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J&K police booked notorious drug smuggler under PSA

TT Correspondent Srinagar : Police on Friday claimed to have booked a notorious drug smuggler Under Public Safety Act (PSA) in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district, officials said.

The accused has been identified as Rafeeq Ahmad Khan alias Raja Rafi of Trikanjan Boniyar who has been booked under PSA after attaining formal detention orders from the competent authority, police said. The drug peddler has been subsequently shifted to Central Jail Kot-Balwal I Jammu. Police said three cases were registered against the smuggler who was involved in promoting drug abuse by supplying drugs to local youth of Boniyar and other areas of District Baramulla. Despite his involvement in several FIR's, the accused did not mend his activities and continued promoting drug abuse by supplying drugs to local youth, police added. General public of Baramulla appreciated the role of Police for their action against drug peddler, they said.

Operator drowns as excavator slips into Chenab in Doda

Jammu : A worker operating an excavator on Batote-Kishtwar national highway apparently drowned on Friday morning when his machine fell and slid into the Chenab river. SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom said the worker was operating the excavator near Shiva-dud bridge 15 Km from Doda town on Batote-Kishtwar NH 244 at 3 am when the machine lost traction and slid 200 ft into the river. The operator was unable to escape from the machine and officials believe he drowned. Meanwhile, police along with other teams have launched a rescue operation to trace the operator. "Police along with SDRF and civil administration has launched a joint search operation. As of now only a part of machine is visible and the operator who got reportedly drowned has not been located yet," said the SSP. "The missing operator has been identified as Rahul Sharma (25) son of Sanjay Kumar a resident of Dharmthal Chennai of District Udhampur," he said.

Central government announces 10% reservation for ex-Agniveers in CISF recruitment

New Delhi : In a latest development, the Union Home Ministry has announced a 10% reservation for former Agniveers in vacancies in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). This comes a week after the government took a similar initiative for jobs for them in the Border Security Force (BSF). Further, the ministry also announced relaxation in the upper age limit depending on whether they are Agniveers from the initial batch or later batches. The announcement was made through a notification after amending the rules made under the Central Industrial Security Force Act, of 1968, (50 of 1968). "Ten per cent of the vacancies shall be reserved for ex-Agniveers," the notification said. According to the notification, the upper age limit shall be relaxable up to five years for candidates of the first batch of former Agniveers and up to three years for candidates of other batches. It further stated that ex-Agniveers will also be exempted from physical efficiency test.

Futuristic 2023-24 Budget lays special focus on employment generation, women empowerment

TT Correspondent Jammu/Srinagar, March 17: The whopping budget of Rs 1,18,500 crore for Jammu & Kashmir for the financial year 2023-24 has special focus on employment generation, women empowerment and social inclusion.

The total budget estimates for the fiscal is Rs. 1,18,500 crore, of which, developmental expenditure is of the order of Rs. 41,491 crore. "The capital component of the budget has increased substantially. The expected revenue receipts are Rs 1,06,061 crore whereas Revenue expenditure is expected to be Rs 77,009 crore, thereby making available revenue surplus for capital expenditure to the tune of Rs 29,052 crore," reads the budget document.

According to a senior official in the J&K administration, the focus of the budget is good governance, strengthening grassroots democracy, promoting sustainable agri-

culture, facilitating investment and growth, employment generation, accelerated development and inclusive growth, women empowerment and social inclusion.



Launch of HIMAYAT 2.0 with renewed focus on employment oriented trades for training and convergence of skill related infrastructure across the departments like Skill Development, Mission Youth, Industries & Commerce, School Education, Agriculture etc is also part of the budget. As Jammu and Kashmir has returned to the path of peace

and progress, the youth are enthusiastic to excel in different fields like their counterparts in rest of India. A massive skill development programme which included

introduction of latest streams and technologies at the college level, big industrial setups, start-ups and the exponential growth of small and medium entrepreneurs as well as self-help groups have been made in the budget today cater to all these aspects to take care of youth aspirations.

The emphasis of the budget is also on strengthening

grass-roots democracy with massive flow of funds for all three tiers of Panchayati Raj, with efforts on holistic improvement in infrastructure, roads and water and setting up agro-based small-scale industries to double the income of farmers and other villagers. The strengthening of rural health care has received a major impetus in this budget to put in requisite equipments, facilities and laboratories in the hospitals.

Moreover, Power sector reforms and augmentation of the distribution network will continue in the budget and the projection of doubling the electricity generation capacity in the coming years is there. Budgetary allocations are there to develop a road network with scores of bridges and tunnels to make the remotest areas accessible. Major HEPs will generate new employment opportunities for locals and change the outlook of rural Jammu and (Cont. on Page-11)

Three member team of J&K Police investigating Gujarat resident's 'impersonation' as AD PMO

Jammu/Srinagar, March 17 : Jammu and Kashmir police has formed a three-member team headed by SP East Srinagar to investigate the case against alleged impersonator from Gujarat Kiran Bhai Patel.

The Police, in a statement, said that on 2nd of March 2023, CID wing of J&K Police gave information about arrival of an impersonator in Kashmir.

SSP Srinagar immediately sent a team led by SP East to Lalit hotel. The particulars of this person were found as Kiran Bhai Patel son of Juddesh Bhai Patel resident of Ahmadabad Gujarat who was impersonating himself as Additional Director (Strategy

and campaigns) PMO New Delhi. As his replies were found suspicious, he was taken to Police Station Nishat wherein he admitted his crime," the statement said. Ten fake visiting cards and two mobiles were seized from him. Based upon this, a case vide FIR No. 19/2023 U/S 419,420,467,468, 471 of IPC was registered in Police Station Nishat on 02/03/2023 and investigation was taken up.

A team of SP East Srinagar, SDPO Nehru Park, SHO Nishat are leading the investigation," the spokesperson said. The accused Kiran Bhai Patel was arrested on 03-03-2023 and is in police remand up to 17-03-2023. The

statement said that many relevant persons have been examined in this case. "Case is at initial stage of investigation. Further details of this case will be shared later on," the police said. The statement also said that there are three cases registered against the 'fraudster' in different Police stations in Gujarat: Raopura Police Station, Baroda city Case No I/0064/2019, Case Date: 7/8/2019 IPC 114, 294(KH), 406, 420, 5072, Naroda Police Station Ahmedabad City case No I/0066/2017 Case Date: 24/02/2017 IPC 120B, 406, 420 and Bayad Police Station, Aravali Case No I/0047/2019, Case Date: 22/08/2019 IPC 120B, 406, 420.

International Criminal Court issues arrest warrant for Russian President Putin

New Delhi : In a major development, the International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin because of his actions in Ukraine. This came a day after a report from a United Nations-backed inquiry asserted Russian attacks against civilians in Ukraine, including systematic torture and killing in occupied regions, amount to war crimes and possibly crimes against humanity.

The sweeping human rights report, released a year to the day after a Russian

airstrike on a theatre in Mariupol killed hundreds sheltering inside, marked a highly unusual condemnation of a member of the UN Security Council. However, Moscow on multiple occasions denied charges that its forces have been committing war crimes in the war embattled nation for more than a year. Meanwhile, reacting to the major development, Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Dmytro Kuleba, applauded the ICC step and accused President Putin of committing war crimes against children.

DGP J&K sanctions meritorious scholarship and educational expenses reimbursement of over Rs20 lakh

Jammu : To reimburse the educational expenses of wards of J&K Police martyrs, Director General of Police J&K Shri Dilbag Singh sanctioned ₹15.11 lakh in favour of 35 wards of Police martyrs. He also sanctioned scholarship amounting ₹5.15 lakh in favour of 103 wards of serving/retired police personnel. The reimbursement of educational expenses included expenses of wards of martyrs on tuition fee, transportation charges, books/stationery and uniforms for the academic session 2019-20, 2020-21 &

2021-22. DGP, while encouraging and appreciating the hard work of the wards of Police personnel who have excelled in class 10th annual examination during the academic session 2021-2022, sanctioned ₹4.88 lakh in favour of 100 meritorious wards of serving Police personnel. Among these ₹6000 each have been sanctioned in favour of forty-four wards who have secured 90% and above marks and ₹4000 each have been sanctioned in favour of 56 wards who have secured 80% and above marks.

Timing of BBC documentary suspicious : Amit Shah

New Delhi : Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Conclave 2023 questioned the release of the BBC documentary on PM Modi and Gujarat riots ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Shah said the timing of the documentary, which was banned in India soon after its release, was suspicious.

"What was the point in showing the events of 2002 in 2023, a year ahead of the election? Why are you not questioning the timing of the BBC documentary?" Amit Shah asked. "What was the point in showing the events of 2002 in 2023, a year ahead of the election? Why are you not questioning the timing of the BBC documentary?" Amit Shah asked. Later, the Income Tax department carried out surveys at BBC India offices over issues related to international taxation and transfer pricing of BBC subsidiary companies. As far as the Income Tax survey's timing is concerned, Amit Shah said correspondence with the BBC has been going on for three years and no one is above the law. "If they don't see the narrative, if their narrative had worked, Narendra Modi wouldn't have become a four-time chief minister and a two-

time prime minister," Amit Shah said, adding that in a democracy people set the narrative.

While, Shah The Union Home Minister, Amit Shah on Friday took potshots at his political opponent Rahul Gandhi and said that his



recent unfurling of the national flag at Srinagar's Lal Chowk during Bharat Jodo Yatra was possible just because of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

I am satisfied with all the things I have done so far as a Home Minister. The people in the three regions of Kashmir, North East and Maoist areas are leading a normal life, the people too realise it," Shah said in an interactive session at the India Today Conclave on Friday. When asked about Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka's recent visit to Kashmir, the Home Minister said that he doesn't expect the

Lt Governor presents 'Mata ki Chunni' for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg procession

TT Correspondent Jammu, March 17 : Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha presented 'Mata ki Chunni' for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg procession to Divisional Commissioner Jammu for

development of traditional Mata Vaishno Devi route. He also issued on the spot directions to Divisional Commissioner Jammu for

Jammu Chapter containing information regarding heritage temples, step wells, ponds, Bowls, other heritage structures including lodging

On the occasion, the members of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Pracheen Marg Shrine Sanstha, led by Sh Devender Singh Rana, Senior BJP Leader and former legislator also presented the Lt Governor the traditional 'Dogra Turban' and 'Mata ki Chunni' amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras by the priests of the traditional route temples.

The Lt Governor assured every support and assistance from the UT administration in the conservation and

ensuring smooth conduct of the Navratra celebrations on the pracheen marg.

The Lt Governor also released a brochure of the traditional Mata Vaishno Devi ji route prepared by INTACH

sheds for devotees. S M Sahni, Convener, INTACH Jammu Chapter, office bearers of the organisation and others members of the local community were present on the occasion at Raj Bhavan.

Prabhari officers of top ranking Panchayats in Aspirational Panchayat index to be felicitated: Chief Secretary

TT Correspondent Jammu, Mar 17 : Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired a meeting to review the overall progress on different schemes being executed across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir at Civil Secretariat here.

The meeting was attended by ACS, Home Department, R.K. Goyal; Principal Secretary, PWD, Shailendra Kumar; various Administrative Secretaries, Special DG CID, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners of all districts and other concerned officers both in person and through video conferencing.

While reviewing the

Aspirational Panchayats programme, the Chief Secretary impressed upon the deputy commissioners to utilise this

scheme effectively so as to transform the most backward panchayats of their districts into model panchayats. He highlighted that the work and achievements of Prabhari's of each panchayat will be reflected through this

released soon, the Prabhari whose Panchayat will achieve top ranking in the index will be felicitated. He delved on the DCs to work with full spirit and will so that their respective districts can score good on the

index. While reviewing the progress on Jal Jeevan Mission, Dr. Mehta observed that there has been substantial improvement on the progress of this prestigious project. He delved upon the DCs to complete the project in all aspects by 15th August in their respective districts. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary also directed the Deputy Commissioners to prepare the list of deliverables to be achieved in the next financial year. He highlighted that the introduction of deliverables has significantly improved the growth trajectory of each district and therefore it should be made a regular (Cont. on Page-11)



J&K Govt announces Rs 129.05 cr initiative to reduce fodder deficit, boost livestock sector

Jammu, March 17 : The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, recognizing the potential of livestock husbandry to improve the socio-economic conditions of farming communities and boost the overall economic growth of the region, has launched several measures under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP).

Jammu and Kashmir, acknowledged for its tremendous agricultural potential and production, comprises of mostly small and fragmented landholdings owned by the farmers. Over 70 per cent of the population in the region depends on agriculture and related vocations for their livelihood, either directly or indirectly. Over the years,

livestock husbandry has emerged as a crucial growth engine for sustainable and equitable development, which is vital for uplifting the socio-economic status of farming communities in J&K.

As per Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo, an Apex committee has devised a comprehensive plan under HADP, which amounts to ₹ 129.05 crore, to mitigate the fodder shortfall in the UT by 80 per cent. The primary objective of this program is to augment the agricultural and livestock sectors and equip farmers with vital resources such as financial assistance, improved seeds and technical guidance to amplify productivity, profitability, and overall economic

progress of the area. The government is committed to provide all necessary support to farmers to ensure the success of this initiative. It is working



closely with various stakeholders, including agricultural universities, research institutes, and industry experts to achieve this goal.

Livestock rearing in

Jammu and Kashmir incurs a significant cost, with 75 per cent of the input cost attributed to feed and fodder. The region is home to a diverse

range of animals including 31.45 lakh bovines, 45 lakh sheep and goats, 73 lakh backyard poultry birds and 2 lakh other animal species. Additionally, around 5 crore

commercial broiler birds are being reared in the region.

The annual requirement for green fodder in Jammu and Kashmir is approximately 139 lakh metric tons, while the dry fodder requirement is around 58.53 lakh metric tons. Unfortunately, the availability of green and dry fodder is insufficient to meet the demand. In particular, there is a deficit of 40.93 per cent in fodder availability in the region, with a higher deficit of 48.63 per cent in the Kashmir division compared to 32.27 per cent in the Jammu division. Only 4 per cent of the total cultivable land is under fodder production at present. Each year, Jammu and Kashmir imports a significant amount of animal feed with 9,000 metric tons of feed,

10,000 metric tons of green fodder and 5,000 metric tons of dry fodder being imported. This results in a substantial loss to the exchequer. However, with the implementation of Holistic Agriculture Development Program, the region can potentially create better livelihood opportunities for farmers, improving the socio-economic conditions of the people.

The government is encouraging farmers and other stakeholders to collaborate and work towards developing the agricultural and livestock sector, which would lead to a prosperous and thriving economy. With this goal in mind, a concrete framework has been proposed to maximize fodder production in the region. The framework adopts a holistic,

comprehensive, and integrated approach, combining research and effective development processes to increase fodder production. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has significant potential for fodder cultivation. The region has a large rangeland area of 1.19 lakh hectares, which can support livestock-based livelihood systems. Additionally, there are 2.15 lakh hectares of orchards that hold potential for intercropping of fodder crops production, known as the Horti-pastoral system. Field crops, such as paddy, maize, and wheat, are grown over 5 lakh hectares, producing large quantities of residues that serve as dry fodder for winter. (Cont. on Page-11)

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