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Women-led development...

of women in nation building, he said the way the women scientists have taken the lead in the Chandrayaan-3 mission has set an example for others to follow. "The daughters of J&K are shining in different sectors despite many obstacles and challenges. They are breaking the glass ceilings and advancing their position in agriculture, industries, IT and startups. Even in the sports arena, they have proved to be second to none," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide world class sports infrastructure and mentoring to nurture the young sporting talents of Jammu Kashmir.

He said the recent successes of women players at the national and international events have kindled hopes. We have accorded due importance to sports and now we are witnessing a new sports culture in UT, adequate infrastructure and our resolve is to make J&K sporting power, he added.

There is no dearth of talent in J&K. The presence of International Cricketer Mithali Raj will serve as motivation for players. I am looking forward to the day when media channel headlines will say-The girl from Anantnag, who is India's new Mithali Raj. I firmly believe it is possible, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor congratulated all the participants and the winners of the Women Cricket League.

He appreciated the initiative of Chinar Corps which aims to uplift the spirit of women and empower them through sports so they can achieve sporting excellence and popularize a robust sports culture among girls in far-flung areas.

The final was played between Anantnag Rebels and the Budgam Strikers.

The Lt Governor handed over trophies and cash prizes to the winning, and other top performing teams and the players who excelled in the tournament.

Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Brig Anil Gupta, Member Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association, Eminent sports personalities, Senior Civil, Police and Army officers, Sports lovers and youth in large numbers were present.

Big opportunity for...

witness the Women's Premier League final, told reporters.

Mithali, the highest run-scorer in WODIs with 7805 runs, said women's cricket has a lot of potential to grow in the valley.

"For past two to three years, the BCCI has been making lot of efforts to promote the women's game and women players.

"The WIPL this year has also gone well and it is good for the sports profile. We hope that many players will come up from the state in the next two to three years," she said.

Sonia visits floating...

eight-day visit to Ladakh, had visited the floating gardens on Saturday.

Sonia Gandhi later visited Nishat and Shalimar Mughal Gardens along the banks of the Dal Lake.

Search operation for...

the family of an engineer and is determined and hopeful to trace out his whereabouts. The Deputy Commissioner paid a visit to the family and assured theme of all possible help. In this regard, Baramulla Police has formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by DSP Hqrs Baramulla to investigate the missing case of Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Gurmeet Singh.

Comprehensive search operation involving SDRF, dog squad, drone surveillance etc have been launched to uncover any potential clues.

For information about his disappearance, the general public are urged to contact the given mobile numbers viz. 9596767703, 9596767710, 9596767768.



Teacher arrested for...

directed to fix the responsibility against the culprit regarding the incident," Minhas said in an order.

The protesters alleged that the student was thrashed by the teacher and the principal for writing a religious slogan on the classroom board.

Congress, BRS, AIMIM...

come. Now is the turn of the lotus," Shah said.

BRS destroyed the dreams of several people who lost their lives during the separatist statehood, Shah charged.

Election is round the corner and the BJP is going to form the government, Shah said exuding confidence that BJP will form the government in Telangana in the

upcoming Assembly polls.

"The future Chief Minister of Telangana will be from the B-JP under the leadership of PM Modi," he added.

Rajnath likely to...

efficacious platform for army industry participation with an intent to interface directly with the end user and create awareness about contemporary technologies and equipment that can be exploited to meet operational and logistic requirements of the army's northern command.

"The event also facilitates a structured approach for product evaluation, prioritisation and acquisition besides providing viable and actionable inputs for formulation of procurement plans," he said.

Lt Col Bartwal said about 150 vendors are expected to participate in the symposium which would consist of a seminar and exhibition on September 11 and 12 and the military equipment display on the concluding day.

After dedicating 75 projects to the nation at Samba, the defence minister is likely to visit the symposium on September 12, the officials said.

The construction of the Devak Bridge in Samba district has been accomplished within two years under Project Sampark.

Azad promises 'Khushaal...

stagnation which has led to poverty in rural Jammu and Kashmir.

"DPAP model of governance encompasses equal employment for educated girls as well as boys in my idea of 'Khushaal Jammu Kashmir' which would also guarantee jobs, roads, electricity, mobile connectivity and financial stability. Also skilled and unskilled workers will have opportunities by utilising the full potential of the region," said Azad amidst applause from the public.

Stressing that DPAP's manifesto will include double and triple shifts to revamp the poor infrastructure, Azad said the region will be promoted during fruit seasons for tourism.

"Tourists spots like Shadimarg, Gulshammarg and other beautiful meadows will be developed at par with Gulmarg and for that tourism related infrastructure will be developed and jobs will be guaranteed for youth of the same districts. Schools and hospitals will be upgraded at the earliest," he envisioned.

Lamenting distribution and use of adulterated pesticides which had devastating impact on fruit growers, Azad cautioned people to remain vigilant and compared the situation with Himachal Pradesh where the government has one remarkable work to curb use of adulterated pesticides or fungicide.

The public meeting was organised by Abdul Qayoom Dar. The DPAP leaders who were present on the occasion included, Vice-Chairman G.M Saroori, Treasurer Taj Mohiuddin, Zonal President Gulzar Wani, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Provincial General Secretary Shafiq Shabnam, Mushtaq Ahmad Khanday Ayoub Thakur Distt President Pulwama, Distt President Shopian, Ghulam Nabi Palpori, Javid Hakim, Showkat Ahmed Dar and others.

YRS members released...

for the removal of the Sarore toll plaza along the Jammu-Pathankot highway in Samba district.

During a protest on August 21 by the YRS demanding the removal of the Sarore toll plaza, several of its activists were detained for violating restrictions around the toll plaza. Authorities had imposed Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), which forbids the gathering of four or more people at a particular place, in and around the toll plaza.

After the release of 26 YRS activists on Sunday, officials said all the detained members of the organisation were released from Kathua jail in the early hours of the day. "We are thankful to the people for their support and for coming on the roads for our release. Our core committee will meet shortly to decide the future course of action," YRS president Vikram Singh told reporters after his release.

Former YRS president Rajan Singh Happy urged people to stand united and said they will continue their fight for the rights of the people.

"Our only concern is addressing public issues and we do not believe in confrontation or showing someone down. We are not against anyone or any party," Happy said.

India's G20 presidency...

related to this were organised in 60 cities across the country. Wherever G20 delegates went, people warmly welcomed them. These delegates were very impressed, seeing the diversity of our country and our vibrant democracy," Modi said.

They also realised that there are so many possibilities in India, he added.

"Our presidency of the G20 is a people's presidency, in which the spirit of public participation is at the forefront," Prime Minister Modi said.

He said for the 11 engagement groups of G20, academia, civil society, youth, women, parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and people associated with urban administration played an important role.

In one way or the other, more than 1.5 crore people have been associated with G20

events across the country, he added.

"In this effort of ours for public participation, not one, but two world records have been created. The participation of 1.25 lakh students from 800 schools in the G20 Quiz held in Varanasi became a new world record. At the same time, Lambani artisans also did wonders. 450 artisans have showcased their skill and craftsmanship by creating an amazing collection of around 1,800 'Unique Patches'," Modi said.

Those who came for G20 events was amazed to see the artistic diversity of India, he noted. The prime minister said one such grand programme was organised in Surat where 15,000 women from 15 states participated in a 'Saree Walkathon'. This programme not only gave a boost to Surat's textile industry, but 'Vocal for Local' also got a fillip and it also paved the way for 'Local to become Global', Modi asserted.

He said that after the G20 meeting in Srinagar, a huge increase in number of tourists to Kashmir is being seen.

"I urge all countrymen to come together to make the G20 Summit successful and bring glory to the country," Modi said. Prime Minister Modi on Saturday had urged the people of Delhi to help make the upcoming G20 Summit a success despite the inconvenience they might have to face due to the presence of several world leaders here next month. The summit will be held in the national capital from September 9 to 10.

Srinagar clinches spot...

District Administration will continue collaborative efforts to make Srinagar City a better place to live in. Pertinent to mention that several initiatives have been taken by District Administration Srinagar under the guidance of Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner(DC) Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad by implementing National Clean Air Programme(NCAP) to reduce PM10 levels by 2025 to improve Air Quality Index in Srinagar District. Under NCAP, Mission Life, Rejuvenation of wastelands, Mass plantation, Fountain Construction, procurement of cleaning/sweeping machines, IEC activities are major components to improve Air Quality Index in Srinagar District.

Sinha attends flag...

time. Fastest climb at Mount Kun (23,219 ft) from base camp to summit (7 days) and fastest climb at Mount Nun (23,409 ft) from base camp to summit (4 days).

"Apart from fastest climb, we have created history by successively climbing Mount Nun and Mount Kun in a single attempt by JIM & WS and 19 division," Col Hem Chandra Singh informed.

Miss World Karolina...

"This is yet another manifestation of the foundation's commitment to creating memorable experiences that transcend boundaries," she added.

Bielawska's visit to Jammu and Kashmir comes ahead of the 71st edition of the Miss World 2023 pageant, to be held in India later this year. India, which has won the prestigious title six times, is hosting the pageant after nearly three decades. The last time the country hosted the event was back in 1996.

Secretary Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir administration Syed Abid Rasheed Shah told PTI this pre-event tour of the Miss World pageant is taking place in the region months after the G20 Tourism Working Group meeting held here.

"It's an indication of the transformative nature of the G20 event in the tourism sector of Jammu and Kashmir. Major events of national and international importance are now being planned and organised," Shah said. As per trends this year, Shah said the authorities are expecting a "record-breaking" number of tourists, both domestic and international. "The number of inbound tourists (foreigners) is a record high in the last 33 years. From the Miss World pre-event tour, we expect the guests to be the ambassadors of Jammu and Kashmir's beauty and hospitality throughout the world," he said. Shah said the pre-event visit of Bielawska to Jammu and Kashmir along with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Miss World, Julia Eric Morley, promises to be a blend of elegance, artistry and cultural exchange.

During the day-long tour, Miss World and other the dignitaries, including Miss World America Shree Saini, Miss World England Jessica Gagen, and Miss Asia Pricilia Carla Saputri Yules, would take a boat ride at the iconic Dal Lake besides meeting the press and later calling on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

This event will not only showcase the region's picturesque landscapes, but also provide a platform for local artists and artisans to interact with the guests, added Nagi, who hails from Jammu. Jammu and Kashmir recorded 1.88 crore tourist arrivals last year, the highest number in the past three decades. The arrivals in the aftermath of the successful third G20 tourism working group meeting from May 22 to 24 in Srinagar is expected to break all previous records this year.

On August 1, Sinha said 1.27 crore tourists visited the Union territory till July and "we hope to see record-breaking tourist arrivals by the year end".

With the support of the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department, this initiative aims to shine a spotlight on the breathtaking beauty of Srinagar, the cultural diversity of the region, and the warmth of its people, Nagi said. "You can immerse yourself in the rich traditions of the Kashmiri Pandits, Dogras, and Gujjars, each with their unique customs and vibrant festivals," she added.

CRIME REPORT

Two narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: To eradicate the menace of Drugs from the society and take stringent action against Drug Peddlers within the district, Reasi Police recovered approx. 08 grams of Heroin (Chitta) like narcotics, 02 Narco- Smugglers arrested as well as narcotic substance got seized on the spot.

During routine naka/patrolling duty in its jurisdictional area at Katra intercepted two persons namely, Sanjay Kumar, son of Puran Chand, resident of Dansal, Jammu and Manik Dogra, son of Bodh Raj, resident of Ward No. 6 Katra. During checking approx. 08 grams of Heroin (chitta) like narcotics was recovered from their possession. Thereafter all the recovered narcotic substance was seized and two persons were arrested.

In this regard a case FIR No. 271/2023 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Katra.

The whole operation is led by SHO Katra Insp. Nishant Gupta under the supervision of SDPO Katra Surinder Singh and overall supervision of SP Katra Vipan Chandran.

Fraudster arrested, Rs 1.96 lakh recovered

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BISHNAH: Police on Sunday nabbed a fraudster and recovered Rs 1.96 lakh from his possession.

As per details, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Bishnah by one person namely Raghav Narang, son of Sanjay Naranj, resident of O Sarore Tehsil Bishnah District Jammu stating that the complainant trades walnut kernels with " Sarthi traders" Nagpur but some fraud party claiming to be the owner of "New Sarthi



traders" called the complainant and ordered 4 consignments of walnut kernels and the complainant has supplied goods worth Rs.20,42,494 to the fraud party.

On this case FIR No 02/2022 U/S 420 IPC was registered at Police station Bishnah and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Station Bishnah led by SDPO RS Pura Nikhil Gogna assisted by SHO Bishnah Insp. Vikram Sharma and PSI Mashqoor Ahmed did strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance finally arrested the accused person namely Hitesh Nanak Ram, son of Nanak Ram Aswani, resident of Nagpur Maharashtra from Pune. On questioning accused confessed his involvement in the above case and on his disclosure Rs.1.96 Lakh were recovered from his possession.

5 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

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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 Stations Khour, Bagh e Bahu, Police Posts Talab Tillo, Jourian and Pallanwala acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 5 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include one tractor trolley bearing Registration no. JK02BL-3946 seized by Khour Police; One tipper without Registration No, by Bagh e Bahu Police; One tractor trolley bearing Chassis number WSCA45606164471, by Talab Tillo Police; One tractor trolley without Registration No, by Jourian Police and one Tractor Trolley bearing Chassis no. AZIDE41092BS3, by Pallanwala Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Khour Insp. Rahul Mahajan, SHO Bagh e Bahu Insp. Arti Thakur, In-Charge Police Posts Talab Tillo PSI Sonu Choudhary, Jourian-PSI Karnail Singh and Pallanwala-ASI Raj Singh in their respective jurisdictions.

Man arrested for raping minor daughter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: A man was arrested on Sunday in Samba district for allegedly raping his 17-year-old daughter, police said.

The police action against Rajesh was taken following a written complaint by the victim, a Class 11 student, they added.

Based on the minor's complaint, a case has been registered against her father under Section 376 (rape) of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO), a police official said.

The accused has been remanded to police custody for seven days and his interrogation is underway, the official added.

Army porter found dead in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: A 32-year-old Army porter was found dead in a forest area in Rajouri district on Saturday, officials said.

Ashok Kumar, a resident of Bhawani village of Nowshera, was found dead in the forest area of Ghai Kote with both his hands tied with plastic strips, they said. Kumar was working as a porter with the Army and was reported missing on Friday morning, they said, adding that police have started their investigation to ascertain the cause of his death.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people blocked Jammu-Poonch National Highway at Muradpur in Rajouri district following the death of Bhupinder Sharma (32) at a hospital this morning. Sharma, a resident of Rajouri town, was allegedly assaulted by unidentified persons on the outskirts of his village six days ago, the officials said, adding that he succumbed to injuries at Government Medical College Jammu.

As the body of the deceased reached his home town, his relatives and neighbours took to the streets and blocked the highway, demanding a probe to bring the culprits to book, they said. The over two-hour-long blockade was lifted after Rajouri's Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal and Senior Superintendent of Police Amritpal Singh assured action against the culprits.

CCI, Jammu Bar thank all organizations for supporting Jammu Bandh

Ask Govt to hold open dialogue with all stakeholders to resolve issues

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Arun Gupta, on behalf of Chamber of Commerce & Industry, expressed thanks to all the organizations including J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, the Transporters who have supported the Bandh Call and remained off the road and the business community from all over Jammu Province including Kathua, Samba and R.S.Pura for their whole-hearted and overwhelming support to Jammu Bandh by keeping their business establishments closed on the call of CCI, thus supporting the cause of Jammu.

Addressing a joint press conference here on Sunday, Arun Gupta, President CCI said that Chamber of Commerce & Industry believes in open dialogue with all the stakeholders but in view of the adamant approach of UT Administration J&K, Chamber after discussions with different Associations



President CCI Arun Gupta along with Bar President Advocate Vikram Sharma briefing media during joint press conference.

and in consultation with J&K High Court Bar Association Jammu, Chamber announced Jammu Bandh to press the government to understand the gravity of the situation and take proactive approach to address the pressing genuine issues of halting installation of smart meters/prepaid meters and suspension of Toll Plaza at Sarore as these issues are of paramount importance.

He said, after the yesterday Jammu Bandh, government will take the issues seriously and start measures to sort out

the same with the open dialogue with all the stakeholders immediately.

J&K High Court Bar Association (JKHCBA) President Adv Vikram Sharma also extended thanks to all for Jammu Bandh and also welcomed the release of detained Yuva Rajput Sabha members.

"We along the other organizations protest for the cause of civil society," he said.

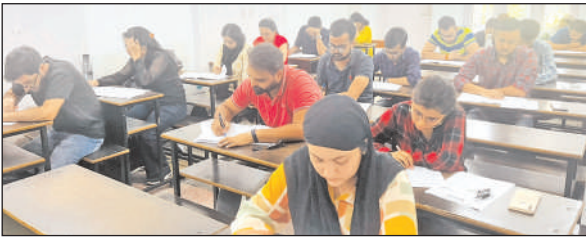
Members of other organizations were also present in the press conference.

SR College conducts JKAS Prelims Test Series

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: SR College Of Competitions, JK&K premier academy for Civil Services, has started a test series for the aspirants preparing for the JKAS 2023 Prelims Examination to be conducted by the JKPSI scheduled in the month of October.

SR College of Competitions has been guiding the civil services aspirants since the year 2000 and a number of students coached by the college have made their entry into various prestigious and coveted All India and other services like IAS, IFS, IPS, IRS,



Students appearing in test.

IFoS, JKAS, JKPS, KCS and many other national and state level services. The management of the College also extends heartiest congratulations to all the students who have qualified 2022 JKAS exam in general and to SR students in particular. The latest test series for Prelims 2023 consists of

17 sectional and full mock tests of General Studies and CSAT. "The response is overwhelming and the tests are scheduled every Sunday and Wednesday. Further Full Mock Tests will help the aspirants in getting their preparation assessed and evaluated," said Heemu Bhat, Office Coordinator.