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BRIEF

2 drug peddlers held, 15kg ganja seized

Jammu : Two drug peddlers, including a woman, were arrested with 15kg high-quality cannabis during a security checking at Lakhampur in Kathua district on Friday. Senior superintendent of police Kotwal said, "Acting on a tip off, a police team noticed two suspects who were directed to stop for checking." On thorough checking of their belongings, around 15kg of ganja was recovered from their possession and they were arrested on the spot. The duo has been identified as Ravi and Rakhi," Kotwal said.

Revenue record to be put in public domain by 15th Oct

Srinagar : The Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta chaired a meeting to review the digitization of land records in Jammu and Kashmir and its subsequent hosting on a user-friendly portal. Principal Secretary, Revenue Department, Commissioner/ Secretary GAD, CEO JaKeGA, and scientists from CDAC participated in the meeting. It was informed that the IT Department has upgraded its storage capacity to host complete revenue records in the public domain. The Chief Secretary asked CDAC to suitably upgrade the capacity of its servers in the next 15 days to enable public access to revenue records including mutation, jamabandi, gir-dawari, and massavai documents. Further, the Revenue Department was asked to develop a user-friendly interface by 15th October 2021 to enable hassle-free public access to various revenue documents.

UPSC CSE Main 2020 final exam result declared, Shubham Kumar tops

Jammu : The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Friday declared the final result for the Civil Services (CSE) Main examination 2020. Shubham Kumar topped the civil service (main) exam followed by Jagrati Awasthi who has secured the second position and Ankita Jain (rank 3). A total number of 761 candidates have been recommended for appointment on the basis of written exam and personality test held in August-September, 2021. Meanwhile, the candidature of 151 candidates are provisional. Candidates can check merit list at upsc.gov.in.

The topper Shubham Kumar is a B Tech (Civil Engineering) from IIT Bombay. Jagrati Awasthi is the topper among the women candidates securing an overall Second rank. She has graduated in B Tech (Electrical Engineering) from MANIT Bhopal. Among the top 25 candidates, 13 are men and 12 women. The recommended candidates also include 25 persons with Benchmark Disability (7 Orthopedically Handicapped, 4 Visually Challenged, 10 Hearing Impaired and 4 Multiple Disabilities).

States, UTs provided with over 81 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses so far: Govt

New Delhi : More than 81.39 crore Covid vaccine doses have been provided to states and Union Territories so far, while 85,92,550 doses are in the pipeline, the Union Health Ministry said on Friday. Over 4.23 crore balance and unutilized vaccine (Cont. on Page-11)

Indian PM and US President hold first bilateral meeting

New chapter in Indo-US ties has begun : Modi-Biden

Washington/New Delhi, Sep 24 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Joe Biden at the White House on Friday in his first bilateral meeting with the US President during which the two leaders discussed a wide range of priority issues, including combating COVID-19, climate change, economic cooperation as well as Afghanistan. Welcoming PM Modi at the White House, US President Joe Biden said, "I have known you for a long time. I am glad that you have come back to the White House. You are well aware of our history. Our relationship has always been good." The US President told PM Modi, "Today we begin a new chapter in Indo-US relationships. Four Million Indian Americans every day making America stronger."

On his behalf, PM Modi thanked the POTUS for the warm welcome. I recall our interactions in 2014 and 2016. That time you had shared your vision for ties between

India and the USA. I am glad to see you are working to realise this vision.

The Prime Minister further said the trade will continue to play a major role between the



countries. "In 2014 and 2016, I got an opportunity to talk to you. You had shared your vision for the Indo-US relations," PM Modi said. PM Modi further told President Biden, "Mahatma Gandhi always used to say about trusteeship of the Planet. This sentiment of trusteeship is the need of the hour globally." Seeds that we will be sowing in the first year of the 3rd

decade of the 21st century will help grow the Indo-US ties. It will also prove transformative for democracies around the world," PM Modi said after meeting President



Biden at the White House. While the two leaders have met earlier when Biden was the Vice President of the country, this is for the first time that Biden met PM Modi days after he became the 46th president of the US in January. Both Biden and Prime Minister Modi have spoken over the phone multiple times and have attended a few virtual summits, includ-

ing that of the Quad in March hosted by the US president. The last telephone conversation between them took place on April 26. "This morning I'm hosting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the White House for a bilateral meeting. I look forward to strengthening the deep ties between our two nations, working to uphold a free and open Indo-Pacific, and tackling everything from COVID-19 to climate change," President Biden tweeted just minutes ahead of the meeting. President Biden and PM Modi were joined by their senior officials, including External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary Shringla, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu.

PM Modi, who is visiting the US for the 7th time after assuming office in 2014, had said his visit would be an occasion to strengthen the Indo-US Comprehensive (Cont. on Page-11)

Srinagar imposes curfew for 10 days

TT Correspondent Srinagar, Sep 24 : An order to this effect by the Chairman District Disaster Management Srinagar Mohammad Aijaz Asad, said that the district has been reporting around 70 percent of the overall cases in J&K for the past 24 odd days adding the various local containment measures in the particular areas seeing a surge in cases were turning out to be ineffective.

Accordingly, a COVID-19 lockdown for ten days starting Friday has been reimposed in the particular ward numbers 55-Hawal, 56-Alamgari Bazar and 63-Kathi Darwaza in Zadibal, and SMC Wards, 59-Lal Bazar, 60-Botshah Mohalla and 61-Umer Colony in Lal Bazar except for essential activities.

As per the order by DC Srinagar, "All essential services including all incidental services and activities needed for smooth functioning of these activities shall be allowed to continue, both in public and private sector". Standalone shops dealing in groceries have been allowed to open from 7M till 11 AM only

while educational institutions, shopping malls and other places of public rush shall remain closed. A ceiling of 20 and 10 persons respectively has also been fixed for weddings and funerals while "No

shall be allowed to continue, both in the public and private sector. Standalone grocery/vegetable/ meat/ milk shops may also remain open and functional to ensure provisioning of essential supplies



social gatherings whether indoors or outdoors shall be allowed in the areas where the lockdown had been reimposed, the order said. All educational institutions, shopping malls, and other businesses shall remain closed during the 10-day long curfew and only essential services would be allowed. Stand-alone milk, vegetable, and grocery shops have been exempted from curfew restrictions in these areas. The district magistrate said all essential services

from 7 am to 11 am only, he said. The order said there will be no hindrance to the smooth movement of goods and essential supplies, and there shall be no restriction on the movement of government officials for attending office/ duties, on production of I-cards/ official orders. All development/ construction work shall be allowed to continue without any hindrance, and the vaccination drive shall not be halted. (Cont. on Page-11)

Govt can transfer 8.23% stake in J&K Bank to Ladakh UT

New Delhi, Sep 24 : Markets regulator Sebi on Friday said Jammu & Kashmir government can transfer its 8.23 per cent stake in Jammu & Kashmir Bank to the union territory of Ladakh, subject to the lock-in in the hands of transferee. Post the transfer of shares, UT of Ladakh will continue to be the promoter of the bank.

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(Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) rules. The bank sought Sebi's guidance whether UT of J&K can transfer the shares to UT of Ladakh, subject to the con-



tinuation of lock-in in the hands of the transferee. The transaction is being undertaken following a notification issued on October 30, 2020 by J&K government. Under

this, the government issued guidelines for apportionment of assets and liabilities of the erstwhile state of J&K between UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh, including transfer of 8.23 per cent stake in the bank to UT of Ladakh.

Pursuant to the legal provisions and notification, the activity to be undertaken is apportionment of assets of liabilities as opposed to be the general transfer of shares, the bank said in its interpretative letter. In its reply made to public on Friday, Sebi said, "the proposed transfer of shares of the bank by the government of J&K, being the current promoter, to UT of Ladakh, which would also be classified as a promoter of the

bank would be permissible under ... ICDR Regulations subject to the applicability of other provisions of the law". It, further, said the ICDR rules allow transfer of locked-in shares among the promoters or promoter group subject to the lock-in continuing for the remaining period with the transferee. The permission would be applicable irrespective of whether the transfer is a result of apportionment of assets following J&K Reorganization Act, it added. Under the ICDR rules, the specified securities allotted on a preferential basis to the promoter or promoter group and the equity shares allotted following the exercise of (Cont. on Page-11)

Div Com directs DCs to immediately submit list of deadwood employees; convene meetings of Screening committees

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 24 : Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer today directed the Deputy Commissioners to immediately submit the list of deadwood employees of Revenue Department as per the direction of the Government.

The Div Com issued these directions, while chairing a video conferencing meeting convened to review the progress in the districts in this regard.

He directed Deputy Commissioners to expeditiously complete the verification exercise to facilitate removal of the non performers as per the provisions of the Civil Service Regulations, 1956.

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Government has started compiling data of 'deadwood' employees to be retired at the age of 48 years or those who have completed 22 years in service. For the process Screening committees have to be constituted at district level for the identification of employees as per the prescribed parameters like judging performance of the employee. The committee would recommend the names of such deadwood employees to higher authorities for the termination of such employees. He asked DCs to convene meetings of the Review Committees, assess the performance of employees in the light of Article 226(2) of the Civil Service Regulations and

send the recommendations so that the process for their termination can be started.

The Article 226 (2) deals with compulsory retirement of the officials on completion of 22 years of qualifying service or on attaining 48 years of age and to review the cases of all those employees who fall in this provision the Government has already constituted Review Committees. The Deputy Commissioners informed that they are in process of identifying such employees and the committee meetings will be convened shortly. Meanwhile, in another meeting the Divisional Commissioner also directed the DCs to submit a revised (Cont. on Page-11)

Shri Amarnath Shrine announces refund of registration fee to registered yatraris

Yatraris can also get the Yatra permit revalidated next year

TT Correspondent Srinagar, Sep 24 : Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board today announced that the yatraris who were registered for Yatra 2021 can get refund of their registration fee.

It has been decided that the registration fee of the yatraris who had registered themselves for Yatra 2021 through various Banks like Punjab National Bank, Jammu & Kashmir Bank, and YES Bank shall be refunded to them from 1st October 2021 to 31st October 2021.

Those who want to get their fee refunded shall have to approach the concerned branch which had issued the yatra permit, and surrender the original permit along with an application for the refund. The refund shall be made to each yatri individually and not to anybody else on their behalf. SASB has also kept

the option for revalidation of Yatra permit for Yatra 2022. For this, the yatraris must keep the Yatra Permit form intact, which they can get revalidated by visiting same bank branch when the registration opens for Yatra 2022.

Pertinently, the annual pilgrimage of Amarnathji this year was canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic, but Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board carried out all the traditional religious rituals at Shri Amarnathji cave. SASB had also made arrangements for the live telecast of morning and evening Aarti on TV Channels and social media in addition to facilitating Virtual Pooja, Hawan, and Online Prasad booking. Around 7 to 8 Million devotees performed the free virtual darshan on Jio TV platform through live streaming on Shri Amarnathji Channel.

13 police officers transferred

Jammu : The J&K government on Thursday ordered transfer of 13 police officers in the civil administration. As per an order issued by the Home Department, Sunil Kumar, awaiting orders of posting, has been posted as ADGP, Railways, J&K, against an available vacancy,

relieving Deepak Kumar of the additional charge.

Ashish Kumar Mishra, SSP, Pulwama, has been transferred and posted as SSP, Anantnag. Nikhil Borkar, Addl SP Hqrs, Anantnag, has been transferred and posted as SP, Ganderbal.

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Beijing's provocative bid to alter status quo led to Galwan incident : India slams China

New Delhi : India on Friday strongly rejected the statement made by the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson that the Galwan Valley incident took place because New Delhi violated all the treaties and agreements and encroached upon China's territory illegally and crossed the line.

Responding sharply to the Chinese official's assertion, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that "India's position with regard to developments last year along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh has been clear and consistent." It was the provocative behaviour and unilateral attempts of the Chinese side to alter the status quo in contravention of all our bilateral agreements that resulted in serious disturbance of peace and tranquillity. This has also impacted the bilateral relations," said External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi. As emphasized by EAM in his meeting with Chinese FM earlier this month, it is our expectation that the Chinese side will work towards early resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh while fully abiding by bilater-

al agreements and protocols.

Meanwhile, earlier today Chinese Ambassador to India Sun Weidong while attending the opening Track II Dialogue on China-India Relations said bilateral ties remain at a low level amid turbulence on the global stage. Since last year,



China-India relations have witnessed difficulties unseen for many years. The relations remain at a low level. At present, the world is entering a period of turbulence and change. While the COVID-19 pandemic is still spreading, the global economy remains sluggish in recovery, and the sudden changes in Afghanistan brought about a significant impact on the regional situation," said the Chinese

Ambassador. China and India should strengthen coordination and cooperation, join hands in fighting the pandemic, seek common development and rejuvenation, uphold Asian solidarity and promote the world's peace and development. The current status of bilateral relations is obviously not in the fundamental interest of either side," the Chinese envoy added. The Chinese envoy further said, "Analyzed from the prism of so-called realism in international relations theories of the west, China and India, as two neighbouring major countries, would inevitably view each other as threat and adversary, whose main interactive patterns would be competition and confrontation, and the result that one gains while the other loses would be unavoidable. "Sphere of influence", "zero-sum game", and "seeking hegemony" would be often repeated," the Chinese envoy said. In July this year, India and China held the 12th round of Corps Commander-level talks at Moldo on the Chinese side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to iron out an agreement for the next phase of disengagement in Eastern Ladakh.

One more death, 148 new cases in Jammu and Kashmir

TT Correspondent Jammu/Srinagar, Sep 24 : The Government on Friday informed that 148 new positive cases of novel Corona virus (COVID-19), 28 from Jammu division and 120 from Kashmir division, have been reported today, thus taking the total number of positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir to 328738. Also, 01 COVID death has been reported from Kashmir Division.

Moreover, 159 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and been discharged from various hospitals including 29 from Jammu Division and 130 from Kashmir Division. Besides this, 80.52 percent of the population above the age of 18 years has been vaccinated across Jammu and Kashmir.

The Bulletin also informs that no new case of Mucormycosis has been reported today, thus the total number of confirmed cases remains 46 in the UT of J&K.

According to the daily Media Bulletin on novel Corona virus (Covid-19), out of 328738 positive cases, 1605 are Active Positive, 327213 have recovered and 4420 have died; 2172 in Jammu division and 2248 in Kashmir division. The Bulletin further said that out of 14566269 test results available, 14237506 samples have been tested as negative till today. Till date 3499831 persons have been enlisted for observation which included 7442 persons in home quarantine including facilities operated by government, 1605 in

isolation and 461845 in home surveillance. Besides, 3024519 persons have completed their surveillance period. Providing district-wise breakup, the Bulletin said that Srinagar has 73972 positive cases (including 66 cases reported today) with 783



Active Positive, 72351 recovered (including 96 cases recovered today), 838 deaths; Baramulla has 24254 positive cases (including 17 cases reported today) with 169 Active Positive, 23803 recov-

ered (including 10 cases recovered today), 282 deaths; Budgam reported 23531 positive cases (including 08 cases reported today) with 163 active positive cases, 23161 recovered (including 10 cases recovered today), 207 deaths; Pulwama has 15441 positive cases with 42 Active Positive, 15205 recovered and 194 deaths; Kupwara has 14337 positive cases (including 06 cases reported today), 32 Active Positive, 14139 recoveries (including 04 cases recovered today) and 166 deaths; Anantnag district has 16511 positive cases with 23 Active Positive, 16283 recovered and 205 deaths; Bandipora has 9717 positive cases with 29 Active Positive, 9586 recoveries and 102 deaths; Ganderbal has 10284

positive cases (including 09 cases reported today) with 86 Active Positive, 10119 recoveries and 79 deaths; Kulgam has 11476 positive cases 21 Active Positive, 11338 recoveries and 117 deaths while as Shopian has 5606 positive cases with 04 active positive cases, 5544 recoveries and 58 deaths.

Similarly, Jammu has 53135 positive cases (including 06 cases reported today) with 57 active positive cases, 51935 recoveries (including 08 cases recovered today), 1143 deaths; Udhampur has 11397 positive cases with 09 active positive cases, 11251 recoveries and 137 deaths; Rajouri has 11160 positive cases with 21 active positive, 10902 recoveries and 237 deaths; Doda has 7743 posi-

tive cases (including 10 cases reported today) with 65 Active positive, 7545 recovered and 133 deaths; Kathua has 9290 positive cases with 02 active positive case, 9137 recovered and 151 deaths; Samba has 7146 positive cases with 07 active positive cases, 7019 recoveries and 120 deaths; Kishtwar has 4810 positive cases with 11 Active Positive, 4755 recoveries and 44 deaths; Poonch has 6344 positive cases with 04 active positive, 6243 recoveries and 97 deaths; Ramban has 6017 positive cases with 10 active positive cases, 5940 recoveries and 67 deaths while Reasi has 6567 positive cases with 67 active positive cases, 6457 recoveries and 43 deaths.

According to the bulletin,

among the total 328738 positive cases in J&K, 23422 have been reported as travelers while 305316 as others. The Bulletin said that the breakup represents districts from which the patients have been traced or are ordinarily residing. The bulletin added that there are 2423 COVID dedicated beds, 2019 Isolation beds with 2005 vacant beds and 404 ICU beds where 397 beds are vacant in Jammu division while there are 3353 COVID dedicated beds, 3074 Isolation beds where 3012 beds are vacant and 279 ICU beds where 258 are vacant beds in Kashmir division. There are a total of 5776 COVID dedicated beds, 5093 Isolation beds with 5017 beds vacant and 683 ICU beds with (Cont. on Page-11)

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