

Multi-crore credit card scandal unearthed, 3 arrested

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JAMMU, Aug 6: In the first such case, Nowabad police has unearthed a multi-crore credit card scandal and arrested three persons.

This was stated by SSP Jammu Atul Goel at a press conference at Nowabad police station this evening.



SSP Atul Goel addressing a press conference at Jammu on Tuesday.

He informed that on July 22, on reliable information, Owais Yousuf Kabboo, son of Mohammed Yousuf Kabboo, a resident of Nund Rishi Colony, Bemina Srinagar was arrested from Jewel Chowk area with procured credit card machine.

Owais had procured credit card machines with the intention to swipe forged credit cards through these machines, thereby cheating the owners of the original credit cards, Mr Goel said.

On this, a case under FIR number 110/13 and Sections 420, 120B, 43/66 (A), (B) and (C) was registered with police station Nowabad and investigation started by senior officers.

During questioning, Owais revealed the names of the other gang members as well as their modus operandi.

Owais along with his accomplices, used to procure credit card machines from willing shopkeepers including Monte Carlo, Srinagar, SB Mobicare, Srinagar, Amar Art, Srinagar, Royal Amin Tours and Travel,

provided by Owais, several raids were conducted in Srinagar and one of his accomplices namely Shabbir Ahmad Mir, son of Ghulam Rasool Mir of Firozabagh, Srinagar was also arrested.

Four such credit card machines, which had been earlier used in such fraudulent transactions, were also seized, Mr Goel said, adding that the associated bank accounts were frozen and their details were obtained, where it came to fore that the gang had cheated the people to the tune of Rs 1.57 crore.

A police party comprising Shabir Khan, SDPO West, Owais Rashid Lone, Probationer DySP, SHO Nowabad Jaipal Sharma and ASI Bashir Ahmed was rushed to Bangalore to collect further evidence, he added.

The team arrest Saud Pasha, resident of Bangalore and recovered several forged credit cards from his possession, the SSP said, adding that some more people both from within and outside the State are likely to be arrested in the case.

The case is being investigated by a Special Investigating Team (SIT) comprising of Shabir Khan, SDPO West, Owais Rashid Lone, DySP Probationer, SI Jaipal Sharma, SHO Nowabad police station and ASI Bashir Ahmed under the supervision of Jatinder Singh Johar, SP City (North).

The future course of the investigation will involve analyzing documentary evidence and IT forensics involved in committing these crimes. The help of the financial institutions affected by the crime and other experts will be used in further investigation, he added.

Pulwama Mini secretariat still on papers

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SRINAGAR, Aug 6: Ripping apart the Government's claims of providing swift administrative and development services, it has failed to mitigate woes faced by the people of Pulwama district due to delay in commissioning of the mini-secretariat building.

The work on the mini-secretariat building was started by the Government in 2009, however, five years have passed and it is yet to be completed.

The district administration cites paucity of funds and strike by the contractors as the reason for its incompletion.

"The funds for construction of the huge building are allotted from the state sector plan, not from district plan. So the delays in allotment of funds and strike by contractors for about one month were the reason for the construction remaining unfinished within the targeted time," said Manzoor Ahmad Lone, District Development Commissioner, Pulwama.

Lone said the mini-secretariat is constructed at a cost of

Rs12.5 crore and is being given finishing touches to throw it open to the public. "We hope it will be commissioned by the end of September this year," he said.

The district has at least 40 Government offices scattered across the Pulwama town, mounting the daily woes of applicants as they have to roam every nook and corner to locate the offices. Even some offices are functioning from dingy rented buildings.

The DDC said the new secretariat will be an asset to the public as it will help mitigate their hassles as some major offices will be shifted here.

Since the mini secretariat building has been constructed behind the old building and is not visible to people, the DDC said to make it visible from distance part of the old office, which is in dilapidated condition will be demolished.

"The demolished material will be auctioned and the money raised will be spent to renovate the remaining part of the old office to give it a modern look," he said.



Director Tourism Sojanya Sharma and members of Hotel and Lodges Association during their visit to Cheryai Kagma, Katra on Tuesday.

Director Tourism, Hotel & Lodges Association members visit 'Cheryai Kagma'

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JAMMU, Aug 6: In order to promote tourism in J&K, a high level delegation headed by Director Tourism Sojanya Sharma visited the ancient "Cheryai Kagma" to mobilize the report of the tourist spot for necessary action by the Union Tourism Ministry.

Sojanya Sharma was accompanied by the Additional Chief Conservator of Forests Ravi Kumar Kesar, former conservator of Forests and Member, Public Service Commission RL Bharti, President Hotel and Restaurant Association Katra Shyam Lal Kesar, Chief Warden Civil Defence and Senior Vice President, Hotel and Restaurant Association Katra Rakesh Wazir, Padamshree SP Verma, Engineering team of the department headed by Deputy Director Maintenance and Works Javed.

Earlier, in order to increase the stay of the pilgrims visiting Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine, Hotel and Restaurant Association, Katra delegation led by its presi-

dent Shyam Lal Kesar met Union Secretary Tourism Parvez Dewan, who in his endeavour to promote the tourism industry in the country and J&K in particular asked Commissioner Secretary Tourism for sending a detail report along with estimate and plans of the tourist spot namely "Cheryai Kagma".

While speaking, Kesar apprised Parvez Dewan about the Cheryai Kagma, a famous ancient spot of 15th century developed by then ruler. All the remains of ancient times are still there in the form of old art structures, water bodies and temples, which depict beautiful work done during that period, he added.

This tourist spot is fully surrounded by the beautiful old trees of chinars, mangoes and other species and when fully developed would attract major tourists from Katra and all over India more particularly when the train is about to reach here and is even more convenient to go since it is on way while going from Katra to Patnitop and Kashmir, he added.



MLA Indu Pawar addressing Congress party workers at Hiranagar on Tuesday.

Congress has solutions to people problems: Indu Pawar

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JAMMU, Aug 6: A meeting of Congress workers was held at Hiranagar, which was presided over by Member Legislative Assembly (MLA) Indu Pawar.

While speaking, Pawar discussed various issues for remedial measures. She impressed upon the unity of workers at gross root level and assured that only Congress party has solution of the problems being faced by people of the nation.

Congress has always believed in project and schemes benefiting the poor and large masses, may it be Right to Education, Women Empowerment, MGNREGA or Food Security, Pawar added.

She told that Food Security Bill when implemented will ensure that no body in the country will die of hunger and starvation as food grains essential for

survival will be available to every soul of this nation.

This will also help in fighting malnutrition, prevailing in the country and common man will have better health as it will cover 66 percent of citizens of this country as such this will be a historic legislation and largest food programme in the world.

Food grains will be available at the cheapest rate, she said, adding that wheat will be available at Rs 2 per kilograms, rice at Rs 3 per kilograms. 5 kilograms of food grains per person per month will be provided to an individual under the programme, she informed.

Among others, who spoke were Veena, Prabha Salathia, Suman, Vandana, Vijay Chib.

At the end, Veena, district Kathua president and organiser of the meeting presented vote of thanks.



BJP Kissan Morcha leaders at a function at Nagbani, Jammu on Tuesday.

BJP committed to separate budget for farmers: Sharma

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JAMMU, Aug 6: The burning problems concerning the farming community of the State and people of the rural areas were threadbare discussed in BJP's Kissan Morcha Working Committee meeting which was held at Karan Palace on Akhnoor road near here today.

The BJP Prabhari of Morcha for J&K, Mool Chand Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion. The meet among others was attended by BJP State president Jugal Kishore Sharma, State general secretary organization, Ashok Kaul, Morcha president Karan Singh Morcha Prabhari, Satsish Sharma and MLA Ch Sukhmandan.

Mool Chand Sharma, took UPA Government to task for the anti farmers policies and said that the BJP if voted to power is committed to bring a separate budget for farmers as 80 percent of the country's population is linked to farming and farmers are the backbone of nation.

He said that the wrong policies of Congress were responsible for problems of farmers all over the country and that has been a cause of farmers committing suicides in various States in past.

Congratulated the State unit of Morcha for being in the fore front for betterment of the farming community, he expressed hope that the rural populace will get more-closer to BJP Morcha. He assured to raise the voice of farmers of the State at the national level also.

Addressing the meet, Jugal Kishore Sharma said that the farmers in the State who are victims of natural unfavourable conditions and calamities, suffer further due to the incompetence, indifferent and apathetic attitude of the Government. He said that the BJP will continue to fight for the cause of the farmers.

Ashok Koul, said that the Party

has constituted Kissan Morcha exclusively for the betterment of the farming community as it is committed for their welfare and upliftment.

Satish Sharma said that the Morcha has been highlighting the problems of the farmers across the State so that society becomes aware of their hardships. He asked the working committee members to get in regular touch with the farmers.

Karan Singh briefed the meet about Kissan Morcha's activities undertaken during the last three months, which include meetings at districts, organizing protests and dharnas to highlight the plight of the farmers and seek justice for them.

Sukhmandan Kumar said that being an elected representative from rural area having maximum population of farmers, he has been raising the issues of farmers in the assembly from time to time.

Governor mourns demise of Air Comdre Jasjit

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SRINAGAR, Aug 6: N. N. Vohra, Governor today conveyed his condolences to the family of Air Commodore (ret'd) Jasjit Singh, who passed away the other day.

Recalling his over three decades association with Singh, who served as Director Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses for over a decade and was serving as Director of Centre for Air Power Studies for the past nearly a decade, the Governor paid a glowing tribute to Singh's valuable contribution to establishing Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses as a notable institution and for his deep insight into strategic affairs, reflected in over two dozen books authored by him.

Court acquits 3 facing trial under NDPSA

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JAMMU, Aug 6: Principal Sessions Judge Jammu, Kartar Singh has acquitted Zahoor Ahmed, Ashok Kumar and Subash Singh from whom 9 kilograms of charas was recovered, as the investigation was conducted in a cursory manner.

According to the police case, on November 24, 2007 Nowabad Police intercepted Tata Sumo bearing registration No. JK03A-4681 and recovered 9 kilograms of charas from Zahoor Ahmad and Imtiaz Ahmad Dar. During questioning, they revealed that they had sold some charas to Ashok Kumar and Subash Singh, both the residents of Panjithirhi. After completion of investigation, challan was presented in the Court.

After hearing both the sides, Principal Sessions Judge Jammu said, "the accused are going to be acquitted because of the defective investigation conducted by the police whether intentionally or lack of knowledge but it is reprehensible. The investigation has been conducted in cursory manner and thereafter the Investigating Officer did not appear in the court to explain his conduct".

"The investigation has been conducted in such a manner so as to introduce different stories about the recovery and seizure of charas with obvious purpose of helping the accused. There is not even an iota of incriminating evidence against the accused", the court said while acquitting the accused of the charges framed against them.

Gupta inaugurates renovation work of pathway

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JAMMU, Aug 6: Former Union Minister and MLA, Prof. Chaman Lal Gupta today inaugurated the renovation work of pathway cum park from RRL to Shakti Nagar adjoining the banks of Ranbir Canal. The pathway is mostly being used by morning walkers for jogging and exercise.

Renovation of Pathway includes the construction of four shelter sheds, five platforms for exercises and installation of 36 benches. The renovation work of pathway of which the approximate cost is Rs. 9.50 lac is being carried out from CDF of Prof. Gupta.

State President, JKDF Anil Gupta and Senior JKDF activists were among the renowned persons present on the occasion of inauguration of the renovation work. President Morning Walkers Association, Prof. Nargal was also present on the occasion along with the large number of people of the area.

Prof. Gupta, while addressing the gathering said, "my foremost preference will be to complete all the pending development works of various areas of Jammu West Constituency. The

steps are being taken to improve the conditions of roads, drains, electricity and water supply which are basic requirements of people. The concerned authorities are being moved to concentrate on the grievances of people. Our efforts will be to meet all the demands related to community welfare and public interest issues before the onset of the 2014 polls."

"The renovation of Pathway cum Park along the Ranbir Canal will be beneficial for the general public especially morning walkers and joggers. The renovation shall add on the facilities and beautification of Pathway cum park. Every possible help and financial aid shall be provided till the completion of the work". Said Prof. Gupta.

Prof. Nargal (President Morning Walkers Association) expressed gratitude to Prof. Gupta for start of renovation work of Pathway from his CDF. The JKDF members present on the occasion were Murari Lal, Lucky Puri, Arun Khanna, Munish Khajuria, Naveen Sharma, Ravi Mehra, Rakesh Gupta, Happy Sharma, Lovkesh Gondi, Abhishek Slathia etc..

Poultry farmer arrested after protests

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SRINAGAR, Aug 6: Hundreds of villagers of Pahoo in Pulwama district took to streets today afternoon to protest against a poultry farm owner who had disposed off dozens of dead poultry bags on the banks of a water body.

The agitating villagers blocked the Srinagar-Pulwama road for hours till the evening, claiming that a poultry farm owner from Kessergam village has disposed his dead poultry on the banks of Romshi stream at Badibagh area, polluting the portable water of the stream.

The residents claimed that at least four children fell ill after consuming the polluted water.

District Development Commissioner, Pulwama, Manzoor Ahmad Lone said that some poultry farm owner has disposed off his dead poultry on the bank of Romshi stream during Monday night. Lone said he has asked the Municipality officials to clean the bank from the dead poultry. "We will also take action against owner of the farm involved in polluting the water," the DDC said.

Station House Officer Kakapora, Manzoor Ahmad said they have arrested the poultry farm owner, Adfar Ahmad Dar, for his illegal

action. The SHO the banks could not be cleared off chicken corpses as Municipal authorities were observing holiday following Shabi Qadr.

They protestors were demanding that fresh water be supplied to them by the administration till the stream bank is cleaned off.

Prof Nehvi is new Dean Arts KU

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SRINAGAR, Aug 6: Noted academician and Iqbaliyat expert Prof Bashir Ahmad Nehvi has been appointed as new Dean Faculty of Arts University of Kashmir for a period of 3 years.

Author and compiler of 30 books in Urdu and English on varied themes, Prof Nehvi has conducted dozens of State and national level seminars during his tenure as Director Iqbal Institute of Culture and Philosophy.

Known for his oration and knowledge on Iqbal's philosophy across the subcontinent Prof Nehvi has guided 50 M Phil/Ph D scholars for various research programs.

He has worked as resource person in the Academic Staff College of KU for ten years.



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