

Ex-Minister Vijay Mishra sentenced to 1 yr imprisonment

GHAZIPUR (UP), July 28:

Two persons, including Former Minister Vijay Mishra, were sentenced to one year imprisonment along with a penalty of Rs 500 by a local court here on Friday for issuing life threat to a person, prosecution sources said here.

Prosecution sources said that one Sunil Kumar Singh lodged a complaint that on March 12, 2017 former minister Vijay Mishra threatened him with dire consequences. "The complainant, who runs a news portal, had alleged that, wary of his defeat due to the news released by him, the Former Minister issued threats

to him," they said. Prosecution sources said that on the basis of the complaint a case was lodged by the police in which a charge sheet was filed in the court. "After hearing both the sides Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Sharad Kumar Chaudhary convicted former minister Vijay Mishra and his accomplice Deepak Verma," they said. Prosecution sources said that the court sentenced Vijay Mishra and Deepak Verma to one year imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 500. "The court later granted bail to Mishra on the application of his counsel," they said. (UNI)

Tony demands Assembly elections along with Parl

JAMMU, July 28: AAP leader and DDC Member of Suchetgarh, Taranjit Singh Tony has urged upon the Union Government to hold Assembly elections along with Parliamentary elections in J&K.

In a handout the AAP leader expressed concern over the delay in holding elections. "The Government is delaying elections to encourage more loot hatched by big sharks of bureaucracy in mining, liquor or calling contractors from outside J&K under various pretexts," Tony claimed.

He further emphasized on the rising unemployment in the region, stating that more than 8 lakh youth in J&K are unemployed yet the government is not taking the issue seriously. Tony highlighted that the LG has given a clear signal that the Election Commission of India can take a call on

holding Assembly elections in J&K. The AAP leader said that holding Assembly elections along with Parliamentary elections in J&K will not only address the issue of rising unemployment and inflation but will also ensure a fair and democratic representation for the people of the region.

Vehicle with bovines seized

POONCH, July 28: The police foiled smuggling bid and seized a vehicle loaded with the cattle in Malti area of Poonch during early hours today.

Official sources said that Police party of PS Poonch led by ASI Mohd Tariq during naka checking at Malti intercepted a Tata Mobile vehicle bearing Registration No. JK12C 2406 which was driven by one Mohd Shafiq, son of Abdul Aziz hailing from Seri Chowana, Poonch. Another person Showket Hussain, son of Alam Din from Bagyal Dhara was also accompanying him. They were coming from Bagyal Dhara towards Surankote.

On checking, it was found that two bovine animals were loaded with utmost cruelty in starvation and they failed to produce any permission. On this, Case FIR No. 112/2023 U/S 188 IPC & 11 PCA Act got registered at PS Poonch and investigation has been taken up.

Old woman killed due to mudslide

UDHAMPUR, July 28: An old aged woman died due to mudslide at her daughter's house in village Katwal in Ramnagar.

According to the reports, Kisho Devi (65), wife of Kapoora and resident of village Bari (at present village Katwal, Ramnagar) died on the spot as mudslide struck her daughter's house where she was staying for a long time.

Locals called the police which rescued the dead body from the mud slide and shifted it to Sub District Hospital Ramnagar for postmortem. After completion of all the medico-legal formalities and postmortem, the body was handed over to its legal heirs.



NSS volunteers and staff of GCoE before leaving for Palli village.

GCoE launches drive for environment protection

JAMMU, July 28: The NSS unit of the Government College of Education (GCoE) Jammu launched a drive for protection of environment and conducted different activities in Palli (First Carbon Neutral Village) of Bari Brahmana.

The activities were conducted under the patronage of Prof Aekta Gupta, Principal of the College, who while flagging off the NSS volunteers and students for village Palli, said, "there is a dire need to protect the environment by planning trees and GCoE is making all out efforts in this direction by paying visits to different areas and planting saplings in collaboration with the heads of the respective

villages". At village Palli, the NSS volunteers and students planted around 100 plants under the supervision of Programme Officer Dr Shubhra Jamwal. Dr Rajinder Kour, Prof Seema Kumari and Prof Sarita Dogra also assisted in making the activities a grand success. Dr Arun Gupta from Ayush and Ayurvedic Hospital Jammu and Dr Afiah also spoke on importance of different plants and trees. "Tree and plant extracts contain a variety of bioactive compounds that help with everything from managing pain to staunching blood, sterilizing wounds, strengthening our immune systems, soothing our nervous systems and more", they said. Ranbir Sharma, Sarpanch of Palli village was also present on the occasion.



DC Udhampur chairing a meeting.

DC Udhampur takes stock of unauthorised constructions in rural areas

UDHAMPUR, July 28: Deputy Commissioner, Udhampur Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a meeting of Revenue officers here in the Conference Hall DC Office Complex to take stock of unauthorised constructions in the rural areas.

The meeting was attended by SDM Ramnagar, Shishir Gupta; SDM Basantgarh, Waheed Manhas; SDM Dudu, Kulraj Singh, besides all the BDOs, Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars. ACR Rafiq Ahmed Jaral attended the meeting through virtual mode. During the meeting, the DC directed the officers to curb the illegal construction in rural areas and ensure the permission be granted without any delay. The buildings constructed without permission from the competent authority should immediately be sealed. The DC took review of revenue issues which includes delivery of services under PSGA, E-office, Building permission in rural areas, Digitization of Jamabandis, Digitization and Geo referencing of cadastral maps/ mussavis, Status of agriculture census, Attestation of mutation, Relief cases etc.

He asked the department to expedite the Up-dation process of Jamabandis and quality check of revenue records as per the targets. He further exhorted the officers and field functionaries to work as a team for better results and efficient service delivery to the people.



DPAP leaders posing for a group photograph after a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

DPAP leader counts works of Azad

JAMMU, July 28: A meeting of Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) was held here today at Gadigarh under the chairmanship of Ch. Gharu Ram, former Minister and Zonal DPAP president Central Zone Jammu.

Speaking in the meeting Gharu Ram said that in 2005 there were only 2700 Panchayats but the number increased to 4200 after delimitation under the then Chief Minister Gulam Nabi Azad and when he (Gharu Ram) was Rural Development Minister. He claimed that Azad's period from 2005 to 2008 was the best period in respect of infrastructure development in the State like roads, fly-overs, hospitals, super speciality hospitals, Medical Collages, degree colleges etc. "MGNREGA Act was implemented in the year 2007 in which lakhs of people got employment in the State," he maintained adding: "For development of Jammu city Rs. 3500 crore were sanctioned and spent by Gulam Nabi Azad led government and similar was done for Srinagar."

Narco smuggler held with heroin

KISHTWAR, July 28: Police here today arrested a notorious narcotic smuggler from Indira Nagar and recovered 6 gm heroin from his possession.

SSP Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal informed that a team of Kishtwar Police developed specific information and leads from previous investigation and accordingly a special Naka was laid by Inspector Abid Bukhari, SHO Kishtwar which was assisted by PSI Pintu Raina under the supervision of Dy.SP Hqrs, Dr. Ishan Gupta near Indira Nagar. While checking vehicles and pedestrians, cops noticed suspicious movement of a pedestrian who on noticing cops tried to escape but the cops overpowered him. During his search heroin weighing about 6 gm was recovered and he was arrested. The arrested person was identified as Shakir Hussain, son of Bashir Ahmed, resident of Indira Nagar. In this regard a case in FIR No. 164/2023 under relevant sections of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Kishtwar and investigation started.

Nalwa demands nomination of Sikhs to J&K Assembly

JAMMU, July 28: J&K BJP Minority Morcha president, Ranjodh Singh Nalwa here today demanded nomination of Sikhs to the Legislative Assembly of J&K.

He called on BJP general secretary, Ashok Koul along with other Minority Morcha office bearers and said that this was a long pending demand of Sikh community. "Sikh community from time to time has raised the demand from different platforms for nomination of a community member to the Legislative Assembly," he told Koul and urged him to take up the demand with top BJP brass. He said, while Sikh community was happy on the introduction of the Bill to nominate two KP migrants and one PoJK refugee to the Assembly, it was unhappy over the exclusion of Sikhs from the Bill. Koul assured that he will definitely take up the demand with concerned persons.

Notorious criminal booked under PIT NDPS Act

JAMMU, July 28: Jammu and Kashmir Police here at Miran Sahib Area booked a notorious criminal under the PIT NDPS Act.

A police spokesperson said that acting on reliable information regarding the criminal Navjot Singh alias Bablu of Indira Nagar, a team of Police Station Miran Sahib led by SDPO RS Pura, Nikhil Gogna, assisted by SHO Miran Sahib Inspector Bopinder Singh carried out a raid at the suspected location and successfully arrested the drug peddler. The accused had a reputation as a hardcore criminal and was involved in multiple cases of drug peddling and narcotics trade, he said. A warrant of arrest against the accused had been issued by the District Magistrate Jammu. In compliance with the order, the police executed the detention warrant under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic of Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1988 (PIT NDPS Act) and arrested the accused, he added.

Two injured in gas cylinder fire

UDHAMPUR, July 28: Two young workers were injured when a gas cylinder caught fire at a welding workshop in Sangur Chowk Udhampur.

According to the reports, Rajinder Panchari (27) son of Mir Chand of Panchari and Gugi Kumar (19) son of Mohan Lal of Panj Grain, Ramnagar, both working at a welding workshop at Sangur Chowk Udhampur, were injured when the gas cylinder suddenly caught fire. Locals rushed to the spot and took the injured persons to District Hospital Udhampur. Their condition was stated to be stable.

Shah slams oppn alliance INDIA, says nothing will happen by change in name

RAMESWARAM, July 28:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday slammed the Congress and its allies, including the DMK, saying nothing would happen by changing the name of their alliance to INDIA.

Shah was addressing a rally here, ahead of kick-starting Tamil Nadu BJP President K Annamalai's state-wide 'En Mann, En Makkal (My Land, My People)' padayatra. "When Congress and its allies, including the DMK, go to the people seeking votes, the public would remember the corruption, including the 2G scam and Commonwealth Games scam during the UPA regime," he said. "Congress-DMK and allies opposed the removal of Art 370; it is Kashmir ours or not," he asked.

Taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Tamil pitch, he said Modi honoured Tamil culture by installing the 'sengol' in the new parliament building. The senior BJP leader hit out at the DMK regime, calling it the most corrupt in the nation and said the BJP's yatra is an attempt to usher in politics of development and good governance in Tamil Nadu. Shah named Congress and its allies one by one, including the DMK, Trinamool Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT), and accused them all of trying to empower their families and not the nation. "Sonia Gandhi wants to make her son Rahul the Prime Minister, M K Stalin wants to

make his son Udhayanidhi the Chief Minister." The BJP top leader also criticised West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, RJD leader Lalu Prasad Yadav and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray as leaders who desired to see their heirs in leadership positions. "However, Modi is the only leader who is working for the nation's development," he said. Shah also raised the issue of an accused person who is in jail continuing as a minister in Tamil Nadu. "Stalin should be ashamed of retaining V Senthil Balaji, arrested in an Enforcement Directorate case and in jail, in the cabinet," the Union Minister said. "Can a person in jail continue as a minister," he asked. "Should Senthil Balaji not have resigned? Even if Senthil Balaji resigns, Stalin will not accept it because he is afraid that all secrets will be disclosed," Shah said a single tweet of BJP state chief Annamalai has rattled the DMK regime, a reference to the state BJP leader's allegations of corruption vis-a-vis the 'DMK Files'. "Imagine what will happen when Annamalai takes the yatra across the state," he asked. Shah later flagged off the 'En Mann, En Makkal' padayatra alongside state BJP president K Annamalai. The yatra, which will go on for six months, marks the start of BJP's poll campaign ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha election. The yatra will cover all 234 assembly constituencies in the State. (PTI)

extraordinary circumstances, such as medical leaves.

This reminder comes after multiple instances of staff members flouting the leave protocols, causing disruptions in the institute's functioning. To address this issue effectively, the SKIMS administration has reemphasized the need for staff to comply with the prescribed leave application timelines. "Employees intending to avail earned leave or Ex-India leave are urged to follow the instructions diligently." For earned leave, staff members, as per the directives, are required to apply well in advance, preferably at least 15 days before the planned leave period. Similarly, for Ex-India leave, the circular instructs employees to submit their applications a minimum of 45 days before the intended leave date through their respective Heads of Departments (HoDs).

SKIMS asks employees to follow leave protocols properly

SRINAGAR, July 28: The Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) in Sura has taken note of employees proceeding on leaves without the proper approval from the authorities, directing strict adherence to the prescribed protocols in this regard.

"It has been observed that many staff members under the administrative purview of the Hospital Administration Department of Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Sura, apply for leaves on short notice and leave the department without waiting for the sanction orders from the Competent Authority," reads a circular issued in this regard. The directives emphasize that no employee at SKIMS should take leave without obtaining proper sanction orders, except under

Activist raises concern over non-functional street lights

JAMMU, July 28: Residents of Ward Number 24 here alleged that their area has been engulfed in darkness for the past month due to non-functional street lights.

Aastik Kohli, a local activist, claims, he has been working tirelessly to find a solution, but unfortunately, his efforts have been met with indifference from the concerned authorities. He said his team have made several complaints to the Executive Engineer of JMC Electric Wing and the Lineman, Sudhir Sharma, regarding the malfunctioning street lights. He further said that his team had also reached out to Chandra Shekhar, the supervisor of ESSL Company responsible for managing the street lights but no significant action has been taken on their complaints. "The consequences of this ongoing problem have been severe, with the safety and security of residents significantly compromised, especially during early mornings and late evenings," Kohli said. Aastik Kohli demanded urgent attention of the authorities in maintenance of the non-functional street lights.

2 fraudsters held with stolen cash

POONCH, July 28: The police arrested two fraudsters along with stolen cash from Pooch area today.

Official sources said that today a woman namely- Diksha Sudan, wife of Abhishek Uttam, Ward No 8, Poonch appeared in Police Station Poonch and gave a written complaint regarding ATM card swapping that happened on July 23, 2023 and cash Rs 40,000 was stolen fraudulently by the fraudsters. In this connection, a case FIR No.113/2023 U/S 420/379 IPC was registered at PS Poonch and investigation of the case entrusted to PSI Sushant Singh. During investigation the police team with the help of some technical and human inputs identified accused and launched a manhunt to apprehend them. After hectic efforts, the accused namely Mohd Shabir, son of Zakir Hussain, resident of Mangar Poonch and Kiran Sharma, son of Joginder Sharma from Talab Tillo, Jammu were arrested and Rs 33,000 out of the stolen amount was recovered from their possession.

Illegal structure demolished in Behramgala

POONCH, July 28: A structure constructed on the State land was demolished today at Behramgala.

The structure was raised on State land on July 23-24, 2023, at midnight near the bus stand in Behramgala. The demolition drive was conducted in the presence of Naib Tehsildar Chandimarh, Ist Class Executive Magistrate with the help of a police party. The aim of the demolition drive was to remove illegal structures and ensure that public land is protected from illegal occupation. The administration will continue to take action against those who violate the law and protect public land for the benefit of the community.

Deptt of Psychology organizes lecture cum interaction session

JAMMU, July 28: The Department of Psychology, University of Jammu, organized a lecture cum interaction session, here today.

Prof Hardeep Lal Joshi from Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University, was the resource person. He emphasized the critical importance of Clinical Psychology in today's society and explained students how to take admission in M Phil Social and Medical sciences. He mentioned top 10 institutes in India where psychology students can opt for M Phil and considered NIMHANS as one of the best institutes not only in India but also in Asia for clinical psychology. Prof Joshi gave lecture on increasing challenges to mental health. Phenomenology, a branch of psychology that explores the subjective experience of individuals, was another intriguing topic Prof Joshi touched upon. During the session, the resource

Samba police seizes 5 more vehicles for illegal mining

SAMBA, July 28: In continuation to drive against illegal mining launched on the directions of SSP Samba, Benam Tosh, police has seized five more vehicles which were being used for illegal mining in district Samba.

Police teams comprising of SHO, Police Station (PS) Vijaypur, Tribhawan Khajuria, SHO Police Station, Purmandal, Vijay Verma, SHO PS, Ghagwal, Bharat Bhushan, SHO PS, Samba, Rajeshwar Singh and In charge Police Post (PP) Goran, Sajid Jaral under the supervision of DySP, Garu Ram, SDPO Vijaypur, Rohit Kumar, SDPO, Bari Brahmana, Rahul Nagar and Additional SP, Samba, Surinder Choudhary have seized five more vehicles being used for illegal mining at different locations in Samba district. The seized vehicles included one dumper bearing Registration No. JK21G-6599, two tractor trolleys with Registration Nos. JK21C-0800 & JK21G-8797 and two tractor trolleys without registration Nos. Senior Superintendent of Police, Samba, Benam Tosh said that total 103 vehicles have been seized in past six months for illegal mining by Samba police after launching special drive against illegal



DC Samba Abhishiek Sharma during visit to Bhamu Chack Temple.

DC Samba reviews restoration work of century-old Bhamu Chack Temple

SAMBA, July 28: District Development Commissioner (DC) Samba, Abhishiek Sharma today visited the Bhamu Chack Temple to oversee the ongoing restoration work being carried out by the Archives Department in collaboration with the Public Works Department (PWD).

The DC stressed on ensuring the preservation of the temple's ancient charm and magnificence throughout the restoration process. For this, the executing agency was directed to seek the assistance of a qualified consultant/architect with expertise in heritage conservation and construction. During the inspection, the DC emphasized the promotion of the border tourist circuit, particularly focusing on the pilgrim spots of Baba Chamliyal and Bhamu Chack Temple. To facilitate seamless exploration for tourists and visitors, the DC instructed the engineers to install signages at these sacred locations. These signages will provide essential information about the twin places to enable the tourists visiting one site to

discover and access the other, enhancing their overall pilgrimage experience. Later, the DC proceeded to Village Abtal, where he inspected the construction works under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). The DC expressed the administration's commitment to provide affordable housing to all deserving beneficiaries under this flagship government scheme. Furthermore, the DC also inspected the progress of work on community bunkers, which are being developed to ensure the safety and security of the locals in times of cross border shelling. These bunkers are part of the administration's efforts to strengthen disaster preparedness and protect the lives of residents residing in vulnerable areas. The District Commissioner's visit underscores the administration's dedication to preserve cultural heritage, promoting tourism, and ensuring the well-being of the residents. Such proactive and comprehensive assessments are pivotal in achieving holistic development and sustainable growth for the district.

person also spoke passionately about empathy. Further, he shed light on the challenges individuals face due to lack of necessary skills, both in personal and professional settings. It was also discussed how the quality of therapeutic alliance can influence treatment adherence, motivation and over all client satisfaction. The engaging lecture concluded with an interactive session Q&A session where attendees had the opportunity to seek Prof Joshi's expertise on various mental health concerns and related subjects. Earlier, the session started with a welcome note by Dr Sarita Sood, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology. Prof Sangeeta Gupta, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences and I/C HOD, Department of Psychology, presented her views on the importance of Mental Health. The event witnessed a substantial gathering of students and scholars among the faculty members. Dr Priyanka Sharma and Dr Pallavi Sachdeva were also present.

Rajput Sabha releases widow pension

JAMMU, July 28: Shri Amar Kshatriya Rajput Sabha today organized a program under the chairmanship of President Bishan Singh at the Sabha office in Purani Mandi wherein widow pension amounting Rs 2.14 lakh was released.

On behalf of the Rajput Sabha, the four-month pension was released in favour of 105 widow women. Speaking on the occasion, Bishan Singh said that the objective of this scheme is to help such women, who are unable to earn livelihood by their own means and need financial assistance from the Sabha. The rate of pension, which was Rs 50 per month at the beginning of the scheme, has been increased to Rs 500 per month, per beneficiary from the last few years, he added. Vice President of the Sabha, Jagdish Singh, Shamsher Singh, Virender Singh, Baldev Singh, M S Janwal, Mangleshwar Singh, Sukhdev Singh and others were present on this occasion



Resource Person delivering lecture during an interaction programme at the Department of Psychology in JU.