix as authorities failed to build the road to temple in time, making it almost impossible to carry



the heavy idols made of granite stone to the temple.

Sensing the difficulty, Sarpanch Kursari Panchayat, Sajid Mir not only immediately allotted 4.6 lakhs from Capex budget for urgent construction of road but also motivated 150 villagers from majority community of the village from all age groups who volunteered to give their Hindu neigh-

bours a helping hand to manage the transportation of idols to its destination.

Sajid Mir, Sarpanch Kulsari said that this is our culture and these are our values which we have inherited from our elders. That's why we never felt prey to the nefarious designs of those who try divide us on the basis of religion. Today we have again showed that we are one

## Social Welfare Department holds camp for disabled, old-aged persons



Organisers felicitating social activist Vinod Sharma.

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NOWSHERA: Social Welfare Department in collaboration with ALMCO organised a mega camp for disabled persons, old aged persons with physical disorder in which about 768 per-

sons were benefitted. They were given Tricycle, wheelchair, Hearing aids, Denture, Walking Stick, Spactacle, MR Kit, Elbu Cruchs, Denture, Callpers. All the system was organised and managed by Rajni

Sharma Chairman Jeevan Sangrsh Trust Samba (J&k) Vinod Sharma, Social activist played a vital role for the distribution of this material to the needy person. Kabir Hussain TSWO Nowshera put his efforts for the welfare of the disabled and needy person and successful conduct of this mega event. DDC Sangita Sharma, DDC Dr Monhar Singh, BDC Bodh Raj, SDPO Tussif Ahmed, Narinder Sharma Chairman M.C Nowshera, Tehsildar Vivak Gupta , SHO Puspinder Singh, Sarpanch Romesh Choudhary, Sarpanch Sukhdev Singh, Sarpanch Anita Choudhary remained present in the camp and they also spoke on the occasion.

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SRINAGAR: In the four-day District Srinagar Wushu Championship, Indoor Wushu Academy retained the overall trophy at Indoor Stadium, Polo ground, here today. In this event, around 750 boys and girls took part.

The overall runners-up trophy went to Delhi Public School while third place secured by New Convent School considering the points earned in the medals tally. In the valedictory function, Nuzhat Ara,

## Jammu Senior Judo meet held



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu District Judo Association organised day-long Jammu District (Senior) Judo Championship at Indoor Hall, MA Stadium, here under the aegis of Judo Association of J&K.

Divisional Sports Officer

of the J&K Sports Council (JKSC), Ashok Singh was the chief guest while former SAI Cricket coach, Varinder Sharma was guest of honour.

The competition officiated by the technical penal comprising Suraj Bhan Singh and Ritika Slathia while Manish Chatwal was organising secretary.

Prominent among others present were Vikas Gupta (senior vice president of the Association), Suraj Sharma (general secretary), Dalbir Singh and Jagbir Singh.

The Results: BOYS: 60 Kg: Virbadhra Singh, Ist; Rahul Rajak, 2nd; Bilal Ahmed and Anmol Lotra, 3rd. 66 Kg: Akshay Sharma, Ist and Aditya Kumar, 2nd. 73 Kg: Sushank Baru, Ist; Aryan

Gupta, 2nd; Sachin Yadav and Sayam Khajuria, 3rd. 81 Kg: Rajat Singh Chib, Ist; Diwakar Singh, 2nd and Shobit Sharma, 3rd. 90 Kg: Danish Sharma, Ist; Shubam Korni, 2nd and Yogesh Sareen, 3rd. 100 Kg: Ujjwal Khajuria, Ist and Lakkan Baru, 2nd. Plus 100 Kg: Aman Singh, Ist and Summerjeet Singh, 2nd.

GIRLS: 48 Kg: Kushi Thakur, Ist; Vidanshi Bardwaj, 2nd and Lisha Gupta, 3rd. 52 Kg: Avika Gandotra, Ist. 57 Kg: Nandni Sharma, Ist; Sakshi, 2nd and Sunakshi Devi, 3rd. 63 Kg: Rubi Yadav, Ist and Tanisha Slathia, 2nd. 70 Kg: Shweta: Thakur, Ist and Arohi Sharma, 2nd. 78 Kg: Suhani Kiran, Ist.