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Looking forward to...

of India. At both places, he interacted with the Indian diaspora. He was received by Minister of Religious Affairs Pehin Dato Ustaz Awang Badaruddin at the mosque, where he also watched a video depicting its history. "Looking forward to strong ties between our nations, especially in boosting commercial and cultural linkages. I thank Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah for welcoming me at the airport," Modi said in a post on X shortly after his arrival here.

While inaugurating the new chancery premises, Modi termed it as indicative of stronger ties between the two countries.

"Delighted to inaugurate the new Chancery of the High Commission of India, indicative of our stronger ties with Brunei Darussalam. This will also be serving our diaspora," he said in another post on X.

The prime minister lit a lamp and unveiled a plaque, inaugurating the chancery premises, which embodies a "profound sense of Indianness, masterfully integrating traditional motifs and lush tree plantations", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a press release.

The use of elegant claddings and durable Kota stones further enhances its aesthetic appeal, harmoniously blending classic and contemporary elements, it said.

"The design not only pays homage to India's rich cultural heritage but also creates a tranquil and inviting atmosphere," it said.

Modi also interacted with the members of the vibrant Indian diaspora who were part of the event, appreciating their contribution as a "living bridge" between the two countries and strengthening bilateral ties. The contribution of Indian doctors and teachers to the growth and development of Brunei's healthcare and education sectors has been well acknowledged, the release said.

The first phase of Indians arriving in Brunei started with the discovery of oil in the 1920s. Currently, approximately 14,000 Indians are residing in Brunei.

Modi was welcomed by the Indian community members when he arrived at his hotel, where a little girl presented him with his sketch and he gave her his autograph.

He said he was looking forward to strong ties between the countries, especially in boosting commercial and cultural linkages.

"This visit is special as it is the first ever bilateral visit by an Indian PM and is taking place as the two countries are celebrating 40 years of the establishment of diplomatic ties this year," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a post on X.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh visited Brunei to attend the 11th ASEAN-India Summit in October 2013.

Brunei is an important partner in India's 'Act East' Policy and Indo-Pacific Vision. India and Brunei enjoy a friendly relationship which is marked by mutual respect and understanding on bilateral and multilateral issues. The two countries are linked by history, culture and tradition spanning a millennium, the MEA said.

On Wednesday, Modi will hold bilateral talks with Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

The visit will further strengthen India's cooperation with Brunei in all existing sectors, including defence cooperation, trade and investment, energy, space technology, health cooperation, capacity building, culture as well as people-to-people exchanges and explore avenues for cooperation in newer sectors, the MEA said.

From Brunei, Modi will travel to Singapore, where he will meet President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong. He would also meet with leaders of Singapore's vibrant business community.

"Both countries are important partners in our Act East Policy and the Indo-Pacific Vision. I am confident that my visits would further strengthen our partnership with Brunei, Singapore and the larger ASEAN region," Modi said.

PM visits iconic...

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Brief gunfight between...

about suspicious movements.

They said the terrorists fired a few bullets on noticing the search parties and then took advantage of the darkness to flee in the face of retaliation.

No one was injured in the brief firing, the officials said, adding reinforcements were rushed to the area, and a massive search operation is underway to track down the terrorists.

Meanwhile, police also carried out a thorough search operation in the Bani area of Kathua district after getting information about suspicious movement during the intervening night. The operation ended peacefully with no trace of suspected persons, the officials said.

MCC violation: RO...

contesting candidate Ghulam Mohd Saroori.

During the Modal Code of Conduct, such inflammatory slogans or propaganda is an electoral offence and violation of Model Code of Conduct as well.

Taking cognizance, the contesting candidate has been put to notice, who in the reply has altogether denied having any knowledge of such a meeting stating that some mischievous persons had circulated an edited/doctored video just to create a bad atmosphere into the festival of democracy.

The matter is under scrutiny before the Returning Officer. Meanwhile an FIR No: 51/2024 has been lodged in police station Chatroo under section 125 of the Representation of People Act 1951 and the investigation is on to nab the miscreants.

CJ (A) issues...

indicate oldest cases in the Courts of the Magistrates / Civil Judges & in the Courts of District & Sessions Judges, identify target cases and ensure, in consultation with the Hon'ble Administrative Judge of the District, the equitable & rationalized distribution of the oldest/target cases among judicial Officers within the District regard being had to the nature of the cases and their stage of proceedings & wherever practicable the complicated cases shall be assigned to the senior & more experienced Judicial Officers;

The District Case Management Committee shall also tackle the difficulty arising out of non-appearance or non-production of accused and the witnesses in criminal cases. It can help ensure that the accused and the witnesses do regularly appear in the Courts. The District Case Management Committee shall prepare the list of the old criminal cases pending, trial or disposal before different Courts in the District in which the Police have failed to serve the witness summons or warrants or in which the Police are unable to ensure the presence of the accused. The Committee can hold meeting with the District SPs and the Public Prosecutors in this regard. The Committee may, if required, request District SPs to appoint Senior Police Officers as nodal officers who shall supervise the service of summons on the witnesses in the criminal cases and ensure the presence of the accused before the courts. The Committee can also devise a mechanism at the local level in consultation with the District SPs & the Public Prosecutors which can help ensure the strict compliance with the direction of the Courts for production of witnesses before the Courts & for ensuring presence of the accused;

It must be clarified that an endeavor shall be made to dispose of the oldest case(s) on merits and easy recourse to dismissal of the matters for non-prosecution or deciding the cases ex-parte shall not be taken, unless it is absolutely warranted by the facts of the case; and the Chief Justice will personally monitor the above guidelines.

All commercial establishments...

with the business of his shop or commercial establishment on a day on which such shop or commercial establishment remains closed and no employer shall make any deduction from the wages of any employee in a shop or commercial establishment on account of Close Day.

"Therefore, in order to ensure strict compliance of Section-13 of the J&K Shops and Establishment Act, 1966 i.e. observance of mandatory "Close Day" by the Shops and Establishments of every district of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, it is hereby impressed upon all the owners of Shops/Establishments in every district of UT of Jammu and Kashmir to observe the mandatory "Close Day", as designated under the Act, in their respective Shops/Establishments", circular also reads.

It also adds that all the Assistant Labour Commissioners (ALCs) of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir are hereby instructed to ensure the strict implementation of the Section-13 of the Act in their respective districts and in case any Shop or Establishment is found, violating the said provision or not complying with the above instructions, the appropriate legal action under Section-38 of the Act shall be initiated against the violator.

The circular also directs the Assistant Labour Commissioners to take necessary

steps to monitor the compliance of the 'Close Day' by the Shops or commercial Establishments in their respective districts and submit the action taken report to the office of Labour Commissioner by or before 3rd of every month.

BJP will make...

J&K has become a tourist capital of India and that has brought new prosperity to tourism related jobs in J&K.

Chugh emphasized the BJP's commitment to development, good governance, and empowerment of the people. He highlighted the party's achievements and vision for Jammu and Kashmir's prosperity.

"The BJP is committed to ensuring the progress and welfare of the people of Bhabervah and Doda. Your support will strengthen our resolve," Chugh said.

Two inter-state...

arrested", according to a statement.

On a specific information, on August 31, 2024, the NCB Jammu had seized 25 bottles of Codeine based Cough Syrup (100 ml each) and 5760 Spasmo Proxyvon (Tramadol) capsules at Lakhnanpur. The seized drug was to be received by Asif Ishtiyag, son of Ishtiyag Ahmed, resident of Tantrypora, Srinagar, who has been also arrested by NCB Jammu on Tuesday.

A NCB spokesperson said, "The NCB has geared up its preparation to tackle the drug menace and its possible misuse in the election scenario. Being the national nodal agency for drug law enforcement, it has committed itself to stop the supply of drugs in the region."

"NCB Jammu is keeping its commitment to check flow of drugs by conducting seizure operations, surprise checks, conducting financial investigation and seizing/freezing of illegally acquired properties and getting PITNDPS orders issued against the habitual offenders. Any tip against drug trafficking may be shared with NCB on its toll-free MANAS helpline at 1933," said NCB spokesperson.

Speed up transfer...

of new designs to craft like Namda, carpets, crewel work and also help in marketing through introduction of latest technological interventions. He said that this would help in promoting entrepreneurship in regional craft for which Srinagar has been recognised as World Craft City. Considering the resources and infrastructure available at NIFT, Dulloo said that more courses need to be introduced which will help in promotion and revival of local crafts like textile designing, paper mache besides other sectors. He said that NIFT should become a hub of craft and every-one visiting the valley should make it to their priority list to visit the campus.

During the meeting, brief presentation on the agenda item was made by Director NIFT Srinagar highlighting the academic activities of campus and the future plans. He said that NIFT has been working as a knowledge service provider to the Jammu and Kashmir government in the area of design development and positioning of handlooms and handicrafts. He said that several programs and consultancy projects in the areas of design diversification, packaging of crafts, GI registration of crafts etc have been completed in the past two years.

The meeting was attended by Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles (through VC), Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Director General, NIFT, New Delhi (through VC), Managing Director, J&K SIDCO, Director, NIFT Srinagar, Additional Secretary, Planning Development & Monitoring Department and other officers from NIFT Srinagar.

IGP reviews preparedness...

heads to review the preparations at their own level, identify the gap areas and address the issues at the earliest.

The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls are scheduled to be held in three phases on September 18, September 25 and October 1, and the counting of votes will be taken up on October 8.

Need to change...

president emphasised, comments coming in the backdrop of recent cases of crime against women, including the rape and murder of a junior doctor at a government hospital in Kolkata which has triggered a massive outrage.

She hailed the contributions of Veermata Jijabai, the mother of legendary Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, and social reformer Savitribai Phule, one of the pioneers in the area of women's education.

K Rajalakshmi Menon...

statement said on Tuesday.

Menon joined DRDO as Scientist-B at CABS, erstwhile ASWAC, in 1988, after her MSc in Computer Science from University of Pune.

She further obtained her Masters in Engineering and a PhD from Department of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, the statement said.

Menon was instrumental in the design and development of Airborne Surveillance Systems.

Her areas of expertise include System Engineering of Complex Systems, Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR), Image Intelligence, Guidance and Control, Battle Management, System Design and System Analysis of Airborne Radars and Electronic Warfare sensors, it was stated.

She rose to the post of Associate Programme Director (Airborne Early Warning & Control) in 2015 and led the System Engineering, Mission System Integration and Flight Testing, which culminated into induction of AEW&C system into IAF in February 2017, resulting in India becoming the fifth country in the world to have an indigenous Active Electronically Scanned Array-based AEW&C system.

The new DG (Aero) led the design and development of Imaging Radars for UAVs, Fighters, Satellites and manned platforms. Subsequently, as Associate Director, CABS, she led various projects and programmes on Air-to-Ground Surveillance, specifically towards developing the technologies for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), the statement added.

Rahul to launch...

on September 18. Besides Rahul Gandhi, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra are among the 40 star campaigners of the party in the upcoming three-phased Assembly polls.

Polling to elect 90 members of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will be held on September 18, 25, and October 1.

"Rahul ji will kickstart the party's campaign from tomorrow. He will address two public rallies in Ramban and Anantnag districts in support of Congress candidates on Wednesday," Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) chief Tariq Hamid Karra told PTI.

Assembly Elections: DPAP...

assembly constituency, Ashok Sharma from Kalakote-Sunderbani, Maheshwar Singh from Jammu North, Ashok Bhagat from Marh, Sobat Ali from Bahugandhi Nagar, Vinod Mishra from Samba, Gauri Shanker from Bani, Sandeep Kumar Sarmal from Rannagar, Gaurav Chopra from Jammu West in jammu division, and Aga Sayed Abbas Rizvi from Wagoora Kareeri in Kashmir division.

Jammu Tawi Railway Station holds mock drill to assess emergency preparedness

JAMMU : A mock drill lasting over half an hour was conducted on Tuesday at Jammu Tawi Railway Station to assess staff alertness and coordination among various agencies in handling emergency situations, officials said.

The joint exercise was conducted by the Railways in close collaboration with teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Government Railway Police from 11.08 am to 11.40 am, Divisional Transportation Manager (DTM), JAT, Prateek Srivastava told PTI.

Srivastava said the drill tested the preparedness of all agencies involved in relief and rescue operations, with a focus on coordination and communication among the rescuers during a train accident response.

An accident scene was created at the railway yard and accordingly the concerned departments and agencies were mobilised to clear the area and evacuate casualties, while a technical team simultaneously worked on to repair and restore the trek.

"This joint drill was conducted to assess staff alertness and their response in case of an accident... we are fully alert to handle any situation," Divisional Regional Manager Rajiv Singh Slaria said.

Assistant Commandant of NDRF's 13th battalion Parveen Singh said such exercises are imperative to prepare for real-time scenarios.

"The drill tested the accident response and the synergy among sister agencies for effective coordination to ensure immediate relief to the victims," he said, adding such type of exercises are being conducted to prepare for any eventuality even as "mock exercises are continuous process at our own locations on regular basis to hone our skills".

Police reunites missing boy with family within 24 hours

SAMBHA: Police has traced out a missing boy within 24 hours from Amritsar; Punjab in a kidnapping case registered at Police Station Vijaypur and reunited him with family.

On September 2, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Station Vijaypur by the father of missing boy, a resident of village Thalori tehsil Vijaypur district Samba, stating therein that his son went to market and did not return. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing boy could not be ascertained.

Acting on complaint, a case FIR No. 121/2024 u/s 137(2) BNS has been registered at Police Station Vijaypur and search started to trace out the said missing boy.

A police team of PS Vijaypur headed by SHO PS Vijaypur after hectic efforts and with the help of technical analysis has traced out said missing boy from Amritsar (Punjab) within 24 hours and handed over to his legal heirs after completing all legal formalities.

Stolen car recovered

JAMMU: Police Post Sarwal, Jammu has once again demonstrated its efficiency and dedication by recovering a stolen car within 24 hours of the complaint.

The car, bearing registration number JK02M 8798, was reported stolen last night from outside the complainant's residence.

Upon receiving the complaint, an FIR was immediately registered at Police Station Bakshi Nagar & investigation initiated.

The Sarwal police team wasted no time, launching a swift investigation. Utilizing a combination of advanced technical tools and reliable human intelligence, the team tracked the stolen vehicle to Amb Garota.

This rapid recovery has not only brought relief to the complainant but also significantly boosted the confidence of the local community in the police force. The public has widely appreciated the prompt and effective action taken by the Jammu police.

Stolen bike recovered, two lifters nabbed

JAMMU: Jammu Police solved a Case of Motorcycle theft.m and arrested the accused person.

On the 15th/16th of August 2024, a complaint regarding the theft of a motorcycle was lodged at Police Post Talab Tillo, Jammu, by a complainant named Prince Malhotra, son of Gara Ram a resident of Puran Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu. The complainant reported that his motorcycle, bearing registration number JK02DJ 3588, was stolen from the street outside his house.

On this information, FIR No. 125/2024 under Section 303(2) BNS was registered at Police Station Nowabad. Incharge Police Post Talab Tillo along with his team with the help of technical assistance under the guidance of DySp Hqrs Jammu, SHO Police Station Nowabad, under the supervision of SSP and SP City North Jammu worked hard and rounded up suspects of the area.

During the course of investigation, a suspect namely Rahul Kumar, son of Ramesh Kumar, residing in Bhavani Nagar, Talab Tillo, Jammu, and a permanent resident of Bahrigh, Uttar Pradesh, was apprehended. Following his disclosure, another suspect, Sahil Kumar, alias Bhalla, son of Mahender Pal, residing in Om Nagar Camp, Gol Gujral, Jammu, was also arrested. Consequent upon sustained questioning, both the accused admitted their involvement in the theft, and the stolen motorcycle was recovered subsequently.

Cyber Cell solves online fraud, recovers Rs 50K

JAMMU: Cyber cell DPO Jammu, a dedicated unit to deal with cases of online/offline frauds and cyber crime who has been relentlessly working day in and day out for ensuring the safety and security of masses in general has once again successfully recovered an amount of Rupees Fifty thousand from a fraudster who used to deceive the people by adopting different tactics and extract money from them.

In this regard the complainant approached cyber cell Jammu of being fraudulently cheated. Taking the cognizance of matter the cyber cell Jammu took no time to start the investigations and acted swiftly while exhibiting the ultimate professional excellence through its dedicated skilled human resource which was put to task and in no time the lost amount of Rs.50,000/- was recovered from the fraudster. District Police Jammu, equipped with advanced technology and expert human resource remains at the forefront in the fight against cybercriminals.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 3 vehicles seized

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In a surprise operation which was carried at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

PP Pounichak seized two vehicles which include Dumper bearing registration number No. JK02BW 1582 loaded with crusher bajri in contravention of form A and Tractor trolley Mahendra 575 bearing chassis number JKBE04571 loaded with boulder without permission.

SHO PS Domana seized one tractor trolley at SOS Gole Gujral for illegal mining loaded with soil and without Form-A bearing Engine no is DC3009SAE09676, chassis no is MBNAV53ADKCE27245.

After detaining of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 12 bovines rescued

JAMMU: Jammu police tightening its noose against bovine smugglers, Police team of PS Nagrota have foiled 01 bovine smuggling bid in which total 12 bovines were rescued and 01 vehicle bearing Regd.No.JK02DH/8053 was seized and driver of the vehicle namely Mohd.Qasim S/O Jamal Din R/O Tatarsoo Mathra Govindpura Teh. & Distt.Ramban was arrested on spot.A case FIR No.237 under relevant sections stands registered in PS Nagrota.Further investigation of the issue in progress.

Theft case solved; 2 arrested, necklaces, cash recovered

KATHUA : In continuation to its tough action against Thieves/Theft cases in the District, J&K Police Kathua under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Ms. Deepika- IPS has solved another theft case in the jurisdictional area of PP Ramkot and recovered Necklaces Worth Approx. 50,000/- alongwith cash amounting to Rs. 10,000/- from the two accused persons who got arrested on spot.

On 17-03-2024 a written complaint was received at PP Ramkot through the complainant namely Vokesh Gupta, son of Om Parkash, resident of Gurah Kalyal, regarding a burglary at his Vicky General Store (Cosmetics Shop) located in Gurah Kalyal in which some unknown persons/thieves broke the shutter and stole the money and necklaces worth approx. Rs. 3,00,000.On this an instant case FIR No. 41/2024 U/S 454/380 IPC registered at PS Billawar. Acting swiftly, the police team led by IC PP Ramkot under the guidance of SDPO Billawar and SHO P/S Billawar rounded up various suspects and after sustained questioning, successfully arrested two persons Murad Ali, son of Shah Din, resident of Barwal, Tehsil & District Kathua and Hanif Ali alias Nifu, son of Isham Din, resident of Chack Bhaga, Tehsil and District Kathua

During investigation, both accused confessed their involvement in the commissioning of said crime. On their disclosure, the police team recovered Rs. 50,000 worth Necklaces alongwith Cash amount to Rs. 10,000 worth.

Whereas, further investigation is underway.

Rusted mortar shell destroyed in Samba

SAMBHA/JAMMU: The Border Security Force on Tuesday destroyed a rusted mortar shell found in a border village in Samba district, officials said.

BSF troops noticed the mortar shell in an open field during patrolling at Chachwal village in the Ghagwal sector around 8 am, they said.

The mortar shell was safely destroyed in a controlled explosion around 8.45 am, the officials added.

