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Top, Brarimarg and Railpathri. Each member of the team had an individual kit with gaiters, overmitts and equipped with mountain rescue equipment such as carabiners, jumars, descending rappels, avalanche rods, helmets, oxygen cylinder and first-aid kit, besides communication tools, he said.

An SDRF spokesperson said the MRTs played an invaluable role during the yatra, describing it as a journey of faith and one that tested both physical endurance and spiritual resolve.

"This year, the efforts of the SDRF and other MRTs were instrumental in ensuring the safety of the yatri, leading to minimum casualties and widespread appreciation. The SDRF was strategically deployed along the yatra route," he said.

The spokesperson said their presence ensured that help was always within reach for pilgrims in need. Whether it was altitude sickness, dehydration or injuries from falls, the teams were equipped to handle it all.

"The dedication of the MRTs was evident from their willingness to manually carry unconscious or severely ill pilgrims on their backs or stretchers, navigating the steep and rocky paths with great care. The proactive measures resulted in a significant reduction in the number of serious incidents and fatalities this year," he said.

He said their constant vigil and readiness played a key role in maintaining the safety of the pilgrims. A video shared by the SDRF showed the pilgrims acknowledging the crucial role of the MRTs and expressing gratitude to the rescuers in making their yatra a memorable one.

"They (SDRF personnel) were very helpful. Special thanks to them for their help, otherwise it was not possible for me (to perform the yatra)," a woman pilgrim said, lauding the MRTs.

Another yatri said there was no tension when the SDRF teams were around. "For us, they are a form of our Lord."

The spokesperson said the exemplary work of the MRTs had not gone unnoticed, highlighting that their presence not only provided physical assistance but also a sense of security and reassurance to the yatri.

"Their efforts have been widely recognised and appreciated, not just by the pilgrims but also the broader community and the authorities. The SDRF and other MRTs have once again demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the pilgrims," he said. He said their tireless efforts, advanced training and seamless coordination ensured that the yatra was one of the safest in recent memory with minimal casualties.

The spokesperson said it was the SDRF's first battalion control room and joint police control in Pahalgam that played a key role in effective coordination.

'Govt likely to...

platforms and introduces several compliance requirements for the collection and processing of personal data and provisions for up to Rs 250 crore penalty for any data breach.

The Act, however, gives the government powers to exempt state agencies from the law. The law applies to the processing of digital personal data in India, where the personal data is either collected in digital form or in a non-digitised format and subsequently digitised.

The Act defines 'personal data' broadly to include any data about an individual who is identifiable or in relation to such data.

CS assesses preparedness...

showcase Kashmir's beauty. It targets attracting the running enthusiasts, adventure seekers, health-conscious individuals besides the travel and tourism industry, media, local community and potential sponsors for upcoming events.

It was added that for registrations and accessing other relevant information an exclusive website kashmirmarathon.jk.gov.in has already been launched along with its own logo and tagline, medals and jersey. The marathon is going to be first of its kind as attractive prizes had been announced for both Full and Half Marathon in the age groups of 18-35 years, 36-50 and those above 50 years of age.

RRBs must devise...

(like northeastern states and hilly regions). The sponsor banks have a significant role in these endeavours by providing technical assistance, sharing best practices, and ensuring that RRBs have access to the resources they need to succeed, an official statement issued after the meeting said. Given the crucial role of RRBs in supporting the rural economy, she urged RRBs to also put greater thrust on the clear identification of beneficiaries while sanctioning loans under various schemes like PM Vishwakarma and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.

RRBs were also directed to increase their share in ground-level agriculture credit disbursement, it said.

During a presentation in the review meeting, the minister also appreciated RRBs for the improvement in their financial performance and technology upgrades ever since the regular review was initiated in 2022 and urged them to continue the momentum in the future.

Man held for harassing.

the officials said. The accused allegedly smashed a windowpane and also abused a female doctor who tried to intervene before fleeing the scene.

Following the ruckus, the doctors and paramedics of the hospital suspended their work and staged a protest, demanding stern action against the accused and adequate security at the hospital premises. However, the protest was called off when senior civil and police officials reached the scene and informed the doctors about Singh's arrest and registration of a case under relevant sections of the criminal law against him.

Block Medical Officer Iqbal Malik said the accused ransacked the hospital property and harassed a female doctor on duty without any provocation.

"Police have arrested the accused following which the hospital staff resumed their duties," Malik said.

Mpox scare: Centre...

for prompt detection of Mpox cases. It has stressed that the network of testing laboratories should be geared up for early diagnosis of the disease.

At present, 32 laboratories in the country are equipped for testing Mpox.

Mishra on Sunday said protocols for prevention and treatment of the disease should be disseminated on a large scale, stressing the importance of running an awareness campaign among healthcare providers about the signs and symptoms of the disease and the need for timely notification to the surveillance system.

An earlier statement from WHO stated that 99,176 cases and 208 deaths had been reported due to Mpox from 116 countries globally since 2022.

Mpox cases have been steadily increasing in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Last year, the number of reported cases around the world increased significantly. This year, the number of cases reported so far has already exceeded last year's total, with more than 15,600 cases and 537 deaths. Since 2022, thirty Mpox cases were reported in India. The last case of Mpox was detected in March 2024.

Nepal to export 1,000...

"I am confident this visit will further strengthen the centuries-old bond between Nepal and India," Deuba said.

The Nepalese minister also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In a post on X, Modi said, "Pleased to welcome Nepal's Foreign Minister @Arzurandeuba. India and Nepal share close civilizational ties and a progressive and multifaceted partnership. Looking forward to continued momentum in our development partnership."

The Nepalese foreign minister's visit comes a week after Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri travelled to Kathmandu. Nepal is an important neighbour for India in the context of its overall strategic interests in the region, and the leaders of the two countries have often noted the age-old "Roti Beti" relationship between the two sides.

The country shares a border of over 1,850 km with five Indian states -- Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Land-locked Nepal relies heavily on India for the transportation of goods and services.

India seen as...

"you have to carefully cultivate and promote the crucial role played by the vibrant Indian Diaspora", she said. Murmu said, in her meetings with the Indian diaspora while travelling abroad, she has been impressed by their many achievements and their enthusiasm to connect and contribute to their motherland. "Please remember that in times of distress, the Indian Mission is a second home for Indian nationals abroad and you are their only hope," the President said. Vande Bharat Mission (COVID), Operation Ganga (Ukraine), Operation Kaveri (Sudan) and Operation Ajay (Israel), where "our diplomats brought millions of Indians back home safely", were exemplary efforts, she said.

"You must continue this proud tradition of always being there for our fellow Indians abroad," Murmu said. She said the world today is in flux and in many places, "we have war-like situations, humanitarian crises and disorder, with new threats and non-conventional challenges".

Emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, quantum computing, and machine learning offer new tools for diplomacy and foreign policy, Murmu said.

Drug peddler arrested, contraband substance recovered

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GANDERBAL: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, police have arrested a drug peddler in Ganderbal and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

Police in Ganderbal received information through reliable sources that one person namely Omer Fayaz Bhat son of Fayaz Ahmad Bhat resident of Shaltang Srinagar, who was working as Private Driver with SSB 03CC at Rakh Harran Forest Protection Unit Ganderbal has concealed Brown Sugar like substance in a forest Hut at Rakh Harran with an intention to sell it to the local youth.

Acting swiftly, on the directions of SSP Ganderbal Shri Wasim Qadri-JKPS a special police team led by SHO PS Ganderbal raided the spot. During search of the aforementioned hut, Brown Sugar like substance was recovered and seized in presence of Executive Magistrate 1st class & the accused was arrested. In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 210/2024 under relevant sections of law stands registered at PS Ganderbal & further investigation has been taken up.

7 gamblers arrested, stake money seized

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GANDERBAL: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace social crimes from the society, police have arrested seven (07) gamblers in Ganderbal and seized stake money from their possession.

Acting on a reliable information regarding the gambling activities at Akhal, Kangan, a police party headed by SHO PS Kangan raided the said place. During raid, 05 gamblers were apprehended and stake money of Rs 5,600/- and playing cards were seized on the spot. Moreover, in the jurisdiction of PP Shadipora, a police party led by In-charge PP Shadipora apprehended two (02) gamblers during patrolling at Rabitar. Officers seized stake money of Rs 4500/-, 12 J&K Bank Cheques amounting Rs 1,81650/-, Blank Cheque and playing cards from their possession.

They have been identified as Showkat Ah Patlo son of Mohd Sultan Patlo resident of Khanyar Srinagar, Mudasir Ahmad Sheikh son of Abdul Hameed Sheikh resident of Zampa Kadil Srinagar, Faizan Jon son of Fayaz Ah resident of Navakadal Srinagar, Muzamil Ahmad Khan son of Mushtaq Ahmad Khan resident of Safakadal Srinagar, Intiyaz Ahmad Mir son of Ab Rehman Mir resident of Nawa Bazar Srinagar, Ali Muhammad Dar son of Abdul Ahad Dar resident of Narayan Bagh and Abdul Hameed Parry son of Gh Hasan Parry resident of Boon Mohalla Hajan. They have been arrested and shifted to respective police stations where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, cases under relevant sections of law have been registered at respective police stations and further investigation has been initiated.

Theft case solved, 4 arrested

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GANDERBAL: Police in Ganderbal solved a theft case by arresting 4 accused persons involved in the commission of crime.

Police Station Kangan received a written complaint on 28th of May 2024 regarding cattle theft at Kachumbal Wudar Kangan. On receipt of this complaint, a case FIR No 41/2024 under relevant sections of law was registered at Police Station Kangan and investigation was started.

During the course of investigation, a special team headed by SHO PS Kangan which was constituted on the directions of SSP Ganderbal apprehend-

ed four suspected persons. They have been identified as Imran Ahmad Shah son of Ajaz Ah Shah resident of UP A/P Panzinara, Altaf Ahmad Sheikh son of Ab Wahab Sheikh resident of Gantmula Baramulla, Mohd Lateef Pathan son of Ali Mohd Pathan resident of Mujpathri Budgam & a Juvenile (name withheld) resident of Qamarwari Srinagar.

During questioning, they confessed their involvement in the commission of crime. They further disclosed that they have sold the cattle to a butcher identified as Yaqoob Ahmad Wani son of Mohd Maqbool Wani resident of Hajin Sonawari. All the accused persons were arrested and shifted to Police Station where they remain in custody besides, the juvenile was lodged in juvenile home Harwan Srinagar. Moreover, 02 vehicles bearing registration numbers JK06B0172 & JK05L5975 which were used in the commission of the crime were also seized.

Un-identified Male body found

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JAMMU: On August 16, 2024, at about 1820 hours, dead body of one unknown male person age about 50-55 years was found near 89 KM, Beat No. 3 in the jurisdiction of PP GRP Bari Brahmana. The dead body of the said deceased person shifted to mortuary room of GMC Jammu for postmortem/identification.

The age of the deceased is about 50-55 years; Height-5' 6" Approx, appearance- Wearing Grey and Blue/White striped T-shirt only.

Anybody having any clue about the identity/residential particulars of the said deceased may contact GRP Jammu on Telephone Nos.0191-2474946 and/or Mobile

No. 6005784806/7889418075.

Man held for selling Chinese thread

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JAMMU : Jammu Police registered FIR for selling banned Nylon Thread (Gattu) in BPP Sandwan area of Domana.

Based on reliable information about sale of the dreaded Nylon thread (Gattu), a police team of BPP Sandwan led by IC BPP Sandwan conducted raids in the shops of kite sellers in Ghou Manhasa area falling within the jd of PP Pounichak.

During raid, Police party seized 06 rolls of Nylon thread (Gattu) from a person who was engaged in selling Synthetic Nylon thread made in China which is banned in District Jammu. The seller were identified Rajinder Kumar, son of Rollu Ram, resident of ward No 03 Ghou manhasa Jammu. In this regard FIR under relevant section of law stand registered against above said person and further investigation is underway.



Raksha Bandhan celebrations at Police Public School Doda



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DODA: Police Public School Doda, celebrated Raksha Bandhan with festive celebrations. In the heartwarming ceremony girl students tied rakhis on the wrists of officers and officials of CISE, wishing them good health, long life, and prosperity. The event marked a beautiful expression of the bond between brothers in uniform and sisters, and the commitment to protect and care for one another.

NIA charge sheets two men for promoting terrorist activities of ISIS in India

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BENGALURU: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday charge sheeted two men for being part of a major terror conspiracy involving targeted killings and promoting "jihadi activities" of ISIS in India, according to an official statement. The accused, Abdul Matheen Taha and Mussavir Hussain Shazib, are residents of Thirthahalli in Karnataka's Shivamogga district, it said.

They were involved in a large terror conspiracy of ISIS, and had been absconding until they were arrested on April 12, said the statement issued by the NIA. NIA investigations have revealed that Taha was self-radicalised and had, in turn, radicalised and recruited Shazib and others, it said.

In 2018, Taha was introduced to online handler Bhai alias Laptop Bhai and went on to introduce Bhai to Mehaboob Pasha, who had formed the Al-Hind Trust in collaboration with his family members in Gurappanapalya, Bengaluru city, the NIA said.

Pasha was also responsible for passing on an online handler link to Khaja Mohideen, who had joined Al-Hind Trust along with his associates to promote the ISIS terrorist activities in India, it added. Further, Taha and Shazib had harboured accused Thowfeek and Abdul Shameem, in a release, BMS' media in-charge Suresh Choudhari said the brutal atrocities and looting committed against the minority Hindu community after the vicious coup in Bangladesh on August 5 were the result of a pre-planned and well-thought-out foreign conspiracy.

BMS' concerns over Hindus in Bangladesh echo those of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. During a speech on Independence Day, Bhagwat had said that Hindus living in Bangladesh were being subjected to violence for no reason, and that "our country has the responsibility to ensure they do not face any injustice and atrocities".

BJP wants Mamata to resign over medic's rape, murder

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Monday called West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee "shameless" and demanded her resignation, alleging that crucial evidence was destroyed at her behest to save the culprits in the rape and murder of a medic in Kolkata.

It also slammed leaders of the opposition INDIA bloc, including the Congress' Rahul Gandhi, and called them "political vultures", alleging that they "generalised" the trainee doctor's rape and murder by expressing a general concern over such cases reported in different parts of the country, including those in BJP-ruled states.

"Mamata Banerjee has become Mamata, the destroyer. By her misdeeds she destroyed the dignity of a woman, a doctor who was serving the society. Mamata Banerjee is the destroyer of the rule of law and the Constitution," BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said at a press conference at the BJP headquarters here.

While the chief minister did not take concrete steps to ensure a swift probe into the "possibility" of gang-rape and murder of the medic, she got crucial evidence of the heinous crime destroyed, he charged.

"And see the brazenness of shameless Mamata, the destroyer. She took out a march in Kolkata while the entire country was embarrassed by the gruesome incident of rape and murder... She should immediately resign (as chief minister)," the BJP leader said.

"There is no law and order in West Bengal. There is complete disorder in Mamata Banerjee's head," he said. The postgraduate trainee doctor's body was found on the premises of the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9.

A civic volunteer of the Kolkata Police was arrested in this connection and the case taken over by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after a Calcutta High Court order.

Unidentified goons entered the hospital premises shortly after Wednesday midnight and vandalised portions of the facility, where the woman's body was found. The vandalism occurred amid midnight protests by women against the incident.

"Prima facie, unruly TMC (Trinamool Congress) goons had entered the medical college. They wanted to destroy the CCTV so that all facts (evidence) are destroyed," Bhatia alleged. "She (Banerjee) was hell-bent on destroying crucial evidence in the case. Mamata Banerjee stands by criminals. Leave aside taking action against them, she rewards them. Why didn't she immediately handover the case to the CBI?" he asked.

Hitting out at the INDIA bloc leaders, the BJP spokesperson accused them of expressing general concern over cases of rape and murder in the country, including those in BJP-governed states.

"RG doesn't stand for Rahul Gandhi anymore. It stands for 'rajnitik giddh (political culture)'. He put the entire country to shame, first by his deafening silence (on the Kolkata rape and murder case) and then by an absurd tweet to indulge in culture politics. He tweeted about BJP-ruled states but did not comment on the INDI alliance-ruled states," he said.

The BJP leader also slammed Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and said she had gone ahead of Rahul Gandhi in pursuing "culture politics" as she said the entire country was shaken by the incidents of crimes against women in Kolkata, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

"The INDI alliance is synonymous with being political vultures. They don't even worry about the dignity of women in the country. They are only bothered about cheap and petty politics," he charged.

Bhatia alleged a "complete collapse" of law and order in West Bengal under Banerjee and asserted that the BJP would continue its struggle till the victim got justice.

Atrocities against humanity in Bangladesh must be stopped at once: BMS

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

Bangladesh echo those of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. During a speech on Independence Day, Bhagwat had said that Hindus living in Bangladesh were being subjected to violence for no reason, and that "our country has the responsibility to ensure they do not face any injustice and atrocities".

As soon as Sheikh Hasina left the country, all limits of barbarism were crossed by targeting the indigenous people living in Bangladesh for thousands of years, BMS said. Thousands of innocent women, men, and even children were brutally killed in the capital, and women were molested. This violent nature of the miscreants has shamed the entire humanity, the release said.

According to the RSS affiliate, Indian trade and cultural heritage along with Bangladesh have suffered a severe blow.

Bangladesh's growing economy, textile, jute and other industries have suffered

huge losses and thousands of workers have become jobless. An atmosphere of fear and terror still prevails among the Hindu-Buddhist and other minority communities there, it said.

Seeing those inhuman incidents on social media makes the heart tremble, said BMS. This is a blatant violation of human rights, which is condemnable everywhere, it said. The silence of the International Human Rights Commission and the United Nations on this occasion also creates deep doubt, said the trade union. It is the responsibility of the people of Bangladesh to rectify the situation and ensure the safety of the minority Hindu-Buddhist community there, the release said. "In such a situation, the entire world community including Bangladesh should stand with the suffering community there and with deep sympathy, should arouse their courage and self-confidence," BMS said.