!! Continuations from Page 1 **!!** Character building vital...

Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Prof. Vishwa Murti Shastri, and teachers of the Gurukul in the growth of this reputed educational institution.

Mahamandleshwar Shri Swami Vishveshvaranand Giriji Maharaj, Member of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board and Chairman of the Governing Council for the Gurukul observed the key role of UT Administration for nurturing institution like Gurukul which has kept alive the Vedic and Sanatan traditions in the modern era.

Anshul Garg, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, highlighted the initiatives taken by the Board for facilitation of pil-

Dr Dhananjay Mishra, Principal of the Gurukul, presented the Annual Report of the institution while students of the Gurukul staged an impressive Sanskrit play which was highly appreciated by the audience.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor felicitated the meritorious students, staff members of the Board and the Yatra Marg to the Holy Shrine facade lighting project team. He also released Dr Neelam Sareen's book titled "Shri Mata Vaishno Devi - Ek Alokik Sidh Peeth" and the third edition of Annual Magazine of SMVD Gurukul.

Later, the Lt Governor visited the construction site and inspected the ongoing works of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence

Members of the Shrine Board - Baleshwar Rai, Dr Ashok Bhan, Dr. Neelam Sareen, Suresh Kumar Sharma and Raghu K. Mehta were present

Prof. Pragati Kumar, Vice Chancellor SMVDU; Padma Shri Vishwa Murti Shastri, Member SMVD Gurukul Governing Body and officers from Shrine Board and District administration, besides students, faculty members and prominent citzens were also present

Shahid Saleem is...

Jammu of the additional charge of the post and Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar, JKAS, Director Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Commission, Shopian.

(AGMUT-2015 IPS officer), SSP Kupwara has been posted as SSP (Hqrs) CID; Imtiyaz Hussain Mir (JKPS:1999), SSP (TMG) CID Hqrs has been posted as SSP Srinagar, replacing Ashish Kumar Mishra, IPS, who has been asked to wait further postings at Police Headquarters, JK.

Mohd Zaid (JKPS:2001), Commandant JKAP-11 Bn, has been posted as SSP Baramulla; Gh Jeelani Wani (JKPS:2001), Commandant IR-5th Bn, has been posted as SSP Kupwara; Dawood Ayoub (JKPS:2004), SP Handwara, as SSP (TMG) CID Hqrs; and Ifroz Ahmad (JKPS:2004), DyCO IR-5th Bn, has been posted as SP Handwara.

25 candidates withdraw...

remain in the final electoral fray for election in 51-Bhadarwah AC; 9 candidates in 52-Doda AC; and 8 candidates in 53-Doda West AC.

In Ramban district, 8 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 54-Ramban AC; while 7 candidates will contest in 55-Banihal AC.

Similarly, in Pulwama district, 14 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 32-Pampore AC; 9 candidates in 33-Tral AC; 12 candidates in 34-Pulwama AC; and 10 candidates in 35-Rajpora AC.

In Shopian district, 10 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 36-Zainapora AC and 11 candidates will contest in 37-Shopian AC.

In Kulgam district, 6 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 38-DH Pora AC; 10 candidates in 39-Kulgam AC; and 9 candidates in 40-Devsar AC.

Finally, in Anantnag district, 10 candidates remain in the final electoral fray for election in 41-Dooru AC; 10 candidates in 42-Kokernag (ST) AC; 9 candidates in 43-Anantnag West AC; 13 candidates in 44-Anantnag AC; 3 candidates in 45-Srigufwara-Bijbehara AC; 13 candidates in 46-Shangus-Anantnag East AC; and 6 candidates in 47-Pahalgam AC.?It is worth mentioning here that a total of 279 candidates had filed their nomination papers before the respective Returning Officers in 24 Assembly Constituencies till the last date of filing the Nominations on 27 August, 2024.

Out of these, the Nomination papers of 35 candidates were rejected during Scrutiny held on 28 August, 2024. And now ith the withdrawal of 25 candidates, 219 candidates now remain in the final electoral fray.

ligence unit, leading to the arrest of 11 accused - 10 residents of Haryana and one from Punjab.

The stolen vehicle belonging to the cab driver was also recov ered.

The accused were identified as Gurpreet Singh alias Gopi, Sukhvinder Singh alias Preet, Gursavak Singh, Gurdeep Singh alias Bana, Lucky Singh, Sahil alias Tara Singh, Arjun alias Katiya, Lucky Singh, Gopal Kumar alias Gopi and Gurjeet Singh - all residents of Nagal Tehsil Ratia of Fatehabad district of Haryana - and Kuldeep Singh alias Kala of Khusla Sardulgargh in Punjab.

The gang conspired in Katra to abduct the cab driver and, with criminal intent, brutally murdered him near Bajalta, where they later disposed off his body.

Today, the court extended police remand of 11-murder accused for 8 more days.

BJP must understand...

fresh faces for the contest. Now it should eye Jhelum waters . The 2014 was a disappointing experience for the party when it drew blank in electoral battles, but now it has done so much, it must adopt waves of Jhelum to achieve what was not in 2014. It is more than that, as PM Narendra Modi said, wining hearts and minds of the people.

After the delimitation of constituencies, Jammu has 43 seats, only four short of the Valley, the party has to go in for contest in all these seats to claim its primary position. That is a tough call. It would not have been so had the things been handled carefully. The party leadership at the national level was always keen to push for a formidable narrative and action in Jammu and Kashmir to transform the land and its residents. It did everything to furbish the image of the nation in the UT to foster complete integration of J&K with the rest of the country . Many a spectacular events, like G 20 were held in Srinagar in May 2023, stirring new hopes to the people for whom the foreign diplomats gathering for prestigious international event existed in dreams. The Modi government transformed those dreams into reality.

As Party General Secretary in charge of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, Tarun Chugh observed and shared it with the party cadre and others, that what Modi government has dome for J&K before and after the abrogation of Article 370 is unprecedented . Most of the focus has been on empowering the marginalized sections in Jammu and Kashmir through the social justice mechanism of the government. This fact is essence of the post August5, 2019 history. The constitutional alternation was given. A humanitarian touch . It is being felt and the beneficiaries have expressed their gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi , Home Minister Amit Shah and Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha . There is much more that has not been broadcast till date . The party needs to put that on the sound track. BJP alone can turn the tide in favour of the country in J&K, and this election is an opportunity that it must seize.

Assembly elections movement...

42nd and 43rd Amendments has ensured that funds are now directly reaching villages, empowering grassroots democracy", Reddy said while addressing a press conference at the Media Centre in Jammu.

He was flanked by BJP spokespersons Shazia Ilmi and S.R.P. Singh, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. Nirmal Singh, State Spokesperson Abhijit Jasrotia, and J&K BJP Media Secretary Dr. Pardeep Mahotra

Reddy emphasized that the region is finally free from the scourge of stone pelting, which once involved children being coerced into violence against security forces. He also declared that Pakistan-sponsored protests and strikes have come to an end, and Kashmiri Pandits are being restored to their rightful place with dignity and security.

"These assembly elections in J&K are not just for vote for BJP but are a movement against terrorism and for the restoration of rights to the people of J&K," Reddy proclaimed. He criticized the Congress-NC alliance, alleging that their

manifesto is against peace and development and aligns more closely with Pakistan's interests than those of the people of India

He cited former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's efforts to foster peaceful relations with Pakistan, which were rebuffed by Islamabad's malicious intentions. These hostile policies are the root of the proxy war against India, he added.

The Union Minister stressed the critical choice that lies before the people of Jammu and Kashmir: between violence and separatism or peace and development. He said people chose second option and urged the electorate to recognize the history of betraval by parties like the PDP, NC, and Congre and to vote for the BJP, which, in his words, is the only party committed to the welfare of the people of Jammu and Kashmir especially when it comes restoring the dignity of marginalized sections of society including women, SCc, STs. Gorkhas, Valmikis and West Pakistani Refugees Targeting PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, Reddy accused her of conspiring with the Congress and the NC to destabilize the region and return it to an era of violence and separatism. He questioned why a beautiful place like J&K should be made the epicenter of unrest when people are yearning for development, employment, and the full implementation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution. He pledged that the BJP government at the Centre would continue to work sincerely towards developing J&K on par with other states. Reddy noted that the BJP manifesto will soon be released and it will address the needs and aspirations of women, youth, farmers, and marginalized communities, including the underprivileged. He assured the public that the manifesto would reflect the party's commitment to peace and development across all regions of J&K, particularly in Jammu, which he claimed has long been discriminated against by the Abdullah and Mufti families, as well as the Congress. The Minister did not shy away from sharp criticism of Congress and its leadership, questioning why Rahul Gandhi has remained silent on NC's manifesto, which he claims discriminates against women and the underprivileged. Mr. Reddy called on Congress to clarify its position on critical issues and accused the party of double standards. In a poignant moment, he recited a verse that he felt reflected the destructive legacy of the Congress-NC alliance, accusing them of destroying what others have spent their lifetimes building. He said, "Logo Ki Umar Guzar Jaati Hai Ek Ghar Banane Main Magar Unko sharm nahi aati unko jalane main..." best suits this alliance which is hell bent upon destroying peace in J&K and warned that the alliance's plans to bring back Article 370 would once again separate J&K from the rest of India and undo the progress made since the BJP's abrogation of the law in 2019. Reddy also took a strong stance against the Congress-NC's alleged plans to release militants and reopen cross-LoC trade with Pakistan, arguing that these actions would invite separatism and terrorism back into the region. He described Article 370 as a black law that was against the rights of the poor, women, and SC/ST communities. In contrast, he lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership in abrogating the law and restoring equal rights to all people in J&K. The Union Minister underscored the monumental changes in Jammu & Kashmir since the abrogation of Article 370, pointing to the restoration of peace, security, and equal rights He assured that the BJP's historic decision has liberated the people from a law that had perpetuated discrimination and violence for decades

4 drug peddlers arrested; contraband substances recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

PULWAMA/ANANTNAG: In continuation of its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from society, Police have arrested 04 drug peddlers in Pulwama & Anantnag and ecovered contraband substances from their possession.

In Pulwama, a police party of Police Station Pulwama at a checkpoint established at Arihal, intercepted a Motorcycle pearing registration number PB03AN-8375 ridden by 02 persons. They have been identified as Bashir Ahmad Khan son of Gull Mohammad Khan resident of Matipora Kulgam and Irshad Ahmad Khan son of Bashir Ahmad Khan resident of Shalipora Kulgam. During search, 20.21 grams of Heroin like contraband substance was recovered from their possession. Both the accused persons have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Motorcycle used in the commission of crime has also been eized. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 176/2024 under relwant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Pulwama & investigation has been taken up.

In Anantnag, a police team of Police Post Shairbagh at a checkpoint established at Pehroo Curve Anantnag, intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number DL7CJ-8332 with 02 persons onboard. During search, 19 kilograms of poppy straw was recovered from the vehicle. They have been identified as Mushtaq Ahmad Mir son of Ab Rehman Mir and Tariq Ahmad Mir son of Gh Hassan, both residents of Mir Check Mattan. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Vehicle used in the commission of crime has also been seized. Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 169/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Anantnag & investigation has been taken up.

Notorious criminal detained under PSA STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: In order to curb the criminal activities in the Samba district, Police has detained and lodged in jail notorius criminal under the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA).

The accused identified as RanjuChoudhary S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Kathar tehsil Arnia district Jammu has involved n multiple criminal cases registered against him at Police Station Ramgarh of district Samba & Police Stations Arnia, KahanaChak of district Jammu. His criminal activities have osed a serious threat to public peace and tranquillity.

Following his repeated engagement in criminal activities, detention order was issued by the District Magistrate Samba based on detailed dossiers prepared by SSP Samba. Police team of Police Station Ramgarh headed by SHO PS Ramgarh successfully executed the warrant, leading to the ncarceration of the said accused in District Jail Kathua.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 11 bovines rescued, vehicle seized STATE TIMES NEWS

NAGROTA: Jammu police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers, Police team of PP Manwal has foiled one povine smuggling attempt in which 11 bovines were rescued from vehicle bearing registration number No. JK11G-0142 at Nadal Naka .The driver of the vehicle fled away from the spot after leaving behind the vehicle on the road.

11 bovines were rescued and one vehicle seized. In this regard, a case FIR No.200/2024, U/S 223/BNS 11 PCA Act has been registered in Police Station Jhajjar Kotli.Further investigation is underway.

Cyber Cell Jammu solves three online frauds, recovers Rs 2 lakhs STATE TIMES NEWS

Jammu: Cyber Cell of DPO Jammu settled three online frauds exhibiting professional display of Skills.

A complaint regarding credit card financial fraud to the tune of Rs.65,868/ was received in cyber cell in which the complainant was asked to share his details and accordingly the complainant lost his hard earned money. In another complaint, the complainant searched google for work from home

and the fraudster telephonically got Rs. 50,000/-transacted from his account.

In yet another incident a complaint regarding online finan cial fraud of Rs.94,500/- in which the complainant invested in a trading company which used not to return the hard earned money of the investors by adapting to unfair means and lost his money.

With the timely intervention and showing the professional excellence meticulously ,Cyber Cell DPO Jammu started timely investigations into the complaints through its professional wings specifically trained for the purpose and within stipulated time the teams constituted for the cause settled all the cases by displaying an ultimate display of professional excellence. The teams put on hold an aggregate amount of Rs 1,98,868/- out of Rs.2,10,368/.which otherwise could have been misused and fraudulently transacted for various unfair means.

Army recovers landmine along LoC STATE TIMES NEWS

MENDHAR/JAMMU: Army troops on Friday recovered landmine along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district officials said

An Army party found the landmine in the Pattri Gali area during a patrol along the LoC, they said.

The patrol party secured the area and called the bomb dis posal squad to destroy the mine, they added.

Officials said the mine had drifted due to rains and ended up on the patrol track.

Action taken against 5 Govt employees for involvement in political activities

STATE TIMES NEWS

ANANTNAG: Acting tough against the violation of model code of conduct, the District Administration Anantnag has taken disciplinary action against five government employees for participating in political activities during the ongoing elections.

It is important to mention that participation in political activities by government employees constitutes a violation of the model code of conduct (MCC).

Two employees have been suspended with immediate effect for their involvement in political activities while the wages of another two have been withheld till further orders Suspension has been recommended against one more employ

The Election Commission's guidelines are clear in this regard that government employees must refrain from any form of political activity or campaigning during the election period to ensure the fairness and impartiality of the electoral process. The District Election Officer has issued a stern warning to all government employees to desist from participating in political activities. He has further reminded them of their duty to strictly adhere to the directives provided by the Election Commission of India.

Theft case solved; 2 arrested, stolen property recovered STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has solved a theft case registered at Police Station Samba, arrested two accused persons and recovered stolen property from their possession.

On August 27, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Post Supwal falling under PS Samba by the Site Engineer MCC Infra Pvt. Ltd. regarding theft of shuttering plates from the construction site at NHW-44 Supwal.

Acting over the complaint, a case FIR No. 219/2024 u/s 303(2) BNS got registered at Police Station Samba and investigation was started to work out the said theft case

During the course of investigation, a team under SHO PS Samba led by IC PP Supwal was constituted. Police team rounded up several suspects and later on, two suspects were apprehended, who upon sustained questioning, confessed their involvement in the instant case. The accused persons have been identified as Rajinder Sharma S/o Mulkh Raj and Ravi Kumar S/o Thoru Ram both residence of village Nagrota tehsil Bari Brahmana district Samba. Further or their disclosure, stolen property i.e. shuttering plates valuing worth rupees 38000/- approximately were recovered from their illegal possession.

and Sub-treasuries to issue daily and weekly

schedules in advance so as to make the verifi-

cation process as accessible and accommodat-

ing as possible, Finance Department said in

It further added that strict directions have

been imparted to Treasury staff to ensure

that the verification process is both efficient

minimize inconvenience for pensioners during

this process and ensure a courteous and sup-

Treasuries and sub-treasuries, it added, are

also guiding the pensioners to use the 'Jeevan

Pramaan' App which enables biometric

authentication and auto-generation of Digital

Currently, out of 2.38 lakh pensioners, only

4162 pensioners in Jammu and Kashmir use

Furthermore, the Department in coordina-

tion with J&K Bank is devising a separate

mechanism to facilitate the verification of

pensioners residing outside the Union

Territory and abroad, the statement added.

Jeevan Pramaan app for certification.

"The Treasury staff has been directed to

It may also be mentioned that more than 23.27 lakh voters including 5.66 lakh youths are eligible to exercise their electoral franchise during the Phase-I of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Election, scheduled to be held on 18 September 2024, of which 11.76 lakh are male voters and 11.51 lakh female voters along with 60 Third Gender Electors.

BJP promises peace...

the war for autonomy would be resumed. The manifesto, he said, was a complete statement for promoting an anti-national agenda. There have been open threats to revise the 1990 events that caused migration of over 1.50 lakh Kashmiri Pandits under terror.

The Congress, Chugh said, has joined hands with this divisive and disruptive agenda because it has no interest in the development of J&K.

The only agenda of the NC-Congress alliance which is playng in the hands of the Pakistan ISI is to disrupt the stellar work that Modi has done for the growth and prosperity of the people in the region.

Nagrota murder accused...

drop passengers at a railway station.

"Police had successfully resolved the case of the abduction and murder of the cab driver by apprehending a gang of interstate criminals from Ratia Fatehbad area of Harvana



Additional forces rushed to the Janipur Initially, court complex when lawyers beaten up the missing report Nagrota murder case accused on Friday. was filed on.

August 19 by Singh's brother after he failed to return home from Katra

On August 21, the case was escalated with the filing of an FIR when it was suspected that the cab driver had been abducted along with his vehicle, based on CCTV footage.

Nagrota Police teams had collected and analysed CCTV footage from various locations, along with call data records and hotel records in Katra.

After getting an actionable lead, a police team travelled to Sirsa, Haryana, where raids were conducted at multiple locations with the assistance of the local police and counter-intel-

donstituencies of Srinagar Distt

ECI appoints EOs

for 8 assembly

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In view of the General Elections to Legislative Assembly in J&K, the Election Commission of India has appointed Capt. Pradeep Shoury Arya and Subodh Singh as Expenditure Observers (Eos) for all 08 Assembly Constituencies of District Srinagar.

As per a notice issued here on Friday, Capt. Pradeep Shoury Arya has been appointed as Expenditure Observer for Hazratbal, 19 -20 -Khanyar, 21- Habbakadal and 22- Lal Chowk constituencies.

Similarly, Subodh Singh has been appointed as Expenditure Observer for Chanapora, 24-23 -Zadibal, 25- Eidgah and 26- Central Shalteng.

In order to ensure free. fair, transparent and smooth conduct of elec- $_{\mathrm{the}}$ District tions, Election Officer Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat has notified that all stakeholders can approach Expenditure the Observers Capt. Pradeep Shoury Arya (8899744409)and Subodh Singh (9906883393) on their respective contact numbers in case of any information, issue or grievance regarding expenditure query or complaint related

to elections. Meanwhile, stakeholders can also file grievances on C-vigil App.

60 pc, Rs 5 Cr in overpayments identified' The Department has asked all Treasuries

'Pensioner verification in J&K surpasses

its statement.

and pensioner-friendly.

portive approach," it said.

Life Certificates.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: As of today, 1.43 lakh of the 2.38 lakh pensioners and family pensioners have been verified, representing 60 per cent of the total.

This verification process has identified excess pension payments amounting to Rs. 5 Crores, and recovery measures have been initiated to address these overpayments.

Finance Department in a statement on Friday said, that the verification had been initiated of all government pensioners as part of an ongoing effort to comply with the Treasury Code and to fully digitize pension data.

The verification process aims to eliminate discrepancies in existing records and ensure that all pensioners' data is up-to-date. Such verification is not only aiding in updating pensioners' data but also laying the groundwork for a future transition to online verification. Recognizing the challenges faced by elderly or infirm pensioners, the Department has asked the Treasury staff to conduct home visits.

So far, approximately 2,000 home visits have been made to facilitate the verification of aged pensioners

LG, CS express grief over Jitendra Kumar Singh's demise

away has left a void that

would be very difficult to fill.

My thoughts and prayers are

with his family in this hour of

A condolence and prayer

Secretary, Atal Dulloo and

attended by Administrative

Secretaries was on Friday

convened to mourn the tragic

and untimely demise of Dr.

under

Chief

grief".

meeting

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha has expressed grief over the untimely demise of Jitendra Kumar Singh, an IFS Officer of 2010 batch. In his condolence message, the Lieutenant Governor described Singh as an outstanding officer known for his honesty and integrity.

The text of the Lieutenant Governor's message is as follows

"I was grieved to hear of the Jitendra Singh, an IFS untimely demise of Jitendra Officer of 2010 batch cur-Kumar Singh, a young and rently posted at Resident

respected IFS officer, who Commissioner Office, New was known for his integrity Delhi. and honesty. His passing

During the condolence meeting, Dulloo expressed deep sorrow over the untimely loss of this young officer at the young age.

All the officers expressed their heartfelt condolences. prayers, and resolved for extending every kind of support during this difficult time.

As a mark of profound respect for the departed soul, a two-minute silence was observed and praved for the peace of the deceased officer.

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