

## NCB busts psychotropic medicines racket; seizes over 7 lakh tablets, injections

NEW DELHI, Jan 19:

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has unearthed an inter-state racket of psychotropic medicine traffickers with the seizure of over 7 lakh tablets and more than 1,400 vials of injection and bottles of cough syrup, officials said on Sunday.

Three people have been arrested as part of an operation that began early this month and spanned across Agra in Uttar Pradesh, Ludhiana in Punjab and in the national capital, NCB Delhi zonal director K P S Malhotra said.

"A total of 7,24,840 tablets and capsules, 1,400 injections and 80 CBCS (codeine based cough syrup) bottles have been seized."

"These medicines are suspected to have been diverted from lawful channels into the trafficking network," he said.

The seizure was made from a godown in the Shahganj area of Agra.

The seized tablets also include over 2.87 lakh Tramadol tablets, a regulated drug as it is a psychotropic substance, another senior official said.

The Union government had brought the drug under the control of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in 2018 banning it from being sold freely over the counter.

The synthetic opiate was stated to be abused on a wide-

scale by ISIS terrorists to suppress pain and boost strength during injury and hence, is also known as 'fighter drug' among international anti-narcotics authorities.

Tramadol was required to be regulated in the country as there have been instances in the past where its huge consignments were illegally routed to foreign shores for diversion to terrorist groups, the senior official said.

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is now probing the role of pharma companies, dealers and retailers to unearth the entire nexus.

"The seized psychotropic medicines are produced in companies having valid license, so the analysis of diversion from the manufacturing and logistic channel is under investigation," Malhotra said.

NCB officials said the seized drugs are of schedule H/H1/X category, which require a medical prescription to procure from the pharmacist.

Seized drugs are used for anti-anxiety, as sedatives and pain killers, and lead to habit forming and dependence in victims, the official said.

These drugs that have been seized have a huge market for people who are addicted to sedatives, heroine, opioid-based drugs and fetch huge margins in the illegal sale to the users, the zonal director said.

(PTI)

## States opposing CAA implementation is 'unconstitutional': FM

CHENNAI, Jan 19:

Dubbing as "unconstitutional" the stand of some states that the CAA would not be implemented, Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Sunday said all have the responsibility to ensure a law passed by parliament is enforced.

Defending the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, she maintained there was no necessity to mix up the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and National Population Register with the CAA and appealed to those opposing the act not to make allegations that would lead to unrest among the public.

The Finance Minister also rejected allegations that the Narendra Modi government was selective in granting citizenship and said Pakistani singer Adnan Sami was among over 3,900 people who had been given citizenship in the last six years.

Speaking at an interactive event here on the controversial CAA organised by the Chennai Citizens' Forum, she said the resolutions passed by some state assemblies, including Kerala, against the law was a political statement.

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The Kerala and Punjab assemblies have adopted resolutions demanding repeal of the CAA which has triggered widespread protests across the country. Kerala government has also moved the Supreme Court against the law.

Several state governments, including Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Maharashtra have voiced their disagreement with the CAA, as well as the NRC and the NPR.

Sitharaman said that during the last six years, a total of 2,838 Pakistan nationals, 914 from Afghanistan and 172 from Bangladesh have received Indian citizenship. This included 566 Muslims.

"Besides, 4.61 lakh Tamils from Sri Lanka during the period 1964-2008 have received citizenships," she said.

"This data is for those who comment that the government has not given citizenships for Muslims. For example, Adnan Sami, he is a singer of prominence. He received citizenship in 2016 when the same Prime Minister was there then", she said. (PTI)

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## Blacktop Jewel-Bohri road

We, the residents of Talab Tiloo and Bohri want to draw the attention of JMC authorities towards the bad condition of Jewel-Talab Tiloo-Bohri road. The road is damaged at various places and is a cause of great inconvenience to motorists and commuters. Besides, the road needs to be widened and blacktopped to accommodate growing traffic. The road also needs to be divided to make it two way road to avoid traffic jams which have become a permanent feature here.

The road witnesses chaotic scenes during morning and evening hours. As a result, school children and employees often get late to reach their respective destinations. The presence of push carts on both side of the road further compound the problem. The JMC authorities are requested to look into the matter and resolve the issue at the earliest.

Neeraj Sharma  
Talab Tiloo

## Contaminated water in Bhour Camp

It is a matter of great concern and viewed seriously by the society that the supply of drinking water through Over Head Water Tank is not hygienic. Since its inception, cleaning of Over Head Water Tank has not been done properly. The contaminated water contains suspended and unsuspended material. It has also been observed that water contains body parts of birds and insects due to which general public is facing the problems of viral fever / diseases, abdomen pain, pain in large / small intestines, stones in different parts of the body, upsetting of digestive system and all the water borne diseases. Moreover it hurts the religious sentiments of the general public.

The Chief Engineer, PHE is requested to pass the suitable directions / instructions to the concerned to make a way out for proper / regular cleaning of the Over Head Water Tank for hygienic and pure drinking water supply to the public.

Pt Chaman Lal Sharma  
Bhour Camp (Jammu)

## Plea of JMC authorities

This is to draw the attention of the JMC authorities that the area opposite Shiv Shakti Tent House Sector-C Sainik Colony Jammu is in worst condition as on November 2019 the lanes were plugged off and no safai karamchahi visits this lane to maintain it, as a result of it, people are facing inconvenience. Besides, accidents also take place regularly in this area.

Presently the people apprehend that due to insanitary conditions, there are chances of the outbreak of diseases. During rainy days all the lanes overflow and nobody can move in these sections/lanes.

Therefore the authorities are requested to look into the matter at the earliest.

Ram Singh  
Sainik Colony,  
Sector-C Jammu

## Indian-Americans to hold events in US to commemorate Kashmiri Pandit exodus

WASHINGTON, Jan 19:

Indian-Americans will hold events in over three dozen cities and towns across the US to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Kashmiri Pandit exodus to recognise the resilience of the community.

They will take out peaceful rallies, hold to candlelight vigil and public meetings to highlight the hardships faced by the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley three decades ago.

Events have been planned in New York, New Jersey, Silicon Valley, Chicago, Miami, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and Detroit among others cities.

"This event is designed to present the truth, data and factual stories as well as current events and progress in restoration of peace in the Kashmir. Hundreds of people are expected to participate," said Indian-Americans for Kashmir, which is organising the event in New

## Life-size statue of Pulwama martyr unveiled

HOWRAH, Jan 19:

A life-size statue of CRPF personnel Bablu Santra, who was martyred in the Pulwama attack, was unveiled near his residence in West Bengal's Howrah district on Sunday.

The statue was unveiled by his wife Mita Santra in Paschim Bauria's Chakkashi Rajbangshi Para in presence of CRPF commandant SN Mondal, Uluberia Municipality chairman Abhay Das and hundreds of locals.

Das announced that the Uluberia Municipality will give Santra's mother Rs 50,000 and also build a gate in his memory.

Santra was one of the 40 CRPF personnel martyred in the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama on February 14, 2019. (PTI)

## Bovines smuggling bid foiled

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Miran Sahib police foiled bovine smuggling bid by rescuing two cattle and arresting two persons.

As per police sources, on specific information, a team from Miran Sahib Police Station laid a naka near Balol Bridge and intercepted a vehicle.

During checking, police team rescued two bovine animals from the vehicle and arrested two persons, who were identified as Shamas Din, son of Mira Baksh of District Ramban and Soni Kumar, son of Waryam Chand of Meltuwal.

A case under FIR Number 12/2020 under section 188 IPC has been registered at Police Station Miran Sahib and investigation started.

## Instal street lights in Chinore

We, the residents of L. No. 1, Sec. B/2 Laxmipuram, Chinore, Bantalab, Jammu want to bring to the notice of all concerned that there is no street light working Laxmipuram Chowk due to which there exists a fear of theft during night hours by unscrupulous elements as many incidents of theft have already taken place in the area. In addition the bikers and scooterists also face threat of being critically wounded during night. This place plunges into complete darkness for want of street lights during night hours. Though a series of complaints have been made verbally to the authorities concerned for looking into our grievance, no action has been taken so far.

We, therefore once again request the authorities to install street lights in Chinore area.

Rameshwar Singh  
Lane No. 1 Laxmipuram Chinore

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## Street lights in Swarn Vihar

This is to draw the attention of the JMC authorities that there is urgent need of replacing some non-functional street lights in Swarn Vihar. In absence of this facility, people face great inconvenience during night hours. The JMC has already launched a drive to instal street lights in many parts of the city and one may assume that it shall have no hesitation in replacing the old non-functional by modern LED lights in this colony as well.

Hope JMC authorities would heed to our request.

Amit Kumar  
Swarn Vihar, Jammu

## Advertise Dental Surgeon posts

Oral health care which reflects the general health has been constantly neglected in state as well as in the Centre. There is no clear cut policy emphasizing oral health care. More than decade has lapsed since the dental surgeon posts were last advertised in 2009. Dental graduates met several times with higher authorities presenting their grievances, but each time they were pacified with false promises. Now we request to Governor and Advisor Health and Medical Education to intervene in this matter. Many of them are already overage for applying for dental surgeon post. As long as oral healthcare will remain neglected, general health can never be complete. If there are is no hope of absorbing the passing out professionals then new admissions are of no use to state. Oral health care is a prime speciality in most of the advanced countries of the world and enough stress is laid on it while keeping in view the overall health of patients.

During this era of good governance, we expect for immediate redressal of our grievances.

Shakeel Razmi

## MLA booked in cheating case

CHANDIGARH, Jan 19:

The Haryana Police has booked independent legislator Balraj Kundu and his brother Shivraj Kundu for allegedly cheating a Rohtak resident.

A case was registered on Friday against Balraj and his brother Shivraj under various Indian Penal Code sections pertaining to cheating, conspiracy and criminal breach of trust on a complaint lodged by one Narender Dhankhar, a police spokesperson said today.

Dhankhar had alleged that the brothers, who run a construction company, were not paying money to him which they owed to him during business transactions, he said.

Balraj, who represents the Meham constituency in the Haryana Assembly, alleged that he was being framed in the case due to political vendetta at the behest of a BJP leader from the State, who is a former Minister.

"I have been raising my voice against corruption. Such false cases will not suppress my voice," he told reporters in Rohtak.

Balraj took out a march on

foot in Rohtak along with hundreds of his supporters and reached the concerned police station asking policemen there to arrest him in the case if he had done anything wrong, but they told him that the matter was under investigation.

Talking to the reporters, the MLA said he had extended the support to the BJP-JJP Government because of "clean credentials" of the Chief Minister. "But now if the CM does not act against his leader (from Rohtak region), then I will be forced to withdraw my support to this Government."

A former BJP leader, Balraj had contested and won the October Assembly election in 2019 as an Independent from the Meham seat in Rohtak after being denied a party nomination.

He is among the seven Independent MLAs in Haryana who have lent support to the BJP-JJP government.

The BJP, which ended up falling short of a simple majority, had formed the Government with the support of Janmyak Janta Party (JJP) and the seven Independents. (PTI)

**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**  
**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT**  
**MEDICAL COLLEGE KATHUA**  
**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW NOTICE FOR JUNIOR RESIDENT**

Applications are invited through walk-in interview for the posts of Junior Residents in various specialities in Govt. Medical College, Kathua (Mahatma Gandhi Hospital, Kathua) on **23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 2020** as per schedule given below:

**Report time for interview: 11:00 AM**  
**For verification of documents: 11:30 AM**  
**Timing of interview: 12:30 PM**

**Terms and conditions:**

- List of documents to be attached with the application:
  - MBBS degree
  - Marks certificate from 1<sup>st</sup> to final year MBBS
  - Internship completion certificate
  - MCI or State Medical Council registration certificate
  - Attempt certificate
  - Merit certificate, if any
  - Certificate of extra-curricular activities/sports, if any issued by the competent authority
  - Affidavit

The selection of the candidates will be made as per the guidelines prescribed by the Government subject to amendment by the Govt. from time to time. Only those candidates who will have permanent registration certificate from the State Medical Council or MCI will be eligible for applying.

All the selected candidates shall be required to submit an affidavit duly attested by the judicial magistrate to the effect that he/she will not leave the residency mid-way and will serve for the tenure period of 06 months.

**Sd/-**  
**(Dr. Suleman Choudhary)**  
**Principal**  
**Govt. Medical College, Kathua**



Pits on NH at Samba. -Excelsior/Badyal

## Pits on National Highway inviting road accidents

Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Jan 19: The Jammu-Pathankot National Highway is in worst condition at various places in Samba district as there are ditches and pits on it but the officers of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) are in deep slumber.

According to the report, the National Highway NH 44 from Ghagwal to Vijaypur is totally in bad condition because the pits on middle of it are inviting road mishaps but the officers of the National Highway Authority of India have totally failed to repair the Highway. Many times the speedy vehicles have turned turtle due to the exiting pits on Highway causing accidents. Although the National Highway Authority of India has also installed the new Toll Plaza near Sarore in District Samba and it

## Notorious liquor smuggler's son among 4 arrested with heroin

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: Four drug peddlers including son of notorious liquor smuggler were arrested along with heroin.

As per police sources, on reliable information, a team from Bishnah Police Station led by SHO Inspector Deepak Pathania laid a naka at Deoli and intercepted a man, who was moving under suspicious circumstances.

During checking, police team recovered 7.5 grams heroin from the possession of the man and arrested him.

The arrested person has been identified as Taranjeet Singh alias Vicky, son of Amarjeet Singh alias Kaka, a resident of village Deoli, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu.

A case under FIR Number 13/2020 under section 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bishnah and investigation started.

It is pertinent to mention here that Amarjeet Singh alias Kaka, father of Taranjeet was a notorious smuggler of illicit liquor. Twenty three cases of Excise Act stands registered against Amarjeet Singh with Police Station Bishnah and is presently lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail under stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

Meanwhile, a team from Miran Sahib Police Station laid a naka in Simbal Camp area and intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number DL7CK-5907.

During checking, police team recovered 12 grams heroin and Rs 5,500 cash from the possession of two persons travelling in the vehicle and arrested them.

The accused were identified

## Congregation

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Jan 19: The annual congregation of Jalotra Brahmin Biradari will be held at their Devsthan on January 22.

The function will start at 9 AM with Hawan and Pooja, which will be followed by general house meeting of the Jalotra Biradari. The function will culminate with community bhandara which will be organized from 12 noon to 2 PM.