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G20 summit adopts...

US President Joe Biden, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Brazilian President Luiz In cio Lula da Silva.

However, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin skipped the summit.

"Following the Covid pandemic, the world faced a new challenge of trust deficit and unfortunately, the wars have further deepened this," Modi said addressing the gathering at the swanky new exhibition-cum-convention centre Bharat Mandapam.

"But we must remember that if we can defeat a pandemic like Covid, we can also win over the challenge of this trust deficit. Today, as the president of the G20, India calls upon the entire world to turn this global trust deficit into trust and confidence," said Modi, who was identified as the leader representing 'Bharat' at the summit.

"This is a time when age-old challenges are calling for new solutions from us. And therefore, with a human-centric approach, we have to move forward to fulfil our responsibilities."

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar while responding to a question on the change in language referring to the Ukraine conflict in the New Delhi Declaration from the G20 position in the Bali document, said, "Regarding the change in language on the Russia-Ukraine conflict from the Bali Declaration - Bali was Bali, New Delhi is Delhi. Many things have happened since the Bali Declaration."

"One should not have a theological view of this. The New Delhi Declaration responds to the situation as it stands today. The New Delhi Declaration responds to the concerns of today just like the Bali Declaration responded to the concerns of that time."

The G20 Bali Leaders' Declaration adopted last year said, "We reiterated our national positions as expressed in other fora, including the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly, which, in Resolution No. ES-11/1 dated 2 March 2022, as adopted by majority vote (141 votes for; 5 against; 35 abstentions, 12 absent) deplores in the strongest terms the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine and demands its complete and unconditional withdrawal from the territory of Ukraine."

It had also said, "most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine."

Jaishankar also responded to a question on how difficult it was to arrive at a consensus on the Ukraine conflict. "This is a declaration of 83 paras, there are a lot of subjects covered, but obviously because of the ongoing conflict and the different views on it, considerable time was spent in the last few days with regard to geopolitical issues which were mostly centred around the war in Ukraine," he said.

Asked which countries helped forge a consensus on the Ukraine conflict, Jaishankar said, "Actually... Everybody helped. Everybody came together to forge a consensus, but emerging markets took a particular lead on this and many of us have a strong history of working together. Bear in mind that actually, you have four developing countries in succession for the G20 presidency...Indonesia, us, Brazil and South Africa."

Describing the negotiations on the workings of the Ukraine conflict as "tough and ruthless", India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said it went on for days and the issue was clinched because of the leadership of the prime minister.

"We had to say, the leader wants it and this has to be delivered."

Kant said the Declaration focusses on strong and sustainable growth, accelerating progress on sustainable development goals, green development pact, and reinvigorating multilateralism.

In a series of posts on X, he said the Declaration was historical and path-breaking with "100 per cent consensus" on all developmental and geo-political issues.

"The new geopolitical paragraphs are a powerful call for planet, people, peace and prosperity in today's world."

Govt official dismissed...

Wrapping up a series of investigations and proceedings against Gandral since 2019, the order said, Gandral is also disqualified from any future employment with the government.

An FIR was registered against the official in the Crime Branch, Jammu, and later, the general administration department sanctioned the prosecution against him, it stated.

CB unearths Stamp...

son of late Arun Kumar Gupta, resident of Lower Jalo Chak Tehsil Bahu, Jammu wherein they alleged that it is a matter of grave concern that has come to their knowledge, involving fraudulent activities within Tehsil Bishnah, causing substantial financial losses to the Revenue Department and consequently to the state exchequer.

The complaint stated that the accused persons activities appear to be deeply entrenched, leading to a severe impact on the revenue collection system of J&JK UT. The fraudulent activities include illegal issuance of agriculture certificates, which are essential documents in the purchase and sale of agricultural land. These certificates are being issued illegally, often to individuals with no genuine connection to agriculture.

Moreover, some certain unscrupulous individuals, possibly in association with employees of the Sub Registrar's Office, are fraudulently re-using stamp papers multiple times, the complaint stated.

After preliminary investigations, the CB states that this not only compromises the legal integrity of land transactions but also inflicts substantial financial losses on the revenue department and the state exchequer.

The modus operandi of this organized gang involves a network of individuals, including certain Revenue Department officials, property dealers, stamp paper vendors, commission agents, and other intermediaries. It is evident that these individuals are operating with a high degree of coordination, facilitating the issuance of agriculture certificates in exchange for substantial sum of money, thereby siphoning off state funds.

The FIR further discloses the suspicious roles played by two advocates namely Advocate Shashi Bala Sharma, resident of o Chak Hasal Bishnah, practising in the Bishnah Court and Advocate Rajat Singh, a resident of Lane No 53 House No 1, Greater Kailash, Jammu.

It is worth noting that through these two advocates, the majority of the Registries in which stamp papers are misused were executed in the Sub Registrar Office Jammu South. It appears that these advocates have been instrumental in facilitating these fraudulent activities. Within this organized gang of fraudsters, a property dealer named Arundeep Singh Jamwal, who is closely associated with Advocate Shashi Sharma, is believed to be managing the fraudulent operations, including association with the staff posted in the Sub District Registrar Jammu South office.

The FIR states that another key figure in this operation is Advocate Rajat Singh's father Lakhbir Singh Lakha, who is suspected to be the mastermind behind this fraud involving the Revenue Department. Lakhbir Singh Lakha (Ex-man Typing Solution) is a well-known stamp paper vendor. Investigation of the case has been entrusted to for in-depth investigation to DySP Bhagwan Dass. No arrest has been made so far however the recovered documents are being scrutinized.

SIA Jammu arrests...

After taking over the investigation of the case, the official said SIA busted the modus operandi adopted by the accused including Chechi who used to collect narcotics from across the Line of Control to generate proceeds for terror funding.

"There is a well organized drug syndicate including Mohd Rafiq Najar and Farooq Ahmad Naikoo operating from Dubai who are infusing narcotics into the Indian territory for generating terror funds, to fuel subversive activities challenging the sovereignty, integrity and security of India," the official said.

Further investigation into aspects of cross LoC operation of this narco smuggling and terror funding syndicate is ongoing at SIA Jammu, the official said.

The case was initially registered at Gandhi Nagar police station in Jammu following arrest of Shah on specific information that he along with the former minister were working under the directions of Pakistan's ISI and their agents to fund Jammu-based separatists to carry out subversive activities.

"Upon technical surveillance and human intelligence, a team of SIA led by Inspector Vikas Sharma arrested Mohd. Sharief Chechi from Uri, Baramulla on August 25, 2023", a police spokesperson said.

Further investigation into aspects of cross LOC operation of this narco smuggling and terror funding syndicate which has been found smuggling arms, explosives and narcotics consignments across the LOC is ongoing at SIA Jammu.

"Following the arrest of former minister Babu Singh for receiving slush money, sent from valley to activate anti India secessionist activities in the Jammu region last year, several investigators have been simultaneously working on different lines at different places following multiple leads crisscrossing terror financing modules, narcotics syndicates and separatist networks with intersections partly within



Jammu and Kashmir besides partly in Pakistan and some in middle eastern capitals", the police handout stated.

Bhrashtachar Mukt society...

including camps, seminars, workshops at Panchayat, Block and District level were held. The events mainly focused on the awareness regarding various initiatives of the government viz. e-tendering, online services etc which have hugely contribute towards a transparent and a corruption free system.

"Bhrashtachar Mukt J&K" week has given an opportunity and a platform to the common people to have their grievances or specific complaints with regard to corruption registered with the appropriate authorities for a suitable and prompt redress. During the week around 39000 grievances and issues were brought to notice across all districts, out of which around 35000 were of the nature which found immediate resolution.

A major take away from the week long campaign has been the appreciation by the people, and the positive impact of the online services initiated by the government, not only in bringing such services to the public, at the click of a button, but also in curbing corrupt practices.

The Chief Secretary complimented the district administrations for their efforts, senior Officers for their mentoring and Prabhari Officers for their involvement in observing the week long programme in their respective Panchayats.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that such efforts to curb corruption and to address all genuine complaints should be continued till the beginning of the vigilance week from 31st October. He added that the endeavour to make the people aware about the online services, activities to help the common man learn and adapt to using these services should be continued in a sustained manner.

Dr Mehta, impressed upon the concerned that all complaints registered on IGRAMS need to be addressed suitably and on priority. He underscored that such discussions on corruption need to continue on the first Monday of each month in every Panchayat.

Besides, seminars and programmes in schools and colleges should be held since the youth is the agent of change.

Acknowledging various suggestions given during the campaign, the Chief Secretary said that the cognizance of the issues raised such as lack of awareness regarding PSGA timeline shall be resolved suitably.

He impressed upon the Officers to abide by the rules and legally correct procedures to avoid complaints and to keep corruption at bay.

Two men posing...

to pay the remaining amount after two days, he said. The duo also asked the victim if he failed to pay the said amount, "then they will dismantle his house", the spokesperson said.

Acting swiftly, a police party, led by PSI Jameel Ahmad of Police Station Gund under the supervision of SDPO Kangan Muzaffar Jan, arrested the accused, Sohail Maqbool son of Mohd Maqbool Mir resident of Bamiluna Kangan and Kaiser Farooq son of Farooq Ahmed Mir resident of Cheerwan Kangan, he said

The spokesperson said there were complaints that some persons on a two-wheeler with mobile and a camera in their hands were blackmailing and extorting the public in general area of Gund.

Many complainants have approached the police and have identified the duo for blackmailing them also, he said. A case has been registered and further investigation has been initiated, the spokesperson said.

To achieve Litigation...

pre-counselling sessions were organized well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that the parties may get more chances for negotiation/dialogue with the opposite parties to arrive at a consensus.

Apart from that, webinars and virtual meetings were organized to sensitize the officers of Legal Services Authorities/Committees, Panel Lawyers and PLVs about the importance of Lok Adalat as a mode for Alternate Dispute Resolution.

The Chief Justice inaugurated the 3rd National Lok Adalat at District Court Complex Poonch, where he was received by Ashwani Kumar, District & Session Judge along with Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Yasin M. Choudhary, Deputy Commissioner, Vinay Kumar, SSP, Madan Lal, CJM, Wajahat Hussain Kazmi, Secretary DLSA, Javed Rama, Special Mobile Magistrate and Adv. Shokit Manhas, President Bar Association Poonch.

A Ceremonial Guard of honour was accorded to Chief Justice by J&K Police before inauguration of the National Lok Adalat.

After inauguration, the Chief Justice inspected different benches constituted to have first-hand information about the cases being taken up for disposal in the said Lok Adalat. He also delivered Cheques besides distributing scooters to the specially-abled persons identified by Social Welfare Department and urged upon the litigants to take maximum benefit of the Lok Adalat.

Thereafter, Chief Justice also visited District Jail Poonch and took stock of the facilities being provided to the inmates there. He also visited the historical Govt. Girls Hr. Secondary School, Sheesh Mahal Poonch, and held a formal meeting with the district administration headed by the Deputy Commissioner Poonch. He called for synergy between the executive and the judiciary.

Meanwhile, Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Executive Chairman, J&K Legal Services Authority visited District Court Complex, Jammu, where he was accorded a warm welcome by Sanjay Parihar, Pr. District & Sessions Judge, Jammu along with other judicial officers.

Justice Tashi was given ceremonial guard of honour, where after, he inaugurated the 3rdNational Lok Adalat of the year 2023 at District Court Complex, Jammu. Justice Tashi also delivered cheques of awarded compensation to the beneficiaries present there. While interacting with theAdvocates and the litigant public, Justice Tashi urged them to take maximum benefit of the Lok Adalat in settling their disputes.

As per the information received from different Legal Services Institutions of various districts of UT of J&K, out of a total number of 1,17,266 cases taken up by 149 Benches in the day long National Lok Adalat at various courts across the UT of J&K, 1,02,343cases were disposed of and an amount of Rs. 70,35,71,433/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in Motor Accident Claims, civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery cases.

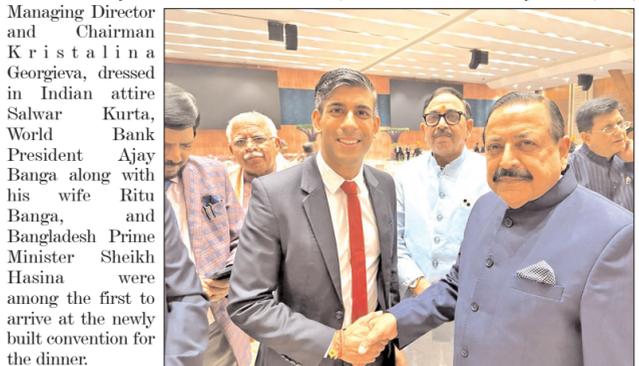
Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta while talking to media persons appreciated the efforts of all the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions besides litigants for their whole hearted participation in the National Lok Adalat and playing an important role in settlement of cases.

He also highlighted the role of Para Legal Volunteers and the media, both print and electronic, in creating and spreading awareness amongst the masses regarding the initiatives of Legal Services Authority and about welfare schemes launched by the Govt. and Legal Services Authority. The 4th/Last National Lok Adalat of the year is scheduled to be held on Saturday.

President Murmu hosts...

were among the beverages served to the guests. Nearly 300 guests, including heads of states and those invited by the Indian government, attended the dinner.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, International Monetary Fund (IMF)



UK PM Rishi Sunak congratulating Union Minister for Science, Technology & Space Dr Jitendra Singh for successful Chandrayaan3 Moon landing during Ratri Bhoj par Samvad at #BharatMandapam, New Delhi. #G20India

Managing Director and Chairman Kristalina Georgieva, dressed in Indian attire Salwar Kurta, World Bank President Ajay Banga along with his wife Ritu Banga, and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina were among the first to arrive at the newly built convention for the dinner. French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and his wife Yoko Kishida, who was wearing a saree, Chinese Prime Minister Li Qiang, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese along with his spouse and Mauritian PM Pravind Kumar Jugnauth and his wife, were among other dignitaries welcomed by Murmu and Modi.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Indonesian President Joko Widodo

and his wife, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov were also received by the two leaders.

The prime minister was also seen explaining to some of the G20 leaders, including Biden, Sunak and his wife Akshata, Macron and Albanese, about the Nalanda university. Bharat Mandapam -- the newly built international convention and exhibition centre -- and its verdant lawns dazzled at night with colourful illumination while its gurgling fountains and the 'Nataraja' statue placed on front of the state-of-the-art building created a pretty picture.

In a significant milestone under India's G20 presidency, the 55-member African Union on Saturday became a new permanent member of the grouping of the largest economies of the world. It is the first expansion of the influential bloc since its inception in 1999. All member countries of the G20 accepted Prime Minister Modi's proposal to bring the key bloc of the Global South to the high table of the world's top economies. Earlier in the day, President Murmu had said that India's G20 Presidency theme, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - One Earth, One Family, One Future', is a global roadmap for sustainable, inclusive, and human-centric development.

"A warm welcome to all Heads of Delegations of the G20 nations, guest countries, and international organisations participating in the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi," Murmu had said in a post on X.

The G20 Summit began on Saturday and will conclude on Sunday.

Properties of 4...

Ahmed Wani, resident of Chawalgam, Kulgam, Basit Ahmed Dar, resident of Redwani, Kulgam, Owais Ferooz, resident of Feshtal, Pampore, and Momin Gulzar, resident of Firdose Colony, Eidgah, Srinagar - are wanted in many terror cases and have been absconding, a police spokesman said here.

The designated and special court under NIA Act, Srinagar, issued general non-bailable warrants against the four after their involvement was established in various cases, he said. The SIU team of District Srinagar, with the assistance of police teams of districts Kulgam and Awantipora, affixed proclamations orders under Section 83 of CrPC on the residences of four active terrorists who are absconders in many terror cases, the spokesman said. By issuing these orders, the court has directed the accused persons to appear before it within 30 days from the date of publication of the proclamation, failing which proceedings under Section 83 of CrPC shall be initiated against them, he said. Under Section 83 of CrPC, a court issuing a proclamation under Section 82 against a person, who is facing a warrant but is absconding, can order the attachment of any property, movable or immovable, or both, belonging to the person. The spokesman said the proclamation orders have been published in local newspapers and also affixed on the conspicuous part of their residences. The contents of proclamation orders were read to the family members of the accused in a language that they could comprehend.

Moreover, the orders were also affixed at conspicuous places in the towns where they resided. The accused are presently active terrorists and are affiliated with the banned terrorist outfit LeT.

No civil traffic...

Srinagar-Jammu National Highway and SOPs being followed by security forces during convoy movement. The meeting, chaired by Kashmir Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Vijay Kumar, was attended by GOC Victor Force, J-K IG Traffic and other senior officers. Kumar advised all the participating officers to conduct a joint survey of the highway viz a viz convoy movement in their area of responsibility and recommend some changes where and if possible, to modify the SOPs to maintain a smooth flow of civilian traffic during convoy movements without unnecessary hindrance. During the meeting, it was decided that no civil traffic would be stopped on the national highway during VVIPs or senior officers' movement as an immediate measure and also to suggest additional measures for the smooth flow of civilian traffic in a phased manner. The move comes as a respite for the commuters on the highway who often complained about being stopped on such occasions.

The officers participating in the meeting were also advised to conduct a joint survey and prepare SOPs to facilitate the free flow of traffic without compromising the security of convoys in a phased manner. The new SOPs would be submitted to higher up for further approval. Besides, special focus is given to lateral entries on the national highway and additional personnel may be deployed on laterals. In order to maintain a smooth flow of vehicles, Kumar urged traffic police to deploy additional manpower on important/busy laterals. He advised the Senior superintendents of police (SSSP) and CAPFs/Army officers to identify the spots on the highway where engineering intervention is required in raising the height of dividers, direct lateral entries and U-turn on it.

DM Jammu for strict action against illegal mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: District Magistrate, Sachin Kumar Vaishya, on Saturday convened a meeting with mining lessees, contractors and stone crusher owners of the district and announced the district administration's uncompromising stance against illegal mining, processing and transportation of minor minerals.

The District Magistrate asserted that the district administration would not tolerate any form of illicit mining activities. He underscored the significance of Jammu district, which boasts the highest number of mining blocks, carrying a correspondingly greater responsibility in safeguarding the region's natural resources.

The DM enlightened the gathering on the dire consequences of excessive mining on bankment areas and the surrounding habitations. He emphasised the paramount importance of adhering to scientific and environmental guidelines while conducting mining activities within the district.

Reassuring the attendees, the District Magistrate affirmed the district's commitment to facilitating mining operations carried out in accordance with the prescribed regulations. He reassured full support to ensure the responsible extraction of minerals while safeguarding the environment.

In a stern warning to those directly or indirectly involved in unlawful mining activities, including the operation of unlicensed stone crushers, the District Magistrate made it clear that stringent actions would be taken against any violation of mining laws and regulations.

The attendees were also encouraged to share their feedback and voice grievances, who later expressed their willingness to cooperate with the district administration in ensuring that mining activities are conducted in a lawful and responsible manner. Additional District Magistrate, Harvinder Singh; District Mining Officer, Gulshan Kumar besides others were also present in the meeting.

Nutritional Food baskets distributed among patients at GMC&AH Udhampur

■ STATE TIMES NEWS UDHAMPUR: First anniversary of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan was held in Government Medical College and Associate Hospital (G M C & A H) Udhampur, in which Nutritional Food baskets were distributed among patients on TB treatment by Principal Dr Mrityunjay.



Principal Dr Mrityunjay distributing food baskets.

Other Officials of DTC Udhampur were also present.

Alumnus Varun Vashisht inspires SMVDU Business students

■ STATE TIMES NEWS KATRA: School of Business at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University organized an inspiring induction programme for its first-year MBA and BBA students.

The highlight of the event was an enlightening interaction with Varun Vashisht, an alumnus from the batch of 2011, currently serving as ASM for Nestle in the Jammu region.



Alumnus Varun Vashisht along with faculty.

Vashisht, drawing upon his 12 years of experience, emphasized the paramount importance of discipline and the continuous pursuit of knowledge, skills, and the right attitude for effective ground-level selling. He conveyed the message that hard work is an indispensable element in the early stages of one's career, while smart work becomes increasingly vital as one gains experience and wisdom.