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India hits out...

which such abuses have been carried out exposes the hollowness of Pakistan's commitment to human rights," Badhe added.

He also slammed the OIC for raising the Kashmir issue at the council, asserting that the group has no locus standi to comment on the internal affairs of the country. "We once again regret and reject the reference made by the OIC to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir which is an integral part of India," Badhe said.

"The OIC has helplessly allowed itself to be held hostage by Pakistan, which holds the chairmanship of their Geneva Chapter, to subserve its own agenda. It's for the members of the OIC to decide if it is in their interest to allow Pakistan to do so," he said.

J&K reports 156...

Srinagar reported 77 cases, Baramulla 10, Budgam 12, Pulwama 5, Kupwara 3, Anantnag 5, Bandipora 5, Ganderbal 6, Kulgam 1, Shopian 0, Jammu 10, Udhampur 0, Rajouri 4, Doda 6, Kathua 0, Samba 0, Kishtwar 2, Poonch 1, Ramban 1 and Reasi 8.

Moreover, 131 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 32 from Jammu Division and 99 from Kashmir Division.

Besides this, 75.06 percent of the population above the age of 18 years has been vaccinated across Jammu and Kashmir.

No new case of Mucormycosis has been reported during the past 24 hours, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 46 in the UT of J&K, said the officials.

According to the daily Media Bulletin, out of 327296 positive cases, 1349 are Active Positive, 321532 have recovered and 4415 have died; 2169 in Jammu division and 2246 in Kashmir division.

The Bulletin further said that out of 14090434 test results available, 13763138 samples have been tested as negative till today.

Till date 3423411 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 8418 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1349 in isolation and 464024 in home surveillance. Besides, 2945205 persons have completed their surveillance period.

Under Secy, JKAS...

transferred and posted as Personnel Officer in the Directorate of School Education, Kashmir; and Santosh Kumar, Under Secretary, awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD has been transferred and his services placed at the disposal of Chief Executive Officer, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, on deputation basis.

Created enabling environment...

new normal, the Lt Governor said. Consistent efforts are being made to diversify the agriculture by bringing in credit, technology, extension to step up present growth rate; besides building capacities of farmers together with creating entrepreneurship; encouraging High Density Plantation; extending agricultural mechanization support and developing Market infrastructure.

The growth potential of Agriculture and Horticulture sector has started finding interest among potential investors. Our progress in the sector has now attracting markets and entrepreneurs from outside J&K, added the Lt Governor.

While listing out the support extended to the farmers for getting maximum returns, and facilitating Market Linkages of the local produce, the Lt Governor said that the low remunerative crops are being replaced with the high value cash crops. There has been a massive increase in the cultivation of organic and exotic vegetables during last two years. For the first time, more than 2000 truckloads of vegetables have been marketed across the country, he added.

Apart from GI tagging of Saffron, J&K administration has made new strides in organic certification of products like Basmati Rice and transportation of perishable products through air cargo to various domestic markets, he observed.

Rootstock is being imported from outside the country for developing High Density Plantation orchards. A new Scheme vis-a-vis 'Development of High Density Plantation Nurseries' has been introduced to make J&K Aatmanirbhar in the input support in terms of High Density plants, the Lt Governor said.

Enhanced focus is being laid to stabilize the fruit market of Horticulture produce of J&K and ensure round the year sale of the fruits like Apple on good prices, besides establishment of storage within J&K. During the last one year, 40,000 MTs of storage has been established thereby making available a total of 1.65 LMT of CA storage facilities in Jammu & Kashmir. Also, another 35,000 MTs of storage capacity is under construction, added the Lt Governor.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor sought Rs 800 crore support from the Union Government for Modified High Density Plantation in J&K.

The Lt Governor also highlighted the need for special provisions under existing schemes for establishment of CA stores, more fruit and vegetable Mandis and electronic platforms for the market of Agriculture and Horticulture produce; extending the time period for return of the capital under KCC Scheme from existing one year to three years for Horticulture crop; establishing modern processing and extraction facilities for Walnut on large scale; establishing modern pesticides laboratories; developing irrigation facilities and rejuvenation of more than 1000 Ha of land under National Saffron Mission; establishment of Saffron Park at Kishtwar in Jammu division etc.

He further requested the Union Government for making interventions for protected cultivation in the higher reaches of J&K; encouraging the Olive oil and other oil seed production; supporting the initiative "PARVAZ" with at least 50% of subsidy under the scheme on all major crops and a special support package under Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanisation (SMAM).

Addressing the conference, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar stated that benefits of Central Government schemes for Agriculture sector should reach

the correct farmers through better implementation in the UTs. Although funds are not a constraint, it is the implementation of the scheme which should be proper, he added.

The Union Minister said that the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund will provide infrastructure facilities at farm gate for small farmers.

During the conference, presentations were given to all UTs by the senior officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on schemes of the Union Government for the benefit of farmers. Schemes of Agriculture Ministry were also explained for better implementation in the Union Territories.

Admiral D K Joshi, Lieutenant Governor; Andaman and Nicobar Island, besides Officials and delegates of other UTs also participated in the discussions.

Among those who attended the conference were Kailash Choudhary, MoS Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje, MoS Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, MoAFW; Navin Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare, along with senior officials of the MoAFW and progressive farmers.

IAF to hold...

Your Dreams'. More than 3,000 college and school students are expected to participate in the programme to witness the impressive manoeuvres of the IAF aircraft that will motivate them to dream about a career in the IAF and in the aviation sector, an official spokesperson said.

"The show will also develop a passion among the students to give wings to their dreams. Along with the students, 700 teachers will also be present at the venue," he said. The spokesperson said Pole directed the heads of educational institutions to ensure the participation of NCC cadets.

Stalls will be set up at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre and students will be familiarised with the achievements of the IAF, employment opportunities in the force, recruitment rules and eligibility criteria.

Misappropriation of funds...

also released in the official account of KGBV Boniyar on account of salary arrears of the teachers of the school during the financial year 2013-14.

Instead of disbursement of aforesaid amount among the concerned teachers, the official said, the accused public servants namely Sajad Hussain Mir deposited the aforesaid amount into his personal accounts.

On the basis of facts and circumstances together with cogent and clinching evidence brought on record, the investigation established the commission of offences under Section 5(1) (C) (D) r/w 5 (2) J&K PC Act Svt; 2006 and 120-B RPC are made out against the aforesaid accused public servants, ACB official said and added that the next date of hearing has been fixed on October 7, 2021.

4 terrorists active...

activated seven militants in Srinagar since September last year.

"Four of them have been eliminated, including Saqib Manzoor," Kumar said.

The Resistance Front is an offshoot of the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Manzoor was Sheikh's deputy.

Delhi resident charge...

B-38 Nazim-ud-Din West New Delhi before the Court of Judge Small Causes Srinagar.

Regarding the case, the official said that the Crime Branch Kashmir had received a communication from Sham Lal Sharma, the then Minister for Health, J&K State on August 29, 2012 alleging therein that he received a communication, in form of DO letter signed by the then Member Parliament regarding adjustment/engagement of relatives of one Mohd Yousuf Bhat of Mochwara Shopian and others in the Health Department as casual labourers/nursing orderlies.

Further it was alleged, that after making a correspondence with the office of Member Parliament, the DO letter was found fake and fictitious.

Accordingly, the official said, a probe was initiated in Crime Branch Kashmir. During enquiry it was established that one Shah Ahmad Khan Darya Gunj, New Delhi had by misuse of letter heads of All India Congress committee and after resorting to manipulation of documents, made fake recommendations attributed to Moti Lal Vohra for adjustment/engagement of beneficiaries etc.

On this count, the official said, a case FIR No 33/2014 of Police Station Crime Branch Kashmir under Section 420 RPC against the accused person was registered and the investigation set into motion.

During the course of investigation, the official said, it was established that accused had duped complainant and grabbed an amount of Rs. 25 lakh on the pretext of providing job in Health Department by issuing a fake DO letter of then Member Parliament Moti Lal Vohra.

HC refuses to...

investigated by the respondent. Three Arms licenses bearing Nos. 55/JDM/95 in the name of Ajit Singh, No. 56/JDM/95 in the name of Manjodh Singh and No. 64/JDM/95 in the name of Feroze Khan form the subject matter of the charge sheet No. 11 dated 21.10.2011 whereas two Arms license No. 366/JDM/96 in the name of Bahadur Singh and No. 511/JDM/96 in the name of Joginder Singh form the subject matter of charge sheet bearing No. 16 dated 21.10.2021. In charge sheet No. 16, the learned Special Judge Anti Corruption, (CBI Cases), J&K, Jammu (hereinafter to be referred as the trial court) vide order dated 19.07.2013 framed the charges against the petitioner along with others for commission of offences under sections 120-B read with 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of RPC and 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act Samvat 2006 and section 30 of the Arms Act. Similarly in charge sheet No. 11, the learned trial court vide order dated 30.05.2013, has framed the charges against the petitioner and other accused for commission of offences under sections 120-B read with 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 of RPC and 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act Samvat 2006 and section 30 of the

under section 188/IPC & 11/PCA Act was registered against them at Police Station Akhnoor. Later, in another incident, another truck (JK22-7761) driven by namely Touseef Ahmed Sheikh, son of Abdul Rashid Shiekh along with Muneeb Ahmed Shiekh, son of Nisar Ahmed Shiekh, both residents of Zalangam Tehsil Kokernag & District Anantnag and one other person namely Barkat Ali, son of Sher Ali, resident of Garkhal Tehsil Akhnoor district Jammu which was on the way to Kashmir Via Rajouri was intercepted and during checking found laden with 18 bovines which were rescued. The driver among trio was arrested and FIR No. 234/21 under section 188/IPC & 11/PCA Act was registered against them at Police Station Akhnoor. Arrest and seizure were made under the supervision of SHO Akhnoor Hilal Azhar and under the guidance of SDPO Akhnoor Varun Jandial and SP Rural Sanjay Sharma.

Woman among three arrested; 300 ltrs Lahan destroyed, 25 ltrs illicit liquor recovered

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: District Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua R C Kotwal in its recent action against the consumption/production of illicit liquor destroyed near about 300 litres of Lahan, seized one motorbike along with 25 litres of illicit liquor and arrested 3 persons including a woman.

As per the details, it was reliably learnt that one woman namely Salma, wife of Beru Kumar is running the illegal business of preparing and selling Desi Liquor at village Birsu Chak Tehsil Marheen. Acting swiftly, police team led by Insp. Vikas Sharma In-Charge Police Post Marheen under the supervision of SDPO Border Sachit Mahajan conducted a raid at village Birsu Chak wherein approx. 100 litres of Lahan alongwith 10 litres of desi liquor (illicit liquor) was found from the possession of said woman. She was arrested and all the recovered utensils alongwith all the consignment of Lahan was destroyed and 10 litres of illicit liquor was also seized on spot. FIR No. 184/2021 under section 48 (a) (b) (e) Excise Act was registered against her at Police Station Rajbagh.

While in another instance, it was reliably learnt that two more persons namely Neetu, son of Chandu Ram, resident of Banyari and Munish Kumar, son of Tilak Raj, resident of Nagrota HP are doing illegal trade of selling Desi Liquor at village Danna Banyari near Khanpur Tehsil Marheen. Acting on same, another police team led by PSI Neeraj Parihar under the supervision of Insp. Amit Sangra SHO Rajbagh raided the said spot wherein 200 litres of Lahan alongwith 15 Litres of desi liquor(illicit liquor) and utensils used for the preparation of Desi liquor were also recovered from the said persons. Thereafter all the recovered consignment of Lahan were destroyed. The duo was arrested, bike (JK08K-8734) along with 15litres of illicit liquor seized. FIR No. 183/2021 under section 48(A) (E) Excise Act was registered against them at Police Station Rajbagh.

Three arrested with 24 bottles of banned syrup

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

KATHUA: In a decisive action against drug menace within the district Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua, R C Kotwal recovered 24 bottles of Win Cirex (Corex Syrup) like contraband, seized one vehicle and arrested three persons.

Details revealed that a team of Police Station Rajbagh led by Insp. Amit Sangra SHO Rajbagh during Naka at NH in front of Police Station Rajbagh noticed one Vitara Breeze (JK08H5000) which was enroute from Jammu towards Kathua which was signalled to stop for checking.

On thorough checking, 24 bottles of Win Cirex Cough Syrup(Codeine Phosphate) 100ml each were recovered from the possession of three persons namely Deepak Kumar, son of Ashwani Kumar, resident of Ward No 17 Kathua; Tarun Sharma, son of Shiv Dutt, resident of Ward No 06 Kathua and Hitesh Gupta, son of Rakesh Gupta, resident of Ward No. 2 Kathua. Trio was arrested and FIR No.186/2021 under section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was registered against them at Police Station Rajbagh.

Arms Act.

The petitioner in both the petitions challenged the criminal proceedings as also the orders dated 30.05.2013 and 19.07.2013 passed by the trial court by virtue of which the charges for commission of offences mentioned above have been framed against the petitioner along with others.

Justice Rajnesh Oswal after hearing both the sides observed that in the instant case, the mode and manner in which the arms licenses have been issued on the basis of fake, false and forged documents to the persons, who have never been the residents of the Jammu District, itself suggests that the accused persons have acted in tandem with each other. The false and forged documents have been relied upon for the purpose of issuance of arms licenses. The persons to whom the licenses have been allegedly issued have categorically stated that they never resided at the place mentioned in the record pertaining to issuance of arms license. An attempt was made by the learned senior counsel to persuade this Court that it was Surjit Singh Rana, who was under obligation to verify that the procedural formalities were complied with by the applicants and the petitioner had no role in the same. The argument deserves to be rejected for the simple reason that the petitioner was the issuing authority of arms license being the Additional District Magistrate and was not supposed to act as rubber stamp only. The petitioner cannot be absolved of his wrongdoings those have been narrated in details as above. So this contention too lacks any force and other contention raised by the petitioner is that the petitioner cannot be prosecuted for commission of offence of forgery as the original licenses allegedly issued in favour of the licensees have not been seized. It requires to be noted that it is not the case of the prosecution that forged licenses have been issued, rather it is the positive case of the prosecution that these arms licenses were issued on the basis of false and forged as well as bogus documents including bogus police verification report. All the licensees have admitted that they were handed over the licenses in which their respective residential addresses were shown to be at Jammu, where they never resided at all. As such, this contention of the petitioner too fails.

Justice Rajnesh oswal observed that this Court had gone through the order impugned passed by the trial court and the perusal of the same reveals that the learned trial court has passed the order impugned well within the parameters of law laid down by Apex Court as such there is no illegality in the order impugned and dismissed the petition.

DGP directs for...

Programmes with the National Investigation agency, the DGP said that these programmes will go a long way in upgrading the skills of our Investigating Officers.

The DGP emphasized on the critical importance of maintaining a sustained close watch on the ground situation and real-time coordination and synergy between different security forces to foil the attempts of elements inimical to peace.

He directed to take stringent action against the elements found involved in any anti national or anti social activities.

He said that J&K Police alongwith the other security agencies is working hard for the security of the people and for the consolidation of peace and added that those who are looking to cause any damage to the peaceful atmosphere in Jammu and Kashmir would not be spared.

Reiterating the use of technology in strengthening the security grids the DGP laid emphasis on seeking the cooperation of the people in strengthening the border grid.

The DGP emphasized for maintenance of effective coordination and sharing of each and every valuable information so that immediate action is taken as and when required.

The DGP added that despite the ceasefire, infiltration attempts are being made.

The DGP J&K gave emphasis on identifying and smashing the OWG networks in the UT.

The DGP J&K impressed upon the officers to identify the personnel indulging in any corrupt practices and take action against them.

Dilbag Singh said that action against drug peddling is being taken and yet he emphasized on busting the narcotics networks to eradicate this menace from the UT.

Follow up to the decisions and directions of previous meeting was also also reviewed during the meeting. ADGP Jammu Mukesh Singh Range DIG, and District SSP briefed the DGP J&K regarding the security scenario of their respective jurisdictions.

DIG JSK Atul Goel gave a presentation regarding the border and Highway grids.

Foundation laid for...

with the laying of the foundation stone on Tuesday.

The structure will be crowned with a big dome while marble plates with names and dates of those who died will be inscribed on them. It is coming up on three acres of land at Thalwal on the banks of Tawi river, project in-charge Raj Kumar said.

Under the dome, there will be big marble walls on which the names of members of the community, who died since the first India-Pakistan war in 1947 along with those killed due to terrorism since 1990, he said. It will also house a museum and library to preserve and protect the literary heritage, including ancient manuscripts and books, paintings and pictures besides serving as a platform to infuse knowledge of ancient Kashmir and its religious and cultural wealth to the next generation, Kumar said.

Former BJP MLA Ajay Bharti said, "It will be the 'Rajghat' of Kashmiri Hindus. It will serve as a milestone of the sacrifices of Kashmiri Hindus for their nation and their faith". He said it will come up in record time of one year. Trust member Rajiv Pandit said all Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus killed over the years -- including those in Wandhama, Sangram Pora, Chattisinghpora, Nadimarg areas of Kashmir -- will be remembered through the memorial with their names engraved on the plaques of the memorial. "It is recognising the sacrifices made by our community for the nation. It is a great day for all of us. It will also serve as a monument of visual knowledge of our martyrs for future generations," said Sushma Shalla, whose father Chung Lal Shalla, a police officer, was killed by terrorists in north Kashmir in 1990.

Earlier, a smaller memorial was set up in 2019 on the banks of Ranbir Canal, a tributary of Chenab river.

Ensure school going children are fully vaccinated: SSP

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Col SS Pathania, President Sainik Samaj Party (SSP), JKUT expressed his concern over the government move of starting the classes of 10th and 12th in schools with restrictions and COVID protocols in place.

Though, intents of government are good, however timing appears to be little questionable and pre mature, he said adding that fear of third wave is looming large and exposing of children and teaching faculty, to a prolonged period, is likely to be a spreader.

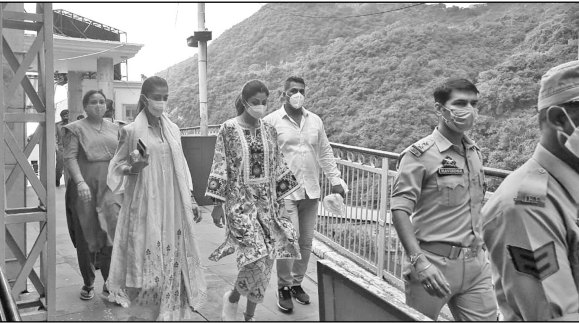
A large number of parents, who are not yet fully vaccinated, too are vulnerable to COVID, he said adding that in most of the states, which has opened the schools, it has been seen that a sudden rise has taken place, in the number of new infection.

College going students,



remain the first priority for vaccination and fully vaccinated students should be permitted to attend classes. Similar arrangements must be made for students going to schools, and unless fully vaccinated, students should not be allowed to attend the classes, he said.

Pathania urged Lt Governor to plan the vaccination of students of 10th to 12th classes on war footing, along with teaching faculty and members of the family.



Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty reached Katra to pay obeisance at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine on Wednesday. (Pic by Shilpa Thakur)



Two arrested with heroin, poppy straw & cash

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Police on Wednesday arrested two drug peddlers and recovered heroin, cash and poppy straw from their possession.

As per the details, a team of Police check Post Balini during checking noticed suspicious movement of one person who was coming from Reasi towards Katra, was chased and stopped for checking. Sensing suspicion about drug peddling Executive Magistrate was called on the spot. During checking in the presence of Executive Magistrate 43.5 gms of heroin like substance having illegal market sale price of more than 2.5 lakh to drug consumers; drugs money Rs 43,500 as proceeds of illegal sale of narcotics were recovered from the possession of Pawan Singh alias Pammii, son of Vakil Singh, resident of Sherwud Katra. He was arrested and FIR 203/2021 under section 8, 21, 22 NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Katra. Pertinently Pawan Singh is a notorious drug peddler of the area earlier arrested by team of Police Station Katra with 40.5 gms of heroin. For which he is facing trial in FIR No 27/2020 under section 8, 21, 22 NDPS Act in Session Courts Reasi.

In another incident of drug peddling, a team of Police Station Reasi laid a surprise Naka at IRP Chowk Reasi and intercepted one tempo (JK02AS 7616) driven by 'Taj Mohd, son of Mohd Rafiq, resident of Pouni coming from Pouni to Reasi. During checking, police recovered poppy straw and 13 bottles of Rum 750 from the possession of the driver. He was arrested and FIR No. 179/2021 under section 8, 15 NDPS Act and 48 A Excise Act was registered against him at Police Station Reasi.

Rs 16000 fine recovered from SoPs violators in Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: Continuing the enforcement drive to implement Covid protocol across the district Ramban, the Enforcement teams on Wednesday fined scores of violators for roaming without wearing face masks and not maintaining physical distance.

The enforcement teams, during the inspection in their respective jurisdictions, recovered a fine of Rs 16000 taking the total amount fined since April 1, 2021 to Rs. 51,58,050.

The Enforcement officers urged the people to wear face masks and maintain physical distance besides taking Covid vaccination doses at their nearest CVC.

District Immunization Officer, Ramban, Dr. Suresh informed that as many as 2749 persons were administered first and second Covid vaccine doses across Ramban district today.

5 smugglers arrested, 36 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Police on Wednesday foiled bovine smuggling bids by rescuing 36 bovines and arrested 5 smugglers.

As per the details, Chowki Choura Police led by Up Ankuish In-charge Police Post intercepted a truck (JK03G-1934) driven by driver namely Mohd. Yousuf, son of Abdul Ahad, resident of Bulbul Nowgam Tehsil & district Anantnag along with Faisal Bashir, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Watarigam Tehsil & district Anantnag was on the way to Srinagar via Rajouri. At Naka Chowki Choura but the driver of the truck tried to escape from the spot. He was apprehended and during checking 18 bovines were found laden in it. The driver of the truck was asked to produce the legal permission for transportation of these animals from district Jammu to Kashmir but the said driver failed. The duo were arrested and FIR No. 233/21