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Reality of PoK...

of Pakistan. This book sheds light on harsh realities of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, where people are deprived of basic amenities, infrastructure, investment and welfare schemes. It has been kept in complete darkness for last 75 years, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor, speaking on the transformational journey of J&K said, "While the abrogation of Article 370 has brought a new dawn of hope to the aspirations of the people of J&K UT and the overall economy has taken a quantum leap, the Pakistan occupied Kashmir suffers from extreme poverty and an ailing economy".

The poverty stricken country which failed to provide even basic facilities to its people continues to make nefarious attempts to mislead our youth. The society needs to identify and unmask Pakistan and its sympathizers, he added.

The days of separatism, terrorism, corruption and dynastic politics are over in J&K. Article 370 and dynastic politics had deliberately deprived the people of UT. Now, it's a new dawn of peace and progress. J&K has set new trends in development. Today, common people have become partner in J&K's developmental journey, said the Lt Governor.

On development front, Jammu Kashmir is presenting a new example before the world. Today, the citizens of Jammu Kashmir are contributing to nation-building, creating a rich legacy for future generations. On the other hand, the neighbouring country is building terror training camps & safe haven for the terrorists, observed the Lt Governor.

J&K is witnessing progress and prosperity post-abrogation of Article 370. Health, education, infrastructure, industries, agriculture, start-ups, tourism, connectivity, sports, handicrafts, e-governance, ease of living, empowerment of farmers, youth & women, in every sector, the UT of Jammu Kashmir is emerging as a top performer, he further added.

There was a time when Pulwama used to be in the news for all the wrong reasons, but today Pulwama has become the top-ranked region in the District Performance Index and is also gradually emerging as the new business hub of the Kashmir Valley, observed the Lt Governor.

Big companies of the country and abroad are investing in Jammu and Kashmir. Social equity, transparent & accountable governance system, improved work culture have reduced the development gap of decades, added the Lt Governor.

This is the new J&K which has become synonymous with prosperity, progress of youth and welfare of the common man. The administration no longer works for a few families but for 1 crore 30 lakh citizens of J&K. We have been successful in ensuring people's trust in the Rule of Law, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor urged the people to join hands and work towards achieving peace, greater progress and for upholding the pride of the tricolor.

Sheikh Khalid Jehangir, author of the book, threw light on the contents of the book and gave a comparative overview of the development scenario of Jammu Kashmir and PoK.

Prof. Nilofar Khan, VC, University of Kashmir; Ashish Sood, Senior Politician; Rana Banerji, Distinguished Fellow at Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies and Renu Kaul Verma, CEO Vitasta Publishing Limited were also present on the occasion at India International Centre, New Delhi.

Organized by International Centre for Peace Studies, the book launch event was followed by a session on "Jammu Kashmir: 75-Glorious Years and Looking Ahead."

2,600 tablets of...

Control Officers of District Srinagar and Budgam Junaid Naseer, Sameer Sajad, Rumeesa Mohammad.

The Trackon Courier delivered the said consignment to Hilal Ahmad from whose possession the consignment was immediately seized by the team. The consignment was clearly meant and distributed through the unregulated channels to cause addiction amongst the youth.

The Matter is still under investigation and after proper investigation, shall be taken up with the concerned quarters and the suppliers outside the UT of Jammu

and Kashmir.

It was clearly expressed by Deputy Drugs Controller Kashmir that stringent action shall be taken against the accused persons under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 and Rules there under.

Active support of the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir Pandurang K Pole has led to successful operation in nabbing the main culprit/accused.

It is pertinent to mention here that earlier also a consignment of 715 Strips of Spasmo-proxyvon were seized from the cargo logistic space of the Srinagar International Airport. It has been resolved by the Deputy Drug Controller Kashmir that the drive shall continue to put an end to the menace of misuse of pharmaceutical preparations amongst the youth.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Drugs Controller has appealed all the stakeholders for furnishing information about illegal activities of such nature to the authorities, so that the menace of drug addiction which has become a social evil can be eradicated from the society.

The UT Drug Controller, Lotika Khajuria, appreciated the relentless efforts of the team of Drug Control officers headed by Deputy Drug Controller Kashmir and said that the efforts of the department for conducting such activities will be instrumental in saving thousands of lives. She said that the problem of drug addiction is a social evil and threatens the future of society.

Tributes paid to...

minister Gulchand Singh Charak, Maj Gen (Retd) Govardhan Singh Jamwal, highlighted the timeline of heroic accomplishments of the brigadier and his supreme sacrifice while protecting the state from the enemies' invasion in 1947.

Dr. SP Verma, President Gandhi Global Family J&K, Dr Akshay Sharma, Corporator and SSP Traffic were also present to pay tributes.

Paying tributes to the 'Saviour of Kashmir', the president of J&K Ex-Services League, Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma said, "It is historic day for us. On this day, Brig Rajinder Singh laid down his life to save J&K from going into hands of Pakistan".

"Had he not sacrificed his life, the map of India would perhaps be without crown Jammu and Kashmir. He stopped tribal raiders for four days, which provided time for Maharaja Hari Singh to sign the Instrument of Accession and time to the Indian troops to land in Kashmir", he said, adding that it is this brave act that "saved J&K from Pakistan".

Paying tributes to Brig Singh and his team of brave soldiers, the Divisional Commissioner said they fought back Pakistani raiders with limited resources and stopped them at Uri for several days, thus saving the lives of thousands of people.

He said it was because of Brig Rajinder Singh that we live in a state of freedom as he along with scores sacrificed their lives to safeguard J&K.

Speaking on the occasion, Mukesh Singh said that today "We are celebrating this day in Jammu only due to the action of Brigadier Rajinder Singh in 1947 when he saved Jammu and Kashmir against the invasion by Pakistan." He further said that Jammu Region is the land of Gallant Soldiers in which Brigadier Rajinder Singh stands out. He complimented the League and the JAK Rifles and the Civil Administration for making it a great occasion.

While paying tribute to one of the greatest warriors of Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of his Martyrdom Day, he thanked the League and the Army for organizing this function every year and assured that this function will now be held jointly by the J&K Government with the League and the Army. He also advised the youth to read about the History of Military in J&K. "Now a book is available on the History of the Jammu and Kashmir Operations, you must read the book and also make it a habit to glorify the History & Heritage," he added.

Maj Gen Govardhan Singh Jamwal, AVSM, Chief Patron JKESL was also present on the occasion and spoke on the occasion.

Ramesh Kumar, Divisional Commissioner Jammu and Th Gulchand Singh Charak, President Dogra Sadar Sabha also spoke about balidan of Brig Rajinder Singh, MVC

Cultural programmes based on patriotic themes were also presented by schoolchildren, artistes of the Department of Information and Public Relations and J&K Academy of Art Cultural and Languages.

October 26 is celebrated as 'Accession Day'. It was on this day in 1947 when the

then Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession, making Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India.

J&K Bank to...

in Jaiprakash Associates Limited and Rs 126 crore in Coastal Energen Private Limited.

Jammu and Kashmir Bank's Rs 960 crore NPAs are part of the Rs 9,234 crore bad assets of the Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) lenders that the NARCL has offered to buy at Rs 3,570 crore in the first phase.

The proceeds from the sale of the NPAs, which the NARCL is doing on 15-85 basis over a period of five years, will aid Jammu and Kashmir bank's plans to raise capital for its foray into markets beyond the union territory of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The bank has set a goal of raising Rs 2,000 crore capital by the end of the current fiscal to fuel its expansion plans.

The bank has started 27 new business initiatives over the past five months while making gold loans available at 152 of its branches. It has also opened cluster offices in Mohali, Lucknow and Bengaluru.

The bank declared Q2 results earlier this week, which showed an increase of net profits to Rs 243 crore, up by 119 per cent on a year-on-year basis.

The good performance of the bank has also been reflected in the price of its shares on the stock exchange. The JK Bank share has witnessed an appreciation of 33 per cent in its value over the past 30 days.

Let terrorist killed...

terrorist. However, taking advantage of the darkness, the other terrorist managed to flee to PoJK side," he added.

In a search operation launched at the site this morning, one AK series rifle, two pistols and a large quantity of ammunition and war-like stores were recovered, according to the statement.

Timely action and close coordination between the Indian Army, the Jammu and Kashmir Police and other intelligence agencies led to foiling of the infiltration attempt and potential threat to peace in the hinterland, the spokesperson said.

"Continued engagements along the Line of Control are uncanny reminders of efforts by Pakistan to infuse terrorism in Kashmir and disrupt peace and harmony while putting on the facade of ceasefire understanding," he said.

"The youth in PoK are being used as cannon fodder by Pakistan state policy from the last three decades with a fruitless aim to constantly disrupt progress towards collective peace," he said.

Meanwhile, an encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Baramulla district, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Wanseeran Taripora in Sheer area of Baramulla district following information about presence of terrorists, a police official said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire on the security forces who retaliated. No casualties have been reported in the encounter so far, the official added.

Modi to address...

accordance with the 'Panch Pran' (five pledges) announced by Modi in his Independence Day speech.

The 'shivir' in the spirit of cooperative federalism will bring more synergy in planning and coordination between various stakeholders at Centre and state levels, it added.

Participants will deliberate on issues like modernisation of police forces, cyber-crime management, increased use of IT in the criminal justice system, land border management, coastal security, women safety and drug trafficking among other issues.

The five pledges listed by Modi were working to have a developed India by 2047, erasing all traces of servitude, developing pride in India's legacy, keeping unity and fulfilling one's duties.

J&K Govt asks Mehbooba to vacate Fairview residence by or before Nov 15

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Government has asked PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti to vacate her Fairview residence by or before November 15, saying the reply furnished by her in response to the eviction notice served to her on October 15 doesn't justify retaining of the accommodation.

The Jammu & Kashmir's Estates Department has asked Mehbooba Mufti and other occupants of the Fairview residence to vacate the accommodation by or before November 15.

"Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 5 of The Jammu and Kashmir Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1988, I, hereby, order that Ms. Mehbooba Mufti, ex-chief minister and all persons who may be in occupation of scheduled premises or any part thereof to vacate the scheduled premises on

or before 15.11.2022," reads the order.

"In the event of refusal or failure to comply with this order within the period specified, provisions of sub-section (2) of section 5 of The Jammu and Kashmir Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1988 shall be invoked against you and every such person occupying the scheduled premises," it further states.

In the order, the Estates Department has said that the grounds raised by her in reply to the eviction notice don't justify her retaining the scheduled accommodation, particularly against the backdrop of the fact that the Government has communicated in writing its willingness to provide her an alternate accommodation, on security or any other ground (s).

According to the order, the Government didn't give any extension to Mehbooba Mufti to retain the accommodation beyond the order.

to protect Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistani forces. It was the first military operation of Independent India.

The Army landed at the airfield after the 'instrument of accession' was signed on October 26, 1947, between the then Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir Hari Singh and the Union of India.

Some of the key scenes of the historic Budgam landings are scheduled to be reenacted, among other events planned to be held on Thursday to mark the landmark occasion.

The defence minister and the Army chief will take part in the Infantry Day anniversary event in Jammu and Kashmir tomorrow. And, a number of other top officers of the armed forces will also be present," a senior official said on Wednesday.

In New Delhi, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery on Thursday to commemorate the historic

Kohli storms into top 10; Bhuvneshwar, Pandya too rise

■ AGENCY

DUBAI: Star India batter Virat Kohli stormed his way back into the top 10 T20I batting chart, climbing up five spots to ninth position in the latest rankings issued on

Wednesday.

Kohli has been rewarded for his heroics against Pakistan in India's T20 World Cup opener against arch-rivals Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground last Sunday. Kohli

smashed an unbeaten 82 to guide India to a memorable last-ball victory, the knock catapulting the former India captain into the top 10 of T20I batters list.

The 33-year-old hit six fours

and four sixes during his glorious innings. India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar jumped two spots to the 10th spot in the batters' rankings, while Hardik Pandya rose three places to third in the all-rounders chart following his impressive start to the T20 World Cup. Pakistan wicket-keeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan (849 rating points) continues to occupy the top spot, with New Zealand opener Devon Conway (831) rising three places to replace Suryakumar Yadav from the 17th place to the 13th position.

second position. Conway hit a 58-ball unbeaten 92 to help New Zealand thrash defending champions Australia by 89 runs in their opener. With 828 rating points in his kitty, Suryakumar dropped to the third spot but was ahead of Pakistan skipper Babar Azam (799) and South Africa's Aiden Markram (762). New Zealand's Finn Allen also moved up, courtesy of his swashbuckling 16-ball 42-run knock against Australia, which helped him to rise a whopping 17 places to the 13th position.

Use of internet, new payment mechanism by terrorists to be focus of UN meet in India

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The UN Counter-Terrorism Committee will discuss ways to deal with terrorist groups using the internet, new online payment mechanism and unmanned aerial systems.

While the first day's meet

ing will take place in Mumbai on October 28, the

second day's deliberations

will take place in New Delhi the next day.

Terrorism poses one of the most serious threats to international peace and security, said Ruchira Kamboj, Indian envoy to UN and the chair of the UN committee.

She made the remarks while addressing a press conference.

Secretary (West) in the

has started investigation.

Youth injured in mishap

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: A youth got injured due to collision of two vehicles on Wednesday. As per reports, a collision took place between a Tata vehicle (JK 20B- 7859) and Maruti car, supplying Verka milk, near village Serbad, about 2 Km away from Katra on Reasi road. In accident, car driver, identified as Karan Singh (27), son of Chain Singh, resident of Shivkhori, district Reasi was injured. As soon as information was received, a police team rushed to the spot and injured driver was shifted to Katra Hospital for treatment. Police has registered a case.

Four arrested with 19 Kg poppy straw

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBAL: Continuing its drive against menace of drugs, District Police Samba under overall supervision of SSP Samba, Dr Abhishek Mahajan arrested 4 drug peddlers and recovered about 19 Kg poppy straw like substance from their possession.

As per details, a party of Police Station Samba led by SHO Samba Insp. Deepak Jasrotia under the supervision of DySP Hqrs. Samba Mohd. Usman during vehicle checking at Nud intercepted a Tractor-Trolley without Registration number for checking. During checking, about 19 Kg Poppy straw like substance was found in cavity of bumper. On questioning, the accused disclosed their identities as Kulwant, son of Dev, resident of Kot Putoi, Hoshiarpur, Punjab (driver); Mandeep Kumar, son of Sham Lal, resident of Pholadiwal, Jalandhar (rahul, son of Deep Kumar & Roopa, son of Parkash Ram, both the residents of Sarhala Kala District Hoshiarpur, Punjab. The accused persons were arrested on the spot and contraband item along with Tractor-Trolley was also seized. FIR No 260/2022 under sections 8/15/25 of NDPS Act was registered at Police Station Samba and further investigation started.

Major bovine smuggling attempt foiled; 17 cattle rescued, truck seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police on Wednesday thwarted an attempt to smuggle cattle by tampering number plate of a truck near Ballinala and rescued 17 cattle, but truck driver managed to flee. According to information, a truck (JK02Q-1861), going from Jammu to Valley, was signaled to stop by Police in Ballinala for checking. The driver parked truck on roadside and fled from the spot on seeing police. On checking, it was found that number plate of truck has been tampered. Moreover, 1