

!! Continuations from Page 1 !!

Big boost for...

In ten Indians believe their country has recently become more influential. This stands in comparison with a 2022 survey conducted across 19 countries, where a median of only 28 per cent said the same," Pew said.

According to the report, about half of Indians (49 per cent) say that the influence of the US is getting stronger in recent years, and 41 per cent say the same about Russia. Meanwhile, Indians' views on China's influence are somewhat more mixed, it said.

Interestingly the Kenyans also had the highest faith in Modi, with 60% saying they trusted him to do the right thing regarding world affairs.

The G20 will be held in New Delhi on September 9-10.

Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan fact tank that informs the public about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping the world. The Centre conducts public opinion polling, demographic research, content analysis and other data-driven social science research.

CS declares Sept...

Ongoing projects be put in public domain for their scrutiny as well in a simple manner at District level as well.

Dr Mehta further issued directions regarding resolving issues raised against the installation of Smart Meters. He underscored the importance of massive campaigns along with public outreach for awareness regarding Smart meters and steps to address any concerns related to readings.

While stressing upon the transparent and accountable governance, the Chief Secretary issued directions for the launch of "Brahmchar Mukh J&K campaign" throughout the UT. The campaign aims at reiterating the government's resolve to ensure a corruption free Jammu and Kashmir. The campaign is primarily meant to focus on the hassle free delivery of services related to water and electricity, besides addressing matters pertaining to land.

The Chief Secretary emphasized on active participation of all the concerned officials/officers along with PRIs and public during the campaign. The CS added that all Prabhari Officers shall ensure that the matters of public importance pertaining to their Panchayats/wards/areas are flagged and appropriately addressed during the week.

The CS further directed IT Department to institute feedback mechanism using Google form application, and to coordinate with the concerned departments to ensure proper record of grievances/complaints, if any. Furthermore, in order to dissuade frivolous complaints, action under relevant laws shall be undertaken. The Chief Secretary called upon people to participate actively in the process so that goal of corruption free Governance can be achieved.

To ensure the success of the campaign, the Chief Secretary underscored the importance of feedback from all PRIs, Pani-Samitis etc with regard to certification, saturation of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs), settlement of electricity meter related issues and resolution of land revenue matters. He advised all departments to be firm in resolve to make J&K corruption free as envisaged by the LG Administration. He reaffirmed that push towards digital Governance was a key element in providing cleanest system ever in the UT.

Modi Govt's Raksha...

this, Chugh said, the cabinet has also approved 75 lakh new Ujjwala connections, first of which poor and needy mothers will get freedom from the curse of smoke.

"Modi government is committed to the welfare of every section and it is clearly visible from the relief in gas prices for 10 crore families that the Central Government is concerned about the kitchen of the general public," Chugh said adding that in today's time, the economy of big countries has been affected by inflation in the whole world, and due to the strong and far-sighted leadership of Prime Minister Modi, inflation has also been controlled and the general public has been given relief in basic commodities.

CB files chargesheet...

also chargesheeted in a separate case on August 18.

Jammu Crime Branch filed the chargesheet against Hussain in a case registered last year on the complaint of city resident Ranjeet Singh Manhas.

The complainant claimed that Hussain introduced himself as deputy secretary at the Civil Secretariat and duped him of Rs 12 lakh on the pretext of arranging government jobs for his two sons in the tourism department, a spokesperson of the agency said.

Hussain, who is a class IV employee in the Gandoh special division, Power Development Department (PDD), had earlier also lured and duped unemployed youth on the pretext of arranging a job for him as a probationary officer in J&K bank, also by impersonation, the spokesman said.

The police spokesperson said the offences for cheating and impersonation have been established against the fraudster.



Ashiq Hussain

Senior faculty presence...

"They will also identify areas of improvement and convey the same to the Principal & Dean GMC Hospital Jammu on regular basis," it added.

Foremost agenda of...

taking on the BJP has to be prepared.

He also said that it should be clear by September 1 who will be the convener of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) or whether a convener was needed in the first place. The Panthers Party from Jammu will also attend the alliance meetings on August 31 and September 1 here, he informed.

"The foremost agenda would be how to win polls, what will be our main plank on which we will contest elections. Discussions will also take place about how to save the Constitution, the feeling of brotherhood in the country, and how to bridge the rift created on religious lines," Abdullah said. He parried a question on whether there would be talks on seat-sharing. Asked about the Centre's decision to slash LPG cylinder rates by Rs 200, Abdullah said they should be reduced further.

**Opposition parties must stop day dreaming
Rs 200 cut on LPG cylinder to provide relief to every household: Priya Sethi**

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Former Minister and Prabhari BJP Social Media J&K National Executive Member and HQ incharge BJP J&K, Priya Sethi, while welcoming the Union Govt's decision of slashing the price of domestic LPG gas cylinder by Rs. 200, has termed it as Raksha Bandhan gift by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the women of the world's largest democracy.



In a statement issued to media here today, Priya Sethi asserted that the reduction of Rs. 200 per cylinder is going to have a far reaching impact on every household as it will definitely release the existing pressure on the kitchen budget of the common people especially the women who are at the helm of kitchen affairs. The senior BJP leader said that the aforesaid decision of the Govt proves beyond doubt the people centric credentials of the party and its Govt at the Centre. She said that BJP does not make promises to break but ensures that its utterances especially pertaining to common people's welfare are transformed into reality as soon as possible.

She said that it is only due to its commitment and excellent performance that BJP Govt is nearing its successful completion of its second consecutive term.

Dy Mayor listens to public issues in grievance camp

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To address the problems of the people, Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria conducted a grievance camp at Pt Prem Nath Dogra Bhawan, Kacchi Chawni, here on Wednesday.

A deputation from Ward 16 requested for the installation of a new Water Cooler at Nag Devta Mandir New Plot. Ward 12 representation stated problem of street lights. Ward 66 deputation requested for repair of lane and drain. Ward 47 representation stated need for the street lights & High Mast lights at Ramlila Ground, Bahu Fort. Deputation from Girls Blind School, Roop Nagar sought proper supply of adequate drinking water. Ward 15 representation stated requirement of street lights. Ward 43 deputation requested construction of Shiv Mandir community Public Toilet initiated under CBTB project.



Deputy Mayor Jammu, Baldev Singh Billawaria listening to public issues at BJP headquarters in Jammu.

Deputy Mayor sorted out many of their problems on the spot and assured the other visitors that a prompt action would be taken soon for the other issues presented.

Amarnath Yatra: Charri Mubarak enroute to cave shrine for prayers to mark ritual culmination of pilgrimage

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: The saffron-robed holy mace of Lord Shiva, known as 'Charri Mubarak', on Wednesday reached Pancharani where it will halt for the night before heading for the Amarnath cave shrine for special prayers marking the ritual culmination of the annual pilgrimage, officials said.

Amidst religious chants, the Chhari was taken from Sheshnag to Pancharani by Mahant Deependra Giri, the custodian of the holy mace. The holy mace will reach the cave shrine, considered to be the abode of Lord Shiva, in the south Kashmir

Himalayas for special prayers on Thursday, which will mark the culmination of the annual Amarnath Yatra. The Chhari Mubarak Swami Amarnath Ji had left for the main course of pilgrimage on Saturday from the Mahadev Giri Dashnami Akhara here.

Special prayers were held at the Dashnami Akhara temple before the commencement of the religious pilgrimage.

Giri will carry the holy mace to perform 'pujan' and have 'darshan' in the early morning of 'Shravan-Purnima' on Thursday.

Expert SKUAST -J team provides healthcare to animals

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: To ensure better healthcare services to the animals housed at JMC Cattle Pound, Seri Khurd, Nagrota, a team of experts/ scientists comprising of Dr. Rajinder Bhardwaj, Associate Professor Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Rehman, Assistant Professor Veterinary Pathology, Dr. Rajesh Godara, Asstt. Professor Veterinary Parasitology, along with internship students from SKUAST, Jammu on Wednesday conducted a visit to the Cattle Pound, Nagrota for the examination of animals maintained there.

The team of experts/ scientists along with MVO, JMC Dr. Sushil Kumar Sharma & VAS, JMC Dr. Divya Sharma conducted thorough examination of all the animals maintained in the Cattle Pound and also collected blood/ faecal samples from some animals. The expert team was appraised by the MVO, JMC that the animals which are being maintained in the Cattle Pound, mostly include abandoned/ destitute & rescued animals by Police authorities in bovine smuggling. In an effort for the better care & welfare of animals, JMC has outsourced the operation & maintenance of Cattle Pound, Nagrota to a local agency namely J&K Gau Raksha Samiti, Ambphalla, Jammu which is also running a Gaushala at Ambphalla.

CRIME REPORT

2 arrested for murderous attack

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Police on Wednesday arrested two accused for murderous attack on a person outside his house in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ramgarh.

The arrested accused have been identified as Hardeep Singh alias Bunty, son of Surinder Singh, resident of Dadyal tehsil Ramgarh district Samba and Kamal Kumar alias Pana, son of Madan Lal, resident of Sheikupur Palouta tehsil Ramgarh district Samba.

An attempt to murder case FIR No. 48/2023 under sections 307/336/341/323/504/506/34 IPC stands registered at Police Station Ramgarh and investigation is underway.

The accused Hardeep Singh alias Bunty was also involved in case FIR No.25/2021 under section 451/427/382/323 registered at Police Station Ramgarh during the year 2021.

The accused have been arrested by police team comprising of SHO Police Station Ramgarh Sudesh Kumar and ASI Kasturi Lal under the supervision of SDPO Vijaypur Rohit Kumar and Additional SP Samba Surinder Choudhary.

67 vehicles Challenged, fine Rs 1.95 Lakh imposed from violators

STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Motor Vehicle Department Samba on Wednesday Challenged 67 Vehicles and realised fine with an amount of one lakh ninety five thousand from the traffic Violators.

According to the report, DURING the morning hours ARTO Samba Shammi Kumar along with MVIs C.S Billowria, Lakhvinder Singh Chib and Neeraj Kumar SMVI and other team members laid surprise Naka checking on Jammu Pathankot National Highway at Plah Morh area Samba. During the course of checking, total 210 vehicles were checked out of which 67 vehicles were compounded and fine amounting of 1.95 lakh was realized on the spot from the traffic violators.

Besides, 17 vehicles were also challaned for different traffic violations.

Drug peddler arrested with Charas

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 on Wednesday recovered 120 grams of Cannabis (Charas) like narcotics, Narco- Smuggler arrested as well as narcotic substance got seized on the spot.

Team of Police Station Pouni was on traffic duty in Marhi area of Pouni, they stopped an Alto car bearing Registration No. JK20A-8251 which was coming from Reasi towards Pouni. During checking of the car, 120 gms of Cannabis (Charas) like Substance wrapped in a white colored polythene found in the dashboard of the vehicle and on questioning the driver Ghulam, son of Qadir, resident of Puria Tehsil Pouni District Reasi was unable to give satisfactory reply. Thereafter all the recovered narcotic substance was seized.

On this a case FIR No.59/2023 U/S 8/20 NDPS Act stand registered at Police Station Pouni. Accused arrested and further investigation is going on. The whole operation is led by SHO Pouni Insp. Purab Singh under the supervision of Dy.SP Hqrs. Reasi Neeraj Padyar and overall supervision of Addl. SP Master Popsy-JKPS.

2 drug peddlers arrested, contraband recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police on Wednesday arrested 02 drug peddlers in Kulgam and recovered contraband substances from their possession.

A police party led by Incharge Police Post Mirbazar at a specific checkpoint established at Nippora intercepted 02 persons who after noticing the police party tried to flee from the spot but were apprehended tactfully. During search, 06 Kg of Poppy Straw like contraband substance concealed in 02 nylon bags was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Surjeet Singh and Sunil Singh both sons of Sukhdev Singh residents of Dheeran Ramnagar, Udhampur. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 181/2023 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Qazigund and further investigation has been taken up.

9 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
PULWAMA: Acting tough against the social crimes, police on Wednesday arrested 9 gamblers in Pulwama and seized stake money from their possession.

Acting on specific information about presence of gamblers at public sites at Nawa and Priechoo Pulwama, accordingly, police parties headed by SHO Pulwama under the supervision of SP Headquarter Pulwama raided the said places and arrested 09 gamblers on the spot. They have been identified as Manzoor Ahmad Khan son of Ghulam Nabi Khan, Hilal Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Rehman Sheikh, Fayaz Ahmad Wani son of Ab Razaq Wani, Javaid Ahmad Mir son of Mohd Akram Mir, Nisar Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Gani Sheikh all residents of Nawa Pulwama and Tariq Ahmad Sheikh son of Ali Mohd Sheikh resident of Chatapora, Bashir Ah sheikh son of Gh Mohammad sheikh resident of Chatapora, Hilal Ahmad Zargar son of Ab Rashed Zargar resident of Malikpora and Haris Bhat son of Mohd Yousuf Bhat resident of Priechoo.

Officers have seized stake money of Rs 72,160 and playing cards from their possession. They have been shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at Police Station Pulwama and investigation has been initiated.

Narco smuggler nabbed with 5 grams heroin

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Continuing its drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu on Wednesday nabbed a narco smuggler and recovered 5 grams of heroin.

As per details, a team of Police Post Pounichak led by SDPO Domana Vishal Shoor assisted by SHO Domana Insp. Kunal Singh Jamwal and In-Charge

Police Post Pounichak PSI Nitish Khajuria while on naka duty rounded up a suspected person. During search 05 grams of heroin was recovered from the possession of accused later identified as Mohd Farooq, son of Abdul Aziz, resident of SOS Gole Gujral.

The accused was arrested and FIR No. 267/2023 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Domana.

Theft case solved; scrap dealer among 5 arrested, stolen items recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: Police on Wednesday solved a theft case by arresting 5 accused and recovered stolen items.

As per details, On August 29, 2023 Tehsildar camp commandant (relief) Jagti migrant colony lodged a written complaint stating that eight lids of septic tanks of Jagti migrant colony have been stolen by unknown thieves. On receipt of this, FIR No. 352/2023 U/S 379 IPC was registered at Police Station Nagrota and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Station Nagrota led by SDPO Nagrota Akash Kohli assisted by SHO Nagrota Insp. Vishav Partap Singh and In-Charge Police Post Jagti ASI Balbir Raj did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up four suspected persons later identified as Sandeep Thusoo, son of Kuldeep Kumar; Akshay Tiekoo, son of Mohan Kumar Tiekoo both residents of Migrant colony Jagti; Danish Shabir, son of Shabir Ahmed, resident of Kamini market Nagrota; Abhishek alias Abhu, son of Deepak Anand, resident of Kandoli Nagrota. During questioning accused confessed their involvement in the above case and on their disclosure stolen lids worth Rs. 40000 were recovered from the possession of scrap dealer namely Kesar Singh, son of Amar Singh, resident of Khanpur Nagrota who had received the stolen lids. Scrap dealer was also arrested in the instant case.

4 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a quest to stem the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Posts Phallain Mandal and Pallanwala acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 04 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include 2 vehicles i.e one Tractor trolley bearing chasis No. MBNGAALUPMRC03963 and one tractor trolley without Registration No by Phallain Mandal police and 2 tractor trollies bearing Registration Nos. JK02CV-6081 and JK02AN6741, by Pallanwala Police.

The recoveries were made by In-Charge Police Post Phallain Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal and In-Charge Police Post Pallanwala ASI Raj Singh in their respective jurisdictions.

Bootlegger nabbed, 21 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS
AKHNOOR: Police on Wednesday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 21 bottles of illicit liquor from his possession.

As per details, a team of Police Station Akhnoor led by SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Sharma assisted by SHO Akhnoor Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq while on Naka duty at Tanda Akhnoor rounded up one suspected person namely Pappu Ram, son of Om Parkash, resident of Trotta Phalla Sungal Tehsil Akhnoor District Jammu. During search, 21 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession. Accused was arrested and FIR No. 246/2023 under section 48-A, 48-F Excise Act has been registered at PS Akhnoor.

6-year-old girl injured in explosion

STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A six-year-old girl was injured in a blast in Kupwara district on Wednesday, officials said. Alza Qayoom, a resident of the Zunreshi Karpura area of the north Kashmir district, was injured in the low-intensity blast at TP Kralpora, they added. She was shifted to a hospital. Efforts are on to ascertain what led to the blast, the officials said.

SFs carry out searches at several villages near LoC

STATE TIMES NEWS
MENDHAR: Security forces on Wednesday conducted searches at over half a dozen villages near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district, officials said.

The searches were carried out jointly by the police and the Army in Gursai and Mendhar areas of the border district following information about the movement of suspected persons, they said.

However, no one was apprehended during the operation, which lasted several hours, the officials said. They said the security checkpoints on Poonch-Mendhar road were also strengthened and all incoming and outgoing vehicles were being checked thoroughly. The identity cards of passengers are also being checked, the officials said, adding the step was taken to restrict the movement of suspected persons.

Woman, 2 children charred to death in fire at Ramban; LG expresses grief

STATE TIMES NEWS
BANIHAL/JAMMU: A woman and her two children were killed in a fire that engulfed three huts in a village in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Wednesday, a police official said.

The woman's husband and mother-in-law suffered injuries in the incident in Hummar Gali in the upper reaches of Pogal Paristan, he said.

The huts belonged to members of the Gujjjar community and according to preliminary information, Najma Begum (25) and her daughters asma Bano (6) and Iqra Bano (2) were killed in the fire, the official said.

Najma's husband Ibrahim and mother-in-law Mirja Begum suffered serious burn injuries. They were admitted to a public health centre in Ukheral, he said.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known, the official said. Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has expressed grief over the loss of lives in an unfortunate fire incident in village Bingara, Ramban.

"Deeply pained by the loss of precious lives in a tragic fire incident in Bingara Village, Ramban. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayers for the speedy recovery of those injured. Directed district administration to provide all possible assistance," the Lt Governor tweeted.