

!! Continuations from Page 1 !!

Amit Shah’s J&K...

"We are keeping a close watch and looking at the security requirements on a day-to-day basis," he said, adding, "Whatever inputs we have, we are acting on that and the counter-insurgency operations will continue."

DIV COM REVIEWS...

arrangements including traffic plan and media management were discussed, the spokesman said. On the occasion, Asgar apprised the chair about various measures taken ahead of the VVIP visit, he said.

While discussing the seating and allied arrangements for the upcoming visit, Pole directed that the roads and buildings department will be the nodal agency for stage set up and seating plan at the venue, the spokesman said.

He instructed that ambulances, fire tender vehicles and water tankers shall be kept available at the venue.

On the occasion, a record note was also prepared to ensure that elaborate arrangements are put in place ahead of the visit of the VVIP to UT of Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesman said.

Comprehensive plan in...

officers. The DGP then chaired officers meeting which besides ADGP Jammu Zone was attended by Dr. SD Singh Jamwal ADGP Security, Ramesh Kumar, Div.Com Jammu, Dr. Mohd Haseeb Mughal, DIG RP Range, Vikas Kundal, DC Rajouri, Mohd Aslam, SSP Rajouri, Rohit Basketra, SSP Poonch, Suram Singh, CO JKAP 6TH Bn., Randeep Kumar, CO IRP 2nd Bn, Vivek Shekhar Sharma, ASP Rajouri and Jurisdictional SDPOs.

The meeting was convened to take stock of the security arrangements made for the VVIP visit to the Range. The officers briefed the DGP about the security arrangement put in place regarding the visit.

Addressing the meeting, the DGP impressed upon the officers to implement the action plan already framed strictly and stressed for ensuring alertness in border areas as also in hinterland. The DGP stressed upon the officers to beef up security arrangements and monitor the movement of anti-national elements. With regard to the deployment of man-power from different forces, he directed for smooth communication between the officers deployed on ground.

The DGP directed the officers to maintain surveillance on anti-national elements and take all preventive measures against such elements to foil their ill designs. He stressed for dealing with unlawful elements firmly by using the latest technology. He stressed on conducting joint patrolling and surprise Nakas in the sensitive areas to maintain pressure and surveillance on unwanted activity. With regard to the area domination, the DGP stressed on placing the Nakas on the National Highway and other inter-connecting roads.

The DGP alongwith senior police, civil administration officers visited the venue where VVIP is expected to address the public meeting. He gave onspot direction for security arrangements of the venue which included entry and exit points of the venue, access control and anti-sabotage. The parking and traffic plans were also discussed. The ADGP Security Dr.S.D Singh Jamwal apprised the DGP regarding the security arrangements being placed at the venue.

ACB registers FIR...

against non-existent works and excess payment against existent ones, thus conferring undue benefit on themselves and others with consequent loss to state exchequer. ACB found that omissions and commissions on the part of above mentioned officers/officials of Rural Development Department Block Dali Udhyanpur prima facie constitute offence punishable under sections 5(1)(c) 5(1)(d) read with 5(2) of

J&K PC Act Svt-2006 and Sections 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B RPC. Accordingly, FIR No. 07/2022 was registered at Police Station, ACB Doda.

Put in place...

apple-laden trucks by authorities at various places along the national highway en route to terminal markets of the country.

The J-K administration has dismissed the allegations, saying the trucks were halted due to natural causes.

The traffic on the highway was disrupted over the past one week due to shooting of stones from a hillock overlooking the highway at Cafeteria-Mehar in Ramban district. The meeting decided that a joint study team of Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Jammu be taken to the shooting stone zone for measures to be undertaken for the stabilising of this (Cafeteria-Mehar) section, the spokesman said.

The recommendations of the joint study team will be implemented by the NHAI in a speedy manner so that the travel time on the highway gets reduced considerably, he said.

Addressing the meeting, Mehta stressed on putting in place a robust communication and information mechanism by traffic police so as to regulate heavy motor vehicles' (HMVs) traffic at critical points like Qazigund-Banihal, Banihal market, Sherbibi, Panthayal and Mehar.

He also directed that the traffic department shall issue a daily information bulletin for stakeholders mentioning travel time taken by HMVs from Qazigund to Jakhani, loss of time due to shooting stones at Cafeteria Morh- Mehar and number of vehicles waiting to leave for Jammu.

The traffic management authorities were asked to augment manpower requirements from all sources to regulate traffic in an optimal manner, besides enforcing lane discipline in the critical stretches between Ramban and Banihal, the spokesman said.

For seasonal migration, he said, the tribal affairs department and deputy commissioners were directed to ensure that no "dera"(nomadic family) is allowed to move on the highway, especially between Qazigund and Ramban, and they are provided with suitable conveyance to carry their cattle and family members.

The district administrations concerned were asked to ensure that unattended cattle do not wander on the highway, the spokesman added.

In order to ensure hassle-free movement, the meeting decided that the down convoy of HMVs may be permitted from 11 am from Qazigund up till 9 pm on alternate days, he said.

The drivers should appropriately be made aware for not leaving their place of unloading and parking their vehicles anywhere on the highway, the spokesman said.

During the meeting, the divisional administration Kashmir was asked to encourage HMVs to use Mughal Road, an alternate road connecting Poonch and Rajouri districts in Jammu region with south Kashmir's Shopian, and Additional Director General of Police, Jammu, Mukesh Singh was simultaneously asked to ensure better management of Poshana checkpoint to expedite checking of vehicles at the spot, he said.

ANTF recovers over...

sent to jail, the spokesman said.

In a separate incident, Anti-Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) of Jammu and Kashmir police recovered over 26 kgs of Hashish from a truck in Jammu and arrested two suspected narcotic smugglers.

Senior Superintendent of Police (ANTF) Vinay Sharma said 26.5 kgs of Hashish was recovered from a truck, coming from north Kashmir's Sopore, at Narwal in Jammu.

Ghulam Geelani Khan and Basharat Ahmad, both residents of Pehli-pura in Baramulla were arrested and booked under Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic

Substance (NDPS) Act, the officer said.

He said the ANTF is investigating the forward and backward links of this consignment and more arrests are expected.

Smart metering in...

Strict directions were passed by the Chief Secretary for completion of Kishtwar-Khellani power line to ensure robust power supply to district Kishtwar. He called for planning in terms of power procurement and management in view of the upcoming winter season to ensure quality power supply to the consumers and suggested hiring consultants in this regard as well.

Dr Mehta directed that feeders with the highest power losses must be identified and the officials responsible must be held accountable.

He advised to follow a schedule for maintenance of transformers to minimise their breakdowns and to bring down the damage rate to below 10 percent.

Chief Secretary also underlined that payment of dues is mandatory to ensure uninterrupted quality power supply and called for starting a campaign for payment of pending dues by the consumers.

Chief Secretary called for giving special attention to demand-side management of power supply and for conducting an independent audit of power procurements. He compared the difference in between Average Cost of Supply (ACS) per unit of power in comparison to Average Revenue Realised (ARR) and instructed that the losses be brought down to minimum.

He was apprised about inspection drives being undertaken by the power department and he reviewed the online billing mechanism being adopted by the department. He stressed that the consumers be provided alerts of SMS upon bill generation. Chief Secretary was informed that all departmental services have shifted to online mode.

Instructions were passed by the Chief Secretary for moving forward with the Kiru Power Project in consultation with experts and for completion of SCADA works.

Those present at the meeting include Principal Secretary Power, Rajesh Prasad; MD KPDCIL, Yasin M Choudhary; MD JPDCL, Shiv Anant Tayal; Chief Engineer Distribution Jammu, Sandeep Seth; Chief Engineer Transmission Jammu, Devinder Kundal; Chief Engineer Transmission Kashmir, Hashmat Qazi; OSD, Sanjay Sharma and Director Finance.

Crime Branch nabs...

accused from Udhampur, who was evading his arrest. Further investigation of case is going on and more arrests are expected in coming days.

Army boosting surveillance...

be equipped with electronically and mechanically improved weapon system capable of firing variety of ammunition over longer ranges.

One regiment of Pinaka has been inducted along Northern borders in high altitude area after extensive validation, they said, adding the defence ministry has already approved procurement of guided extended range rockets for Pinaka.

"The rocket would be capable of firing at longer ranges with significant accuracy," the source said.

The Army is also in the process of procuring 'Loitering Munition System' thereby augmenting its surveillance, target acquisition and precision strike capability.

"We are also in the process of procuring indigenously designed and developed Loitering Weapon System with enhanced strike capability," the source said.

On the indigenously developed Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), the sources said it is in advanced stages of trial.

This gun system has many firsts to its credit -- 25-litre chamber, long range, as also rapid and sustained rates of fire. The sources said the user trials on the gun systems have been satisfactorily conducted and that there are few procedural issues that are being taken care of.



7 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police team of Police Stations Arnia, Nagrota, Police Posts Panjirthi, Chatha and Talab Tillo acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at different locations in their respective areas and seized 7 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicle include one tractor trolley bearing Engine No.4100EL14B1018179F16 by seized Arnia Police; one tipper (JK02CW-3546) by Nagrota Police; one dumper (JK02CU-7769) by Panjirthi Police; Three Tractors Trolleys having Chasis's No's MBNAK49ADLTL55769; MBNAK49AHMTP57619 and MBNGAALF2NRA00221,by Chatha police and One Tractor Trolley (JK02BR-0404) by Talab Tillo Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Arnia Inspr Sumit Sharma, SHO Nagrota Vishva Partap Singh, In-Charge Police Posts Panjirthi PSI Rahul Sharma, Chatha-PSI Harjinder Paul Singh and Talab Tillo-PSI Sonu Choudhary their respective jurisdictions.

Juvenile among 4 arrested for theft, stolen items recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

BISHNAH: Police on Tuesday solved a theft case by arresting an accused and recovered stolen items.

As per the details, a written complaint was lodged at Police Station Bishnah by a woman stating that her golden ornaments, cash and one Samsung LED was stolen from her house in the area.

On the receipt of this information, FIR No. 167/2022 under section 457/380 IPC was registered at Police Station Bishnah and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Station Bishnah did hectic efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up four suspects namely Karan Kumar, son of Surfa Ram, resident of Ward No. 10 Bishnah; Sahil Kumar, son of Bachan Lal, resident of Ward no. 11 Bishnah; Arjun Kumar, son of Bishan Dass, resident of Ward no. 13 Bishnah along with a juvenile.

During intensive questioning accused confessed their involvement in the above said case and on their disclosure stolen items were recovered.

The overall arrests and recoveries were made by SHO Bishnah Inspr Vikram Sharma under the supervision of SDPO R.S Pura Surinder Singh.



Three missing persons traced, reunited with families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Tuesday traced three missing persons and reunited them with their families. As per the details, a complaint was registered at Police Station Domana regarding a girl who got missing from her home. In this, a missing report on September 20, 2016, was registered at Police Station Domana and investigation got started. On this, a team formed under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by SHO Domana Inspr Tilak Raj did strenuous efforts and after connecting various leads finally traced the missing girl. Similarly, two another complaints were lodged at Police Station Chinore regarding missing of a boy and a girl who got missing from their respective homes. In this regard two different missing reports on May 15, 2022 of the missing boy and June 15, 2021 of the missing girl got registered at and investigation started.

On this, teams formed under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by In-Charge Police Post Chinore PSI Rajesh Kumar did strenuous efforts and finally traced the missing boy namely Surjeet Kumar, son of Nath Ram, resident of Kishtwar at present Laxmipuran Chinore and missing girl. Subsequently families of the missing persons were informed and both the traced persons were handed over to their respective family members after completing all the legal formalities.

Dowry harassment case reported

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A dowry harassment case has been reported in Gandhi Nagar Police Station on Tuesday.

As per the details, a woman resident of Bathindi lodged a complaint with police that her husband is harassing her for dowry. Police has registered a case and started investigation.

Impressive religious, cultural events mark day-2 of Navratra Festival-2022

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Directorate of Tourism Jammu, in collaboration with District Administration Reasi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board Katra, is celebrating the Navratra Festival-2022 at Katra.

The main highlights of the Second day of Navratra Festival-2022 were ShobhaYatra, which was inaugurated by Babila Rakwal, Deputy Commissioner Reasi in presence of Vimal Indu, President Municipal Committee Katra, DDC member Katra, Nirmala, Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Amit Bhasin, SP Katra, Angrez Singh, SDM Katra, Ambika Bali, ADT Katra etc.

The Shobha Yatra was taken out from Asia Chowk to Bus stand along with a colourful procession showcasing different cultural colors of the country and UT of J&K along with tableaux depicting



DC Reasi, Babila Rakwal lighting the ceremonial lamp.

local culture and devotional themes.

The Shoba Yatra was witnessed by a large number of tourists and the local population. The main attraction was a laser show on the theme of Mata Vaishno Devi.

The dignitaries also witnessed the traditional Ram Leela followed by cultural programmes organized by Central Bureau of Communication, UT of J&K and Ladakh.

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu also celebrated World

Tourism Day and announced the winners for the event "Sabse Bada Gummakad" for best tourist destination photography at Yog Ashram Complex. The first prize was bagged by Naresh Sharma, Second prize went to Deepak Thakur and 3rd prize was clinched by Imran Choudhary.

The event followed by All India Devotional Song Competition wherein Singers enthralled the audience with their devotional songs and bhaints.

Reasi Admn distributes dust-bins among people along Moori Domain- Katra stretch

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: To sensitise the common masses about the importance of cleanliness, a community mobilization cum sanitation drive & distribution of dustbin was conducted by District Administration Reasi as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, here from Moori Domain to Katra.

The PRIs, local people, shopkeepers, besides senior officers of Civil Administration enthusiastically participated in the shramdaan .

While highlighting the importance of cleanliness and personal hygiene, the ADDC, Jyoti Rani Slathia appealed to the participants to keep their surroundings clean and also motivate others in maintaining the cleanliness. She exhorted upon the public to discard the use of polythene, maintain hygiene and keep water resources clean to protect the ecology and its flora and fauna in the district.

The ADDC sought cooperation of all stakeholders in generating awareness among the masses regarding hygiene and the importance of cleanliness to keep themselves healthy and disease free. She elaborat-

ed the aims and objectives of the sanitation drive and appealed to the public to take pledge for keeping all institutions, offices & Roads of district clean and green through active participation of one and all.

She thanked all the participants and appealed to them to join hands with the District Administration in future endeavours of cleanliness and make optimum use of dustbins and proper disposal of collected litter keeping in view the religious sanctity of the area and Ecology in particular.

On this occasion, Vice Chairman DDC Sajra Qadir, ADDC Jyoti Salathia, SDM Katra Angrez Singh, DPO Reasi Faisal Nazir, BDO Panthal Raies Akhter and PRIS were present.

DDC Chairperson inaugurates Job Fair at Ramban

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: District Employment and Counselling Centre (E&CC), in collaboration with District Administration, Ramban today organized a Job Fair to provide job opportunities to the youth of the district in different agencies.

Chairperson, District Development Council, Ramban, Dr. Shamsbad Shan inaugurated the Job Fair in presence of the President, Municipal Council, Ramban, Sunita Sumbria and the officers of district administration.

The Job fair witnessed the participation of reputed private employers from different sectors for the placement of the eligible aspirants. The Government Departments also set up stalls to promote self-employment Schemes among

the youth.

Speaking on the occasion, the DDC Chairperson lauded the efforts of the administration for arranging a meeting of job seekers and employers in one place.

The Chairperson raised the concerns of unemployed persons and urged the participating companies to engage maximum youth to give a boost to their career.

She also appealed to the unemployed youth to opt for self-employment and become entrepreneurs to generate livelihood for themselves and others as well. She said that the Government was committed to extend a hand-holding to the youth under the ambitious Mission Youth Programme.

Later, Assistant Director Employment, DE&CC Ramban Dr Sushant Mahajan

impressed upon the Employers and Job seekers to register themselves on the Employment Portal of Govt. Of Jammu & Kashmir by visiting www.jakemp.nic.in. He also advised the job seekers to get the information regarding various self Employment Schemes of the line departments whose stalls were installed in the Job fair.

Around 11 employers, including SBI Life, Jamkash Trucking, New Chenab Enterprises among others participated in the event.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response from job seekers as over 1500 unemployed youth/jobseekers from across the district participated in the event. Around 595 youth were shortlisted by the participating companies, while 20 selections were made on-the-spot and more than 317 candidates were also registered.

The unemployed youth expressed gratitude to the District Employment and Counseling Centre, Ramban for organizing the job fair and bringing employers to their doorsteps.

Meanwhile, the Chairperson also handed over the keys of the Load Carrier vehicles to beneficiaries of the MUMKIN Scheme.

GDC Khour observes Poshan Maah

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KHOUR: NSS volunteers of GDC Khour visited Government Primary School (adopted by NSS unit) in Nai Basti, Zone Khour to observe Poshan Maah About 25 volunteers participated in this drive. Various play way means were utilised to make the students learn about the nutritional value of consuming fruits and vegetables. Apple and Banana were also distributed among the students.

This programme is part of the Rashtriya Poshan Maah being celebrated during the month of Septemberunder POSHAN Abhiyaan, which is anoverarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment.The aim of the event was to increase the nutritional awareness among young children. This drive was organised by NSS Programme Officer, Gurvinder Kour under the able guidance of Principal GDC Khour Prof (Dr) T K Sharma.