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Excise Department destroys 147 Litres of Lahan in raid on brick kilns

Following the directions of the Excise Commissioner J&K, Subash Chander Chibber and under the supervision of Dy. Excise Commissioner Executive Kashmir, Tazayun Mukhtar, Excise Range South Kashmir conducted a series of raids at brick kilns located in Safnagri area of Tehsil Zainapora District Shopian. During the raid, the team recovered 147 litres of Lahan adjacent to one of the brick kilns on State land which was destroyed on spot by the Excise Team. The owners of the brick kilns were warned of severe legal repercussions associated with illicit production and distillation. In addition to the enforcement action, the senior citizens of the locality were sensitized regarding the social and health hazards of illicit liquor. This operation underscores the commitment of the J&K Excise Department to curb the illegal production and distribution of illicit liquor in the region.

Police arrested five drug peddlers, significant seizures made

In a major operation against drug trafficking, police in Anantnag have apprehended five drug peddlers and confiscated a substantial haul of psychotropic substances. A police team from PS Mattan, during a checkpoint at Bumzoo Mattan, stopped an Innova vehicle with registration number JK02DK/9333. Upon searching, they recovered 11 bottles of Codeine Phosphate, 80 Dolo-T tablets, 70 OMODOL tablets, a significant amount of beer and alcohol, and ₹11,500 in cash. The vehicle's occupants-Lateef Ahmad Shah, Ayaz Ahmad Bhat, and Rayees Ahmad Malik-were arrested on the spot. The vehicle used in the crime was also seized. In a separate incident, officers from Police Station Anantnag intercepted an auto with registration number JK01AK-7694 at a checkpoint near Wazir Bagh Park. The vehicle, coming from Bangdar, was found to contain a large quantity of illicit liquor.

The driver, Riyaz Ahmad Dar, was arrested and the auto was seized. Additionally, a police team from Police Post Sangam detained Noor Mohammad Ganie at Kudangan Marhama, who was found with a bag full of alcohol. Ganie was arrested and the contraband was seized. All arrested individuals have been taken to their respective police stations and are currently in custody. Cases under relevant sections of the law have been filed, and investigations are ongoing. Authorities urge the public to assist in combating drug-related crime and assure that strict actions will be taken against offenders.

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Neither terrorism nor Article-370 will return to Jammu and Kashmir : Shah

-Home Minister Amit Shah's Address at Public Meetings in Paddar-Nagseni, Kishtwar and Ramban, Jammu and Kashmir -Once these three families are defeated, the BJP government will bury terrorism so deep that it won't return for seven generations -To win elections, JKNC and Congress are even willing to seek refuge with terrorists -Congress and NC want to end the reservation, but BJP will not let that happen

TT Correspondent Jammu/Kishtwar, Sep 16 : Union Home and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah addressed public gatherings in Pddar-Nagseni, Kishtwar, and Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. During his address, Shah criticized the Congress and National Conference for their anti-development and pro-terrorist politics, while highlighting the achievements of the Modi government. Shri Shah emphasized that the Bharatiya Janata Party will not allow anyone to take away the reservations and rights granted to the people. The event was attended by Union Minister Jitendra Singh, former MP Jamiyang Tsering Namgyal, Janki Nath Manhas, Shri Pradeep

Parihar and BJP's candidate for the Paddar Nagseni Assembly constituency, Sunil Sharma, among other



enning India for years. It is because of the ancestors of this land that the Indian flag proudly flies here today. Union Home Minister Shri Shah highlighted that Kishtwar is a land of martyrs. During the partition of India, the wrong policies of Congress and Nehru made it difficult to decide the future of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. In times of crisis, the people of Kishtwar have always been ready to make sacrifices. During the terrorism of the 1990s, every citizen here stood by the security forces and played a crucial role in ending terrorism. The NC and Congress have even promised that if their government comes to power, (Cont. on Page-11)

Multi-tier security arrangements put up in JK ahead of assembly polls

Srinagar, Sept 16 : Multi-tier security arrangements have been put in place to ensure free and fair assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. As the first phase of voting will take place on September 18, Jammu and Kashmir police have made elaborate security arrange-

ments for the assembly polls so that maximum number of people can exercise their right to vote," Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone V K Birdi told. Birdi said Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF), Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police and JK Police will be deployed

as part of the multi-tier security for the elections in the union territory, which will be first since abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. The CAPF units, JKAP and JKP are part of the security plan. A multi-tiered security plan is there, be it for strong rooms, polling stations or polling booths. The IGP said, "Jammu and Kashmir police have made proper arrangements to ensure that the elections are free, fair and held in an atmosphere free of fear. The thing to appreciate is that a maximum number of people should be able to exercise their voting right and (Cont. on Page-11)

Congress releases its manifesto for J&K: Statehood, rehabilitation of KP's among top priorities

Jammu, Sep 16 : The Congress party today unveiled its much-anticipated manifesto for the people of Jammu and Kashmir with a promise of restoration of Statehood, Kashmiri Pandit rehabilitation, establishing of minority commission, special focus on tourism and providing jobs to youth. Addressing the press conference in Srinagar, senior All India Congress Committee spokesman Pawan Khera and J&K Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra released the manifesto with a promise

about restoration of Statehood. They, however, didn't talk about Article 370 unlike National Conference that has promised to fight for the restoration of special status of J&K rolled back on Article August 5, 2019. Congress promises to address minority concerns, promoting tourism, and enhancing employment opportunities, along with the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits as advocated by the then-late Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh. Central to the manifesto is the pledge to establish a

Minority Commission, reflecting a commitment to support and protect minority rights. "The party also promises to advance tourism in the region and focus on the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits, echoing promises made by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh," it reads. Also, the manifesto states that the Congress party's pledge to work towards granting statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and to restore the historical practice of the Durbar Move, with Srinagar and (Cont. on Page-11)

23 lakh voters to decide fate of 219 candidates in first phase

Jammu, Sep 16 : J&K Election 2024: In the first phase of polling, 23 lakh voters will decide the fate of 219 candidates. Foolproof security arrangements have been made across the Union Territory. Jammu and Kashmir is heading for its assembly elections after a decade. The first phase of the election will be held on September 18, with security remaining one of the major concerns for agencies. As PM Modi stated, this assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir will determine the fate of the Union Territory. A total of 219 candidates are contesting in the first phase of elections. Polling will take place in 24 Assembly Constituencies in this phase of the J&K Assembly Elections-2024 on September 18, 2024. In Anantnag district, 64 candidates remain in the final electoral fray, followed by 45 in Pulwama district, 27 in Doda district, 25 in

Kulgam district, 22 in Kishtwar district, 21 in Shopian district, and 15 in Ramban district. In Tral AC, 12 in 34-Pulwama AC, and 10 in 35-Rajpora AC. In Shopian district, 10 candidates are running in 36-Zainapora AC, and 11 in



dates are contesting in 48-Inderwal AC, 7 in 49-Kishtwar AC, and 6 in 50-Paddar-Nagseni AC. In Doda district, 10 candidates are in the fray for 51-Bhadarwah AC, 9 for 52-Doda AC, and 8 for 53-Doda West AC. In Ramban district, 8 candidates are contesting in 54-Ramban AC, while 7 will contest in 55-Banihal AC. Similarly, in Pulwama district, 14 candidates are competing in 32-Pampore AC, 9 in 33-

Kashmir University postpones exams amid upcoming Assembly Elections

Srinagar : In light of the upcoming assembly elections, the Kashmir University (KU) has announced the postponement of all examinations initially scheduled for September 24, 25, and 30. The decision was confirmed by the Assistant Controller of Examinations at KU, who stated that new dates

for these exams would be announced at a later time. "It is notified for the information of all concerned candidates that all University examinations scheduled to be held on 24-09-2024, 25-09-2024, and 30-09-2024 has been postponed. Fresh dates shall be issued separately. This is not the first instance of exam postponement by the university due to the election schedule. KU had earlier postponed exams that were set for September 17 and 18. The assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir are slated to be conducted in three phases, commencing from September 18. (Cont. on Page-11)

PM Modi flags off India's first 'Vande Metro' service in Gujarat

Ahmedabad, Sep 16 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off India's first 'Vande Metro' service between Bhuj and Ahmedabad besides several other Vande Bharat trains on Monday (September 16). He arrived at Ahmedabad airport on Sunday evening, his first visit to his home state after being sworn in as PM for a third straight term in June.

development also continues. Today foundation stone of multiple development Vande Bharat train services. The Prime Minister's other engagements include the

than Rs 8,000 crore in Ahmedabad. Meanwhile, PM Modi launched the second phase of the metro rail service connecting Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar and took a ride on the metro train. According to the PMO, the Vande Bharat trains to be flagged off by PM Modi will operate on routes including Kolhapur-Pune, Pune-Hubballi, Nagpur-Secunderabad, Agra Cantt to Banaras, and Durg to Visakhapatnam. The first 20-coach Vande Bharat train will run between Varanasi and Delhi. (Cont. on Page-11)

projects worth more than Rs. 8,000 crores has been laid here. Today Nammo Bharat Rapid Rail has also been inaugurated," PM Modi said after launching inauguration of the 4th edition of RE-INVEST 2024 in Gandhinagar and inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth more



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J&K ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2024

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Every Vote Counts. Fulfill your Duty. Cast your Vote.

2327580 Total Electors	28309 PwDs Electors	15774 Elderly Voters (85+ Age)	123690 Young Electors (18-19 age)
1176462 Male Electors	1151058 Female Electors	60 TG	3276 Polling Stations

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