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in Kashmir; were discussed in the meeting.
So far, 11 people have lost their lives in shootings targeting civilians in Jammu and Kashmir this month. On Sunday, terrorists had shot dead two workers from Bihar and injured another after barging into their accommodation in Kulgam in south Kashmir.
In the meeting, the home minister also reviewed the current Left Wing Extremism (LWE) scenario in various Naxal-affected states and discussed busting of terror modules across the country, the sources said.
The meeting is part of the exercise initiated by the home minister to meet the top police brass once in six months.

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the highest number of cases at 39, followed by 10 in Baramulla, they added.
There are 816 active cases in the union territory, while the number of recoveries was 3,25,893.
Meanwhile, officials said, there were 47 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus).

Dubai, J&K ink...

including industrial parks, IT Towers, multi-purpose towers, logistics, medical college, super specialty hospital and many other projects, he added.
Expressing his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for unprecedented development of the UT, the Lt Governor said that the Rs 28,400 Crore Industrial Development Scheme is already attracting huge industrial investment in the UT.
Jammu & Kashmir has received a proposal worth Rs 30,000 crores in just a few months after the second wave of the pandemic and we hope to get the proposals of around Rs 60,000 crores in the coming times, he added.

This MoU is about Jammu Kashmir's prospect and I am confident it will set the pace in the business sector of the future that is key to the prosperity of people. It renews the foundation of cooperation and reaffirms the government's commitment to build Aatm-Nirbhar Jammu Kashmir; that will immensely contribute to Aatm-Nirbhar Bharat, observed the Lt Governor.
"The government is committed to develop a new industrial culture in Jammu & Kashmir; create greater bonds and enhance the scope of investments in future to build the world's best business enterprises in the UT", said the Lt Governor.
We have developed an ecosystem for incubating and unfurling start-ups in various sectors of the Union Territory of Jammu Kashmir. With this MoU, the Government of J&K and Government of Dubai have drawn out strategy on future investments, observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor also spoke on the deep relationship shared by Jammu Kashmir and Dubai based on the common values, mutual trust, respect and fair trade of popular products.
The Government of Dubai is willing to explore the opportunity of potential cooperation with the government of Jammu & Kashmir. The presence of Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem in today's conference and our initiative to start the first International flight to Sharjah from 23rd October reflects our commitment to foster strong business cooperation, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also thanked Union Minister for Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal for giving a focused attention towards creating a smart industrial ecosystem in J&K, and tirelessly making efforts to bring investment and build an efficient pool of skilled human capital for sustained growth.

Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman & CEO of DP World, Dubai expressed confidence that the MoU would bring many opportunities to transform the Industrial sector in Jammu Kashmir. He informed that DP World is a leading provider of smart logistics solutions, enabling the flow of trade across the globe.
Working on the lines of Make in India, J&K will be connected to all major ports in India for transporting the unique products and Agriculture, Horticulture produce across the country and the world, he added.

Sulayem said the investments by his firm will be part of the 'Make in India' initiative and many products will come out of Kashmir to reach the world.
"This country is beautiful and this region has vast potential. There are many products like carpets which i have seen and are best in the world, there are agricultural products as well," he said while talking about the products that had potential to be marketed globally.

Sulayem said the problem was that products need markets.
"While there is need for soft solutions like apps, there is need for hard solutions like investments and well. The solutions will allow the producer to put his projects in the market due in no time through ports and airports," he said.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Yuvraj Narayan, Group Chief Financial, Strategy and Business Officer; DP World; Ranjan Prakash Thakur; Principal Secretary Industries and Commerce, J&K; Team members of DP World, besides senior officials of the J&K Government were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Union Minister for Textiles, Commerce and Industries and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal visited Pahalgam on Monday.

The Union Minister inspected stalls put up by various departments including Animal Husbandry, District Industries, ICDS, Social Welfare, Horticulture, Sheep Husbandry, Handloom and Handicrafts Department among others.

Union Development Commissioner Handicrafts, Shantmanu, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Ranjan P Thakur; Commissioner Secretary FCS&CA, Zubair Ahmad, DDC Chairman Anantnag, DC Anantnag and other officials of district administration were present on the occasion.

Piyush Goyal while interacting with various officials at the stalls took a brief description of the various products on display. He also inquired regarding the production of these products. He specially laid emphasis on promoting products that can add up to the export potential of the UT. He gave directions to the district administration to extend all possible support to the local entrepreneurs and artisans for increasing productivity.

The minister also distributed baby kits among newly born female infants under the Beti

Bachao Beti Padhao scheme. Under the Ladli Beti scheme, grants were distributed among beneficiaries. He distributed sanction letters among beneficiaries for purchase of milk vans. Tricycles were also distributed among specially-abled persons through social welfare department.

The Union minister met delegations of recently elected PRI members who apprised the minister of their active participation in the planning and execution process. The delegation commended the efforts of district administration for taking them onboard in development decisions.

Goyal while appreciating the efforts of the district administration in taking PRIs onboard, assured the PRIs of speedy redressal of all the grievances raised. He directed the district administration to work out plans for homestay tourism in Pahalgam that will both boost the local economy and add to the tourist potential of Pahalgam. He laid emphasis on the role of PRIs as public representatives and conduit for directing grievances of the common masses to the district administration.

Piyush Goyal also met a delegation of Industrialists from the valley. The industrialists apprised the minister of local issues being faced by the industry. There was thorough discussion on bottlenecks in export of Kashmiri shawls. There was also discussion regarding the new industrial package and need to extend the package to existing industrial units to ensure their growth.

The Minister assured the delegation of all possible support from the central government for promotion of local industries. Taking immediate action on bottlenecks faced in export of shawls and directed the authorities to setup testing facilities at Srinagar and Delhi airport while simultaneously upgrading the local testing facilities with state of the art machines.

He also proposed the setting up of a carpet village that will act as a demonstration centre of the local craft to visiting tourists and also promote the local carpet industry globally. He laid stress on the fact that local industry players should play by their strengths and setup units where the UT has a comparative advantage to ensure sustenance of the industries being setup.

The Minister is on a two day visit and will inaugurate various developmental works.

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is made in terms of Section 88(4) of the Jammu and Kashmir Re-organization Act, 2019," the order stated.

"Consequent upon the approval of the Competent Authority to the grant of Study Leave in favour of Blain Sen Tuti, IPS (AGMUT:2004), sanction is accorded to his deputation to London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK, to pursue Master of Public Policy (MPP) course, with effect from November 14, 2021 to July 14, 2022," read another order.

It further stated, "Sanction is also accorded to the transfer of Sheikh Junaid Mehmood, IPS, SSP Armed PCR Kashmir and deputation to the Union Territory of Ladakh, until further orders or till the final allocation is made in terms of Section 88(4) of the Jammu and Kashmir Re-organization Act, 2019."

It is further ordered that Shahid Mehrzaj Rather, Commandant IR-6th Bn. shall hold the charge of the post of SSP Armed PCR Kashmir; in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

CBSE Board Exams...

board examinations for classes 10 and 12 will be conducted offline in November-December:

"The exams will be objective and the duration of the tests will be 90 minutes. The exams will start from 11.30 am instead of 10.30 am in view of the winter season. The exams for the minor subjects will be conducted by schools though the question paper will be provided by the board. All these minor subjects are not offered by all schools," Bhardwaj said.

"All schools will be sanitised before exam and effort will be made that students are not going far away. A large number of schools will be fixed as self centre only keeping in view the distance and the comfort. Efforts are to ensure there is minimum discomfort to parents and students," he added.

The plans by the board to split the session into two terms had come against the backdrop of the pandemic, which forced the cancellation of board exams for some subjects last year and a complete cancellation of the exams this year. The result was then announced on basis of alternative assessment schemes developed by the board.

"After the conduct of the term-1 exams, the results in the form of the marks scored will be declared. No student will be placed in the pass, compartment and essential repeat categories after the first term. The final results will be announced after the first and the second-term examinations," Bhardwaj said.

The examination controller further added that the second-term examination would be conducted in March-April, 2022 and whether it will be objective or subjective-type will depend on the Covid situation in the country.

Targeted killings of...

labourer sustained bullet injury. Kumar said he has conveyed his concern over the killings to Sinha.

"Every citizen is free to go to any corner of the country for work. The latest incident in which two labourers from Bihar were killed in J&K is quite serious as terrorists barged into the accommodation of the victims and fired on them. Their bodies are being brought back to Bihar," he said.

Sunday's was the third attack on non-local labourers in less than 24 hours. The deceased have been identified as Raja Rishidev and Joginder Rishidev, while Chunchun Rishidev was injured. Arvind Kumar Sah, a golgappa seller, was shot dead a few days ago.

"I hope that J&K authorities will now be alert and make adequate security arrangements to ensure that no one, especially migrant workers, is attacked there. They should obtain information about migrant workers and the place where they are residing," Kumar said. The Bihar government has announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of the deceased, and issued instructions to the department of labour and social welfare to ensure that benefits under relevant schemes reach the bereaved families.

Meanwhile, former Bihar chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi has also condemned the killings and even targeted the prime minister and the union home minister. "I'm deeply upset because our Bihar brothers are being killed in Kashmir. If Prime Minister Modi and

Home Minister Amit Shah are unable to improve the situation in Kashmir; then they should leave it to us Biharis, we will turn things around in 15 days," said Manjhi in a tweet. The terror attacks have drawn strong condemnation from political parties across the spectrum.

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phones revealed contact numbers from Pakistan and Myanmar.
Both of them were carrying valid identity cards issued by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, officials said.

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Raina said. The B-JP leader requested the migrant labourers from Bihar; Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country not to leave the Valley.

We have to work together in the national interest and defeat the conspiracies of Pakistan unitedly. There is no need to worry as we have demolished Pakistan in the past as well. The Muslims of Kashmir are also nationalist by core, he said.

During the day, dozens of migrant labourers, including women and children, reached the Jammu Railway Station from the Valley.

The situation in Kashmir is very grim we visit the place every year for a living, but have never faced such a situation, Kala Ram, a migrant labour from Rajasthan, said.

Muna Ram from West Bengal, however; said he along with his group is returning to the native place as the paddy harvesting season is over in the Valley.

We were putting up in Avantipora area of south Kashmir's Pulwama. We used to work in paddy fields. We got our wages and left, he said, hoping to return next year.

Some labourers from Chhattisgarh working in brick kilns in Kakapora area of Pulwama alleged that it was not the fear of terrorists, but the highhandedness of the brick kiln owner which forced them to leave the Valley.

The brick kiln owner forced us to leave our rented accommodation on the pretext that he is not responsible if anything happens to us. He arranged a vehicle for us, but did not pay our wages for the past five months, Lok Chand said.

He said they went to the local police station and lodged a complaint against the owner.

Police assured us that they will take up the matter with the brick kiln owner and ensure transfer of our money in our bank accounts, he said.

Meanwhile, anti-Pakistan protests continued for the second day in different parts of Jammu against the targeted killings.

Greater need to...

political relations across the world, Singh said that these economic interests do cause some stress in the relations."

"Therefore, there is a greater need to maintain peace and stability within the Indian maritime zones in order to boost the trade and economic activities," he said, according to the ministry's statement.

The India Navy's role in ensuring maintenance of peace and stability in the Indian Ocean region is going to increase manifold in the times to come, Singh said.

China claims sovereignty over all of the South China Sea, a huge source of hydrocarbons. However, several ASEAN member countries, including Vietnam, the Philippines and Brunei, have counterclaims.

According to the defence ministry, Singh stated that India supports consensus based principles and a peaceful, open, rule based and stable world order as a responsible maritime stakeholder.

He said that only those countries whose navies are strong have been successful in gaining dominance across the world and "I am happy to say that our Navy is playing an important role in our maritime and national security".

The statement said that Singh expressed happiness that in the last five financial years, more than two-thirds of the Navy's modernisation budget has been spent on indigenous procurement.

It is a matter of great pride to know that out of 41 ships and submarines ordered by the Indian Navy, 39 are from Indian shipyards. This is a testament to the Navy's commitment to 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat', he said.

The three-day long conference, which began on Monday, will focus on addressing the contemporary security paradigms while seeking ways to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Navy, the ministry stated.

Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat, Army Chief General M M Naravane and Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari will also interact with the naval commanders during this conference to address convergence of the three Services, the ministry mentioned.

Dera Sacha Sauda...

chief was also fined Rs 31 lakh and half of the amount will go to the victim's family as compensation.

Reacting to the verdict, Jagseer Singh, son of Ranjit Singh, said it was a big day for the family as they got justice after a long wait.

Jagseer; who was eight years old when his father was murdered, said he was satisfied with the verdict, though his family was seeking death sentence for Ram Rahim Singh.

The Dera chief, who enjoyed a large following, had frequently courted controversies and after his conviction in the rape case in 2017, violence had broken out in Panchkula and Sirsa leaving over 40 dead.

Police had tightened security in Panchkula and Sirsa, where the sect is headquartered, ahead of the hearing.

In Panchkula, prohibitory orders under Section 144 were clamped.

Former Dera manager Ranjit Singh, who was also a follower of the sect, was shot dead on July 10, 2002 at Khanpur Kolian village in Haryana's Kurukshetra.

According to the CBI charge sheet, the Dera chief believed that Ranjit Singh was behind the circulation of an anonymous letter and hatched a conspiracy to kill him.

The letter narrated how women were allegedly being sexually exploited by the sect head at the Dera headquarters.

The five were convicted under relevant sections, including 302 (murder), 120 B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC.

Over two years back, the sect head was also awarded life imprisonment for the murder of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati.

DLSA Udhampur organises COVID vaccination camp

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UDHAMPUR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Udhampur under the guidance of its Chairman on Monday organized a Covid vaccination drive here at District Hospital Udhampur in Collaboration with the Health Department.

The vaccination drive was organised in connection with the Pan India Awareness and Outreach Campaign launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The aim of organising the



Doctor vaccinating a girl during the camp.

programme was to generate awareness about the Covid-19 Pandemic and vaccinate the common masses. Doctors

as resource persons threw light on the preventive measures to be taken by the people and advised them to take

the vaccine to defeat Covid-19. The Resource persons of the Programme were Dr. Vijay Raina (superintendent, District Hospital, Udhampur); Dr. Amrita Thakur (Clinical Psychologist); Dr. Deepak Koul Nudal Officer (General Physician) and Panel Lawyers Advocate Pawan Gupta, Advocate Akhil Dubey and Advocate Nikhileshwar Singh. The programme was also attended by Para Medical Staff of District Hospital, Udhampur.

The Secretary DLSA thanked the Superintendent, District Hospital and other Doctors, Para Medical Staff present and all the participants for the smooth conduct of the Awareness programme and Vaccination Drive.

PLVs, Bandna Sharma and Kunal Singh were also present in the programme. Awareness programmes on Covid-19 Pandemic were also organized by TLSCs Rammnagar, Chenani and Majalta at their respective places.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare visits Kathua

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KATHUA: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje visited Kathua District under Public Outreach Programme of Government of India on Monday.

The Union MoS e-inaugurated various projects of Public Works Departments (R&B) costing Rs 519.50 lakh, laid e-foundation stones of different projects under JJM worth Rs 198.2 lakh. She also inaugurated Pasteurized Compost Unit under Trikuta Mushroom Corridor Project, Barmal coming up at the cost of Rs 46.94 lakh to boost Mushroom Production in the district.

The Union minister gave away farming equipment, tractors, thrashers, combined harvesters, laser levelers to farmers besides Ladli Beti passbooks, and adolescent kits to ICDS beneficiaries.

The Union MoS said the Union Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keen to uplift the agriculture community by providing financial as well as technologi-

cal support under various schemes run by the central government.

She said the government has infused Rs 1,31,000 cr to boost Agriculture and allied sectors with special emphasis on becoming export oriented economy as India has tremendous potential to satiate global demand. Projecting the recent stride made by India in Agriculture Production, the minister said the agriculture sector is now contributing over 20% in India's GDP which is expected to grow further. Referring to the initiatives of the union government to support the farmers, the minister said under PM-KISAN Yojana so far 9 installments have been credited into the accounts of 11 Crore farmers through DBT.

She further exhorted the farming community to replicate best practices of other states, for which the government is extending every possible help under its resolve to double the farmer's income.

Underscoring the importance of mix farming in enhancing the economic capacity of the farmers, the minister said the idea was to provide sustainable

means of earning viz poultry, dairy, fisheries and apiculture etc.so as to make farmers economically independent.

While appreciating the maiden proposal for establishing an all women Farmer Producer Organisation (FPO) aimed at 'Exploring opportunities in organic farming' and supporting women SHGs, the minister said that similar initiatives should be carried forward so that more farmers could be benefitted. She said that for smooth functioning of FPO, a separate corpus will be created through which the staff appointed shall be remunerated besides provision of low interest rate soft loans and subsidies shall be made. The minister emphasised on the need for technological interventions like mechanised farming, branding, marketing, processing, value addition to farm products etc so that farmers could get remunerative prices for their produce.

While throwing light on the initiatives, like digitalisation of mandies, ensuring quality check of seeds through QR code on packing etc, the minister said that in a first of its kind initiative, twenty

mandies across the country have been digitized hitherto.

"The much awaited Shahpur Kandi Project once operational will irrigate over 1 lakh hectares of land in Samba and Kathua districts relieving the farmers of the kandi belt of twin districts from facing acute water shortage for irrigation purpose" she added.

While concluding her remarks, the minister said the present dispensation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keen to empower women by extending reservation in units of local self governance and providing ample opportunities for women to explore new avenues.

DDC Chairperson Mahan Singh in his address lauded the efforts of the prime minister for working towards upliftment of the farming community through various interventions. Besides vice chairperson, DDC, BDCs also spoke on the occasion. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner, Kathua, Rahul Yadav presented the district profile and highlighted the achievements of the district in Agriculture and allied sectors.

