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morale," an Army spokesperson said.

His visit to the region came a day after he said that the "unprecedented" military standoff with China required an immediate response and large-scale mobilisation of resources at a time when the country was faced with the coronavirus pandemic.

"The unprecedented developments necessitated large scale resource mobilisation, orchestration of forces and immediate response, all this in a Covid-infested environment," he said while delivering a lecture at an industry chamber on Thursday.

Also on Thursday, India hit out at China for attempting to blame it for the border row and asserted that the "provocative" behaviour and "unilateral" attempts by the Chinese military to alter the status quo along the LAC in the region seriously disturbed peace and tranquillity.

The comments by External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi came in response to China's fresh allegations that the "root cause" of the tensions between the two countries was New Delhi following a "forward policy" and "illegally" encroaching Chinese territory.

The border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries erupted on May 5 last year in eastern Ladakh following a violent clash in the Pangong lake area. Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process in the Gogra area last month.

In February, the two sides completed the withdrawal of troops and weapons from the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in line with an agreement on disengagement.

Each side currently has around 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the sensitive sector.

IPS officer among...

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Javaid Iqbal Tabassam, DySP JKAP-6th Bn has been posted as DySP Traffic Samba/Kathua; Tahir Amin Sheikh, DySP DAR Kulgam as DySP AHJ Jammu; Sajad Ahmad Malik, DySP PC Hajin Bandipora as DySP Mir Bazar; Satish Bhardwaj, SDPO Arnas as DySP CID CI Udh/Reasi; Shahjahan Choudhary, SDPO Shaheed Gunj as SDPO West Srinagar; Dheeraj Singh Katoch, DySP DAR Kishtwar as DySP CID CI JIC Jammu; Kosheen Koul, SDPO Domana as DySP PCR Jammu; Zafar Mahdi, SDPO/PC Pattan as DySP PC Srinagar; Mohd Nawaz Khandey, DySP PC Baramulla as SDPO/PC Pattan; Mudassar Hussain, DySP JKAP-4th Bn (Sec) as DySP Security Civil Sectt; Pardeep Singh Sen, SDPO Atholi as DySP Hqrs Ramban; Khalid Ashraf, SDPO Mahore as DySP PC Srinagar; Ali Mohd Baba, DySP Traffic Budgam as DySP JKAP-13th Bn; Nazir Ahmad Bhat, DySP JKAP-3rd Bn Sec as DySP STC Sheeri; Anita Pawar, DySP UTRDRF-2nd Bn as DySP Civil Defence Jammu; Sunil Singh, DySP Traffic City Jammu as SDPO Domana; Satish Kumar, DySP PC Kathua as DySP Hqrs Kishtwar; Vikram Singh, DySP SCRB Jammu as SDPO Atholi; Dinesh Gupta, DySP Estates/Welfare Jammu as DySP CID CI Kathua; Gurvinder Kour, DySP PCR Jammu as DySP UTRDRF-2nd Bn; Rakesh Kumar, DySP CID CI Kathua as DySP PTWS Jammu; Bilal Hussain, DySP AHJ Srinagar as DySP Traffic Budgam; Parvez Ahmad, DySP JKAP-4th Bn (Sec) as DySP Estates/Welfare, Jammu; Altaf Ahmed Dar, SO to DIG Railways J&K as DySP ANTF Kashmir; Adil Mushtaq, SDPO Gurez as DySP AHJ Srinagar; Ummer Rashied, DySP DAR Ganderbal as DySP Tech SS-II CID Hqrs; Nazir Ahmad, DySP STC Sheeri as DySP JKAP-3rd Bn Security; Zia-ul Haq, DySP IR-22nd Bn as DySP DAR/PC Kishtwar; Latief Ahmad Khan, DySP PC Budgam as DySP PC Hajin Bandipora; Farha Nishat, DySP PC Srinagar as DySP SCRB Jammu with additional charge DySP PC Jammu; Paramvir Singh, DySP CID CI JIC Jammu as DySP PCR Jammu; Tilak Raj Bhardwaj, DySP Hqrs Samba as DySP PC Kathua; Gh. Mohi-ud-Din, SDPO Kothibagh as SDPO Khansahib; Saraj Din, DySP JKAP-13th Bn as DySP JKAP-6th Bn.

Terrorist gunned down...

and his body was retrieved from the site of the encounter, the spokesman said.

As per police records, he had joined the terror fold recently and was linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT, he said.

"He (Lone) was responsible for creating terror among the locals and had been coercing innocent citizens to sympathise with anti-national elements," the official added.

The spokesperson said incriminating materials and arms and ammunition, including a pistol and a magazine, were recovered.

All the retrieved materials have been taken into ease records for further investigation and to probe their complicity in other terror crimes, he said.

In a related development, a man accused of being involved in the martyrdom of a police inspector in the Nowgam area here has been arrested, police said.

Inspector Parvez Ahmad was martyred by terrorists when he was on his way to the mosque to offer prayers in Nowgam on the outskirts of the city on June 22 this year.

"Police in Srinagar have arrested one accused involved in the martyrdom of Inspector Parvez Ahmad. He has been identified as Muheeb Bashir Dar, a resident

of Manganwagi," a police spokesman said.

He said Dar also is involved in many other terror-related incidents.

Meanwhile, a terrorist of the Lashkar-e-Taiba outfit was arrested in Shopian district.

"On a specific input regarding the movement of terrorists and their planning to attack security forces, a joint checkpoint was established at Mujhmarg Junction," the spokesman said.

He said a suspicious person was intercepted who on seeing the search party tried to flee but was apprehended.

"He has been identified as Kamran Bashir Hajam, an active terrorist of proscribed terror outfit LeT," the spokesman.

One hand grenade and 29 rounds of 7.62 mm caliber pistol were recovered from his possession, he said.

Accordingly, a case vides FIR no. 117/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered at PS Zainapora. Further investigation is going on.

In the meantime, acting on a specific input generated by Pulwama Police, a cordon and search operation was launched jointly by Police, 55RR and 182Bn CRPF in the orchards of village Nikloora.

During search, one active terrorist of proscribed terror outfit LeT was apprehended. He has been identified as Shamim Sofi son of Gh Mohammad Sofi resident of Nikloora. As per police records he had joined the terror folds in July 2021.

Incriminating material, arms and ammunition including one pistol was recovered from his possession.

March 2022 timeline...

officers. The meeting was attended by Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Dr Raghav Langer; Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Anshul Garg; Director Survey of India, Director Command Area Development, Chief Engineer Irrigation, Director Agriculture Production, Regional Director Survey and Land record, Consultant JaKLARMA, Senior Manager RamTech and other concerned officers.

For speedy completion of the computerization of revenue records, he directed the officers to take up all remaining work in one go and set March 2022 deadline for the completion of 100 % work.

During the meeting, the RamTech officials gave a detailed powerpoint presentation and apprised the Additional Secretary about the overall progress in Jammu.

Pertinently, the ambitious Project to provide digital land titling guarantee to the land holders of Jammu and Kashmir was launched by floating Request For Proposal (RFP) in Public Domain on 27.06.2020 under Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).

The Project includes Data Entry/Re-Entry/Conversion of all textual Records, Digitization (Vectorisation) of Cadastral Maps, (Mussavis), Survey/re-survey with the usage of CORS Net based methodology for updation of Land Records, integration with Record of Rights (RoR).

The meeting was informed that 99% of revenue document records have been scanned and scanning of Revenue Maps has been completed, while 98% digitization of current maps of Jammu and Srinagar district has been completed while the work is in progress.

It was further informed that work on Monumentation of Ground Control Points, DGPs survey on GCPS points, Updation of Jamabandies, Development of Cadastral Information system is 100 percent complete.

The Additional Secretary directed the concerned officers to engage more vendors and club all the phases and complete the process at the earliest. He said that Government of India is ready to provide every possible support for early completion of the work.

He further said that the Revenue Land Records play an important role in all developmental activities of various allied departments, so Jamabandies written and updated should be error free. He further asked the concerned officials to ensure close monitoring of the data to create an error free digitized record within the stipulated time frame.

PM launches second...

This is like a double whammy as they are away from home, and stay in such a situation, Modi said adding that Babasaheb's great emphasis was on changing this situation.

India is processing about one lakh tonne of waste every day, he said, asserting that garbage mountains in cities will be processed and removed completely under the new phases of the two missions.

The prime minister said that in 2014, people took a pledge to make India open defecation free and they fulfilled this pledge with the construction of more than 10 crore toilets.

Now, the goal of SBM-Urban 2.0 is to make the cities completely free of garbage, he said and underlined the scope of the country's target in the next phase of AMRUT as 'improving sewage and septic management, making our cities water safe cities and ensuring that no sewage drains anywhere in our rivers'.

Modi noted that the young generation has taken the initiative to strengthen the cleanliness campaign.

"Toffee wrappers are no longer thrown on the ground, but kept in pockets. Small children now urge the elders not to litter," he said.

"We have to remember that maintaining cleanliness is not just for a day, a fortnight, a year or for a few people, it is a mega campaign for every day, every fortnight, every year, for everyone and a continuous programme from one generation to another," the prime minister said.

The journey of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and AMRUT Mission so far makes every countryman proud, he said, adding "In this, there is a mission, there is respect, there is dignity, there is also the ambition of a country and there is also unmatched love for the motherland."

He said that when the country started the campaign in 2014, less than 20 per cent of the waste generated every day in the country was processed.

He said that the country is processing about 70 per cent of daily waste and we have to take it to 100 per cent.

He also talked about enhanced allocations for the Urban Development Ministry. He said in the preceding 7 years before 2014, the Ministry was given about 1.25 lakh crore rupees while in 7 years from 2014 almost 4 lakh crore rupees were allocated for the ministry.

According to the government, the outlay of SBM-U 2.0 is around Rs 1.41 lakh crore.

The use of modern technology is also continuously increasing for the development

of cities in the country. The prime minister also mentioned recently-launched the National Automobile Scrappage Policy, and pointed out that this new scrapping policy strengthens the campaign of waste to wealth and a circular economy.

Modi also referred to street vendors and hawkers as one of the most important partners of any city in the program related to urban development.

He reiterated that PM Svanidhi Yojana has come as a new ray of hope for these people.

"More than 46 lakh street vendors have come forward to avail benefits under Svanidhi scheme and 25 lakh people have received 2.5 thousand crore rupees," he said.

He also said that these vendors are promoting digital transactions and maintaining a very good record of paying back their loans. He expressed happiness that big states like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have taken the lead in implementing the scheme.

In line with the vision of the prime minister, SBM-U 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 have been designed to realise the aspiration to make all cities garbage free and water secure, according to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

These missions signify a step forward in the march towards effectively addressing the challenges of rapidly urbanising India and will also help contribute towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, the PMO said.

SBM-U 2.0 envisions to make all cities garbage free and ensure grey and black water management in all cities other than those covered under AMRUT, make all urban local bodies open defecation free+ and those with a population of less than one lakh as open defecation free+++, thereby achieving the vision of safe sanitation in urban areas.

The mission will focus on source segregation of solid waste, utilising the principles of 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle), scientific processing of all types of municipal solid waste and remediation of legacy dumpsites for effective solid waste management, the PMO said.

COVID VACCINATION: Ensure...

besides Divisional Commissioners Kashmir/ Jammu, Inspectors General of Police, Kashmir/ Jammu, all Deputy Commissioners, all District Superintendents of Police along with MD, National Health Mission, Director, Family Welfare, and other concerned officers participated in the meeting.

It was informed that in Jammu and Kashmir, 12,10,920 tests per million population are being done and 0.21% daily positivity rate is being reported against the national average of 4,21,449 tests per million and positivity rate of 1.49% respectively.

So far, 1,14,31,276 vaccination doses have been administered to the eligible population in the union territory. A total of 79,05,930 (85% of total population) people of 18 years and above age have been administered the first dose while 35,25,346 in the same age group have been given the second dose (38% of total population).A total of 13.97 lakh vaccinations remain to be done in J&K with first dose.

The Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts of district administration, Srinagar in lowering the daily positivity rate from 0.89% to 0.19% and vaccinating approximately 1,29,300 people during the previous week

Dr Mehta impressed upon all the district administrations to mobilise all resources towards universal vaccination of eligible group, including initiating door to door campaigns or week long campaigns, if necessary, to saturate all the eligible population in all districts with first dose by 105h October, 2021.

They were advised to utilize the manpower from the blocks/areas where saturation has already been achieved for dedicated vaccination drives in the left-out areas during the upcoming week while ensuring that the process of second dose vaccination does not suffer.

The Health and Medical Education Department was asked to ensure regular supply of vaccines to the districts, besides enhancing testing facilities and adequately equipping them with resources so that any increase in COVID infections is identified in the nick of time and the likelihood of third wave is stymied.

The department was further advised to reassign some of the staff from the Control Rooms to their original places of posting or in the areas facing shortage of vaccinators as a part of staff rationalisation to cater to the increased demand of vaccination in view of target dates for completion of vaccination.

Dr. Mehta stressed the need of strict enforcement of the COVID appropriate behaviour (CAB) and COVID SOPs, especially during the upcoming season of festivities. The enforcement agencies were directed to strictly implement the established protocols and levy penalties on defaulters.

RSS Chief for...

possible third wave of the Coronavirus.

He emphasized the need for proper training of the Swayamsevaks to face any challenge during the pandemic.

Pracharaks also briefed Bhagwat about various projects initiated by the Swaysevaks during the first and second wave of the deadly Coronavirus.

Sarsangchalak's meeting with Pracharaks was focused only on organizational issues and ongoing working in different fields.

Apart from briefing, Dr. Mohan Bhagwat about organizational work in J&K, Pracharaks raised queries before the and sought the Sarsangchalak and sought his guidance on some issues.

During interactions with Pracharaks, Bhagwat emphasized the need for further spreading organizational networks so as to reach out to every home with the message of the RSS.

He especially focussed on spreading the organization's network ahead of the centenary celebrations (100th years) of the foundation of RSS.

The Sarsanghchalak emphasized increasing numbers of Pracharaks to expand work on the organization.

The Sarsanghchalak mentioned the Swayamsevak of RSS must set an example for others by creating a peaceful society that takes everyone along.

He said that RSS will expand and be more organized to work towards creating such a society. We have to expand our work in scope and make it more organized, he said.

In the meeting, the Sarsanghchalak reviewed various projects initiated by the J&K RSS for the development of villages and rural economy. He gave some suggestions to the Swayamsevaks who have taken projects for village development.

During this busy schedule, the Sarsanghchalak met the girls' of Sewa Bharti hostel. He interacted with the students and inquired about their educational activities.

133 fresh COVID cases in J&K

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Friday recorded 133 fresh COVID-19 cases, which took the tally to 3,29,563, while one more death pushed the toll to 4,423, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 36 were from the Jammu division and 97 from the Kashmir division of the union territory, they said.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded the highest number of 57 cases followed by 14 cases in Budgam district. There are 1,339 active cases in the union territory, while the total number of recovered patients is 3,23,801, they said. The death toll in the union territory due to the pandemic is 4,423 as one fresh death was reported in the past 24 hours. Meanwhile, the officials said, there were 46 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the union territory as no fresh case was reported since last evening.

Modi focussed on making J&K prosperous: Union Minister

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is focussed on making Jammu and Kashmir a prosperous and developed place and has taken several measures and initiatives for the welfare of its people, Union Minister Darshana Jardosh said on Friday.

Jardosh, the Union Minister of State for Textiles and Railways, and her ministerial colleagues Faggan Singh Kulaste and Subhas Sarkar visited different part of the Kashmir Valley as part of the ongoing public outreach programme of the central government in Jammu and Kashmir.

Jardosh visited Kulgam district and took part in a series of events and activities.

She interacted with members of self-help groups and entrepreneurs who shared their success stories.

The minister said the purpose of the visit is to assess the needs and requirements of the people.

The prime minister is focussed on making Jammu and Kashmir a prosperous and developed place and has taken several measures and initiatives

for the welfare of the people, she said.

Jardosh also inaugurated some development projects.

She visited an employment and counselling centre, and distributed vehicles among beneficiaries of the 'Munkin' scheme. The government provides subsidy on the vehicles to enable the beneficiaries earn a decent livelihood.

She also inaugurated a sports competition for girls.

She highlighted the measures and initiatives taken by the central government to promote sporting culture across the country.

The minister interacted with local elected representatives who put forth various demands concerning the development and public welfare in the district as well as in their respective areas.

Kulaste, the Union Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development, visited the frontier district of Kupwara.

The minister laid the foundations of the Block Development Council office at Wavoora and the Alama Anwar Shah Sports Stadium at Kuligam.

He also laid the founda-

tions of 15 Solid Waste Management plants virtually.

Speaking at the occasion, Kulaste said the Government of India is committed to ensure overall development of all urban as well as rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

Various flagship programmes aimed at developing infrastructure and economy in rural areas like Kupwara district have been yielding better results on ground level, he said.

The minister assured that all the demands projected by the people would be taken care of properly, adding that he will discuss these issues with Prime Minister Modi and Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

He said that the government is providing 100 per cent financial assistance in agriculture, horticulture and poultry sectors and exhorted the youth to take advantage of these schemes to earn better livelihood.

Meanwhile, on the second day of his visit to Baramulla district, Union Minister of State for Education Subhas Sarkar inaugurated a multipurpose Conference Hall at

Government Degree College Baramulla that has been developed at an estimated cost of Rs 1.14 crore.

After inaugurating the conference hall, the minister held an interactive session with the students and faculty members wherein they shared their viewpoints pertaining to the educational scenario.

The students as well as faculty members appraised some important issues and grievances hampering the smooth functioning of educational ecosystem and sought their timely redressal for the betterment of the overall educational system in the district.

Sarkar formally presented the National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC) Grade 'A' to the college authorities during which he highly appreciated the college administration for meeting the requisite standards of excellence.

The minister also outlined the salient features of the National Education Policy-2020 and said that the policy can by and large fulfil the educational aspirations as it gives due consideration to activity-based learning outcomes.

Centre will take every measure to make JK number one tourist destination: Reddy

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Centre will take every measure required to make Jammu and Kashmir the number one tourist destination in the country, Union Minister for Tourism and Culture G Kishan Reddy said on Friday.

He pledged all support to the J-K administration to bring Mughal Gardens on the UNESCO Heritage map so that these places get international recognition and help in increasing foreign tourist footfall.

Reddy wrapped up his two-day visit to Kashmir as part of the Centre's special outreach programme for J-K.

Appreciating the Tourism Department for its work done during the COVID-19 pandemic, the minister said the J-K administration has done better than other states and UTs during the crisis.

J-K is progressing and moving in the right direction and the Union government is supporting the UT in every respect to take the region to uniform prosperity with the rest of India, he said.

Reddy said the Centre would take every measure required to make Jammu and Kashmir the number one

tourist destination in the country.

During his visit, the Union minister kick-started several developmental projects including a 10-bedroom tourist complex in Verinag, apple resort in Ladoora Rafiabad and wayside amenities in Awantipora among others.

In his interactions with stakeholders drawn from various segments of the tourism industry, including hoteliers, travel agents, houseboat owners, Reddy reaffirmed the commitment of the central government for the promotion of tourism and culture in the Valley.

He said the Centre will do everything in its domain to brand Jammu and Kashmir as an international tourist destination. Among other issues, the tourism stakeholders sought direct flights from different cities of the country including Hyderabad,

Kolkata, Chennai to Srinagar.

They also demanded insurance cover in case of losses, development of new and virgin tourist destinations, better mobile connectivity at tourism places, renovation of old hotels at tourism destinations like Pahalgam, Gulmarg among others.

The minister gave a patient hearing to the tourism stakeholders and assured them that all their genuine issues would be taken up for early resolution, an official statement said. He noted with appreciation the efforts put in by the Tourism Department in promoting J-K as a top destination for tourists.

Reddy expressed satisfaction over the way the department has been carrying out promotional activities, identifying new destinations and has effectively concluded capacity building and vaccination for the tourism stakeholders, the statement said.

Petrol at all-time high, diesel crosses Rs 100-mark

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel price soared to an all-time high across the country on Friday after rates were hiked again by 25 paise and 30 paise a litre, respectively. The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest ever level of Rs 101.89 a

litre and to Rs 107.95 in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers.

Diesel rates too touched a record high of Rs 90.17 in Delhi and Rs 97.84 in Mumbai.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

