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### PM suggests ‘One...

conference. The Prime Minister also insisted on having a police technology mission that will enable all states to have the best common technology and mutual cooperation for crime prevention. While ensuring the best technology the states should avoid any budgetary constraints that may come in the way of adoption of technological advancements, he added.

The Prime Minister said the criminal world has globalised and stressed that "we need to be ten steps ahead" of them (criminals).

He pointed out that crime is no longer localised and instances of interstate, international crimes are going up.

"That is why mutual cooperation between state agencies and between central and state agencies is becoming crucial," Modi said.

He said whether it is cybercrime or the use of drone technologies for the smuggling of weapons or drugs, the government needs to keep working towards new technologies to tackle the menace.

"The law and order system can be improved with the help of smart technology," the Prime Minister said.

He said 5G technology, along with its benefits, brings the need for a heightened alert.

"With the help of 5G, the performance of facial recognition technology, automatic number plate recognition technology, drone and CCTV related technology, are going to improve manifolds," Modi said.

But, the pace we move forward to, the world that is into committing crime has also been globalised and they have also become interstate, he said.

"They have also become forward in technology, meaning we need to be ten steps ahead of them," the prime minister said.

He requested the chief ministers and home ministers to seriously assess the need for technology, going beyond the constraints of the budget as this technology will percolate the confidence of security among common citizens.

"We need to make our law and order system smart... My request is that please don't weigh technology with budget (constraints)," Modi said in his address.

The Prime Minister mentioned the police technology mission of the central government and stressed the need for a common platform as differing technologies of different states do not talk to each other.

"Many states are working on it (technological upgrades) in their own capabilities. But what has come to the fore is that our technologies do not talk to each other and that is why our energy gets wasted," Modi said.

He asked the states to "think with a big heart" about a common platform. "We should have a pan India outlook, all our best practices should be interoperable and should have a common link," Modi said.

### No corrupt person...

theme is "Corruption free India for a developed nation".

Citing a saying in Sanskrit, the prime minister said that it is necessary to attack the circumstances due to which corruption flourishes.

In these eight years, the country is moving ahead by adopting the policy of zero-tolerance against corruption, where the message is clear that no person or institution who indulges in corruption will be spared, Modi said in his message in Hindi dated October 27.

In this way an atmosphere of trust has been created in the country in which every honest person feels proud of themselves today, he said, adding that to root out corruption, the whole process and the whole system are being made transparent.

The system is being strengthened through technology and reforms so that not only today, but also in the future there is no scope for corruption at any level and the interest of citizens is protected, the prime minister said.

Modi said that it is the duty of all in building a grand and developed India in the journey of the next 25 years of the country's independence.

This is an opportunity to accelerate efforts in building a strong and self-reliant India, he said.

"I am sure that the Vigilance Awareness Week will strengthen our resolve for nation building by promoting honesty, integrity and transparency in life," the prime minister said.

President Droupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar have also shared their message on the awareness week.

"The fight against corruption is the collective duty and responsibility of all the citizens of this great nation. The ideals of transparency and integrity are an integral part of our tradition and culture," Murmu said.

She said that a corruption free India is the vision shared by all as the country progresses towards a new and developed India.

"We need to reiterate the ideals of integrity and accountability and strive towards embracing the values that have guided us in our journey so far," the president said.

Vice President Dhankhar said that transparency, fairness and accountability are essential values for the efficient functioning of public administration.

It is the responsibility of the all citizens of the country to come together in the efforts to ensure integrity in governance, he said.

"This year, the Central Vigilance Commission has also undertaken a three-month campaign on preventive vigilance measures. I hope to see all citizens and stake holders collectively participate in large numbers in the fight against corruption," Dhankhar said.

### 3 held for...

raid in village Dulipora and rescued 14 victims, including minor girls, from the Bhat's house and adjacent places," a police official said.

During preliminary investigation, it was revealed that the accused persons used to traffic women to Budgam from other parts of the valley, he said.

More arrests are expected in the matter, the official said, adding a case has been registered at Budgam police station. The rescued victims have been shifted to Nari Niketan Rehabilitation Centre in Chadoora and a process for rehabilitating them has been initiated, he added.

### Azam Khan disqualified...

Assembly Secretariat declared the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat as vacant.

"A vacancy has been declared by the UP Vidhan Sabha Secretariat consequent upon the disqualification due to the judgment passed by the court," he said.

Dubey said, "We do not disqualify (a sitting member), we only declare vacancy (of the respective seat). Disqualification had already been done by the court order."

The Rampur MP-MLA court had on Thursday convicted Khan in a 2019 hate speech case and had sentenced him to three years of imprisonment.

The Representation of the People Act says that anyone sentenced to imprisonment of two years or more shall be disqualified "from the date of such conviction" and remain disqualified for another six years after serving time in jail.

The Rampur court had granted bail to Khan in the case besides providing him time to file an appeal against sentencing.

The case was registered against Khan in April 2019 for levelling serious allegations against administrative officials posted in Rampur; Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during an election meeting.

During the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Khan was booked for making inflammatory speeches while addressing a public meeting in Khatanagaria village of the Milak Kotwali area.

A video of Khan's statement also surfaced on social media.

Khan was released from jail earlier this year after the Supreme Court granted him an interim bail in a cheating case. He spent nearly two years in jail.

The SP leader faces nearly 90 cases, including that of corruption and theft.

He had won from the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat in the UP Assembly polls for a record 10th time. After becoming an MLA, he resigned from the Lok Sabha.

### Terror attacks declined...

Rizvi also said that two-three years ago, the flow of foreign terrorists into Kashmir was small, but now 60-70 per cent of terrorists are foreigners.

Attacks on soft targets (such as migrant workers, religious minorities) have resumed which is a precursor to attacks on hard targets, Rizvi said.

The use of drones to ferry Improvised Explosive Devices, small arms and drugs like heroin to finance the terrorist network is also on the rise, the official noted.

### Recovery of detonators...

drain near a taxi station.

Sleuths of railway police and Railway Protection Force (RPF) conducted a search operation at the railway station, platforms and parking areas, they said.

Trains were checked and patrolling on the tracks has been intensified in wake of the threat perception due to recovery of the explosive material, they said, adding sniffer dogs have been pressed into service

Checking of incoming vehicles have been intensified and people have been asked to keep a eye on suspicious objects, they said.

### Murugan holds review...

I&B working in Jammu and Kashmir for reaching out to the public through their media activities and programs.

Additional Director General, Region, Rajinder Chaudhary gave a detailed power-

point presentation on the media activities and campaigns carried out by Press Information Bureau, Jammu and Kashmir & Central Bureau of Communication, J&K, Ladakh Region along with its field units. Chaudhry also gave a detailed presentation about the activities being done under Swachhta Campaign 2.0 by PIB and CBC J&K.

The Head of Offices of DD and AIR, Srinagar, S Sanjeev and Ajay Dorey also gave PowerPoint presentations about the various activities and programs being broadcast on Doordarshan and All India Radio, Srinagar.

Besides officials and officers of different media units, the meeting was attended by Additional Director General, DD Programmes, Kanchan Prasad, Joint Director CBC J&K, Ghulam Abbas, Deputy Director, PIB, J&K, Tariq Ahmed Rather, Head RNU AIR, Srinagar, Guruprasad, Head RNU DD, Srinagar, Qazi Salman and Media and Communication Officers of PIB Jammu and Srinagar; Sheikh Mudasir Amin and Majid Mushtaq Pandit.

### Rajnath e-inaugurates 4...

constructed vented causeway was not sufficient to carry the flooded water in the rainy season. This box bridge will lead to positive changes in the social fabric of the area as a whole.

District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal along with OC 58RCC, Manjunathan were present at the site of inaugurated Road at Dhangri.

Among the others present at the event were local officers of BRO and civil administration, Sarpanch Dhangri Deeraj Sharma, Rakesh Raina and prominent personalities of the area.

The DDC appreciated the BRO for completing the projects in stipulated timelines and asked the officers to keep working with the same zeal to provide benefits to the public in terms of connectivity.

Meanwhile, the Union Defense Minister also inaugurated Surkoli Kalaroose through virtual mode the Hajibal-Z Gali-Machill road, spreading over a length of 33.96 km has been constructed with a cost of Rs. 83.66 crore by Border Roads Organization 109 RCC GREF, Kupwara.

Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray; 53 Brigade Commander, Vinod Negi; Colonel, M A Khan besides officers from army and civil administration were present on the occasion.

### GoI committed to...

Jeelani besides officers from other concerned departments.

MoS visited some new industrial units functioning in the estate and had an extensive round of infrastructure of manufacturing units.

He appreciated their business model and the state of the art technology engaged to add value to the local produce. He recognized and lauded their contribution toward self-reliance and employment generation.

The Minister also visited CA stores, Pencil slate manufacturing unit, Horticulture driven units like apple juice manufacturing plants etc. located in the estate.

During his visit to the pencil slate manufacturing unit, MoS was appraised by the authorities regarding the speciality of Pulwama in Pencil Slate manufacturing. He was informed that the district is the highest exporter of Pencil slates catering to almost 80 percent of the demand of the pencil manufacturing units in the country giving it the name of Pencil District.

During the interaction with Industrialists at IGC, several demands were raised including upgradation of Infrastructure, establishment of SIDBI office, revival of sick units, amnesty for power tariffs, connectivity of road from IGC Lassipora to Sangam connecting IGC with National Highway 44.

### Dr Mehta nominated...

Kumar, Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department.

"The officer shall directly coordinate with various stakeholders and shall be single point of contact," it added.

### Central schemes being...

of Rs 12.35 lakh under the Housing for All (Urban) scheme among the beneficiaries.

He also handed over sanction letter under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), hearing aids, prosthetics and orthotics equipment, wheel chairs, land passbooks, income certificates, Golden Cards, sports kits, sanction letters for construction of Trout and Carp fish ponds at the mini secretariat in Ganderbal to the beneficiaries.

Sonowal also launched an e-rickshaw service in the town from the mini secretariat.

"Under the ample guidance of Prime Minister Modi, the development, peace and security are going on at the same pace in the Union Territory," he said. At the 'Ayush Utsav', the minister said the country's rich traditional medicinal practices must be optimally used for the benefit and enrichment of human lives.

The Modi government has been making a concerted effort to promote the Ayush medicinal practices and supplement it with the modern medicinal treatments for a holistic recovery and wellness of the people, Sonowal said.

It is a matter of great pride that a Global Centre of Traditional Medicine is coming up in Jamnagar, Gujarat and this will further bolster the traditional medicinal practices in India as well as globally, he said.

### Rijju blasts Congress...

given our word of honour for a peaceful solution. As a great nation, we cannot go back on it. We have left the question for a final solution to the people of Kashmir and we are determined to abide by their decision."

10. "If, after a proper plebiscite, the people of Kashmir said, 'We do not want to be with India', we are committed to accepting that. We will accept it though it might pain us. We will not send an army against them. We will accept that, however hurt we might feel about it, we will change the Constitution, if necessary." (Interlocutors for Jammu & Kashmir Dileep Padgaonkar and Radha Kumar also expressed similar views in Srinagar in October 2010.)

11. "I want to stress that it is only the people of Kashmir who can decide the future of Kashmir. It is not that we have merely said that to the United Nations and to the people of Kashmir, it is our conviction and one that is borne out by the policy that we have pursued not only in Kashmir but everywhere. Though these five years (1947-1952) have meant a lot of trouble and expense and in spite of all we have done we would willingly leave Kashmir if it was made clear to us that the people of Kashmir wanted us to go. However sad we may feel about leaving, we are not going to stay against the wishes of the people. We are not going to impose ourselves on them at the point of bayonet. I started with the presumption that it is for the people of Kashmir to decide their own future. We will not compel them. In that sense, the people of Kashmir are sovereign."

12. "The whole dispute about Kashmir is still before the United Nations. We cannot just decide things concerning Kashmir. We cannot pass a bill or issue an order concerning Kashmir or do whatever we want."

13. "As a result of the plebiscite over the entire state, we would be in a position to consider the matter, so that the final decision should cause least disturbance and should take into consideration geographical, economic and other important factors."

14. Nehru bypassed the Indian Parliament and introduced Article 35A in J&K on May 14, 1954 w.e.f. May 14, 1944, when India was still under the British rule and J&K a princely state. It was done at the best of Pakistan to empower the Kashmiri leadership to declare all the non-Kashmiris a persona-non-grata in J&K.

A reference to four more statements made by the Congress on J&K after it formed coalition government at the Centre in May 2004 will also be in order:

1. Immediately after the formation of the UPA Government, the then Foreign Minister K Natwar Singh during an interview to the BBC declared that "the Government of India is prepared to redraw the political map of India if that could lead to the resolution of the Kashmir problem". The anchor was Karan Thapar. This programme took place in the fourth week of May 2004.

2. A week later, Home Minister Shivraj Patil declared that "our government has decided to reward the moderate militants". He said so in an interview to the same channel and the anchor again was Karan Thapar.

3. On February 25, 2006, none other than Prime Minister Manmohan Singh suggested at the First Round Table Conference in Delhi that "there is the need to evolve a consensus on the issues of self-rule and autonomy within the vast flexibilities provided by the Indian Constitution". This writer was part of the Round Table Conference.

4. On March 29, 2006, the J&K CM Ghulam Nabi Azad suggested that there should be "joint control of India and Pakistan over the state's waters, power projects, agriculture, sericulture, tourism, forestry and environment". Azad made this unsettling suggestion while participating in a seminar in Jammu University a day after (March 28) the then J&K Governor; Gen SK Sinha, bemoaned in the Jammu University that "the Government of India has virtually stopped calling J&K as an integral part of India".

All this should establish that Nehru and the Congress were willing to allow J&K go out of India. How sad! The saddest part of the whole situation is that even today, Congress is treading the path Nehru charted in July 1947.

### BJP appoints new...

of Samba; Rajesh Upadhyaya of Ghagwal; Ch. Shiv Kumar of Ramgarh; Brij Paul Singh of Gurha Slathia; Shamsher Singh of Baba Sidhgoria; Kulbhushan Singh Jasrotia as Mandal President of Rajpura Bainglad.

In Udhampur District, Mani Ram has been nominated as Mandal President of

Narsoo; Capt. Gopal Singh Mankotia of MAjalta; Mohan Lal Sharma as Mandal President of Khoon.

In Reasi District, Ramesh Kumar Sharma has been nominated as Mandal President of Dhansar Babal Pawan Singh of Bhomag; Ajay Seth of Pouni; Abdul Majid as Mandal President of Gulabgarh.

In RS Pura District, Vikas Dogra has been nominated as Mandal President of Chohala-Rathana; Rakesh Kumar of Khairi-Rehaal; Vikram Sandhu as Mandal President of RS Pura.

In Jammu West District, Atul Bakshi has been nominated as Mandal President of Rehari-Bakshi Nagar.

In Jammu District, Bharat Bhushan has been nominated as Mandal President of Gandhi Nagar; Neeraj Lucky Puri of Trikuta Nagar; Ranjeet Singh of Kunjwani; Vijay Sharma of Gadigarh and Raman Sharma as Mandal President of Ambphalla.

In Jammu Rural District, Bharat Bhushan has been nominated as Mandal President of Gho Manhasan; Vikramjeet Singh Manhas of Marh; Ashok Kerni of Amb Ghrota; Ajay Sharma of Bajalta; Harsh Sharma of Nagrota; Rakesh Singh as Mandal President of Raipur Domana.

In Nowshera District, Shubham Sharma has been nominated as Mandal President of Lambari; Ajay Choudhary of Nowshera-Bhawani; Ravinder Kumar of Seri; Vikram Singh of Solki; Ram Pal Bali as Mandal President of Kalakote.

In Rajouri District, Kulbir Singh has been nominated as Mandal President of Rajouri North; Babu Ram of Muradpur; Amit Sharma of Dongi Chingus; Capt Baldev Singh of Peedi; Nazir Mohammad of Budhal; Gain Chand as Mandal President of Khawas.

In Ramban District, Raghuveer Singh has been nominated as Mandal President of Ukhral.

In Doda District, Surjeet Singh Thakur has been nominated as Mandal President of Dessa.

In Kishtwar District, Bansi Lal Bhagat has been nominated as Mandal President of Kishtwar; Ravinder Sen of Dool Pochhal.

The assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are expected to be held after the revision of electoral rolls.

The assembly polls will be the first since Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution was abrogated and the state was bifurcated into Union territories in August 2019.

## CS holds interaction with PRIs



CS Dr Arun Kumar Mehta interacting with PRI representatives virtually.

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JAMMU: In the ongoing Back to Village programme the Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta on Friday held direct interaction with Visiting Officers and PRI representatives including the people present there virtually.

The session was also attended by Principal Secretary, Information and Higher Education Departments, Rohit Kansal; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar and other concerned officers.

The Chief Secretary enquired from the officers about the activities they are going to carryout. He asked them about the response of people during this programme and impressed upon them that all the genuine issues of people should find resolution during this fourth leg of the reach out programme.

Dr Mehta also asked from the PRI representatives about the kind of response from the allied departments. He asked them that all the services and utilities should be ensured in each village. He encouraged both the PRIs and people to participate in the programme for highlighting their demands besides seeking swift disposal of their grievances. He asked from each of the PRI representative about the status of Land Passbooks, Golden Cards, Ration supply, Tap Water connections, Roads, Playgrounds in Panchayats, availability of CSCs, Old age/Widow Pensions and awareness about the digital services provided by different departments.

The Chief Secretary directed the Visiting Officers to make it sure that all the field officers/officials of line departments should remain present throughout this outreach programme. He stressed on the fact that the people should be made fully aware about the hundreds of services available online besides the method of availing these services from their homes. Dr Mehta asked the Visiting Officers that the Land Passbooks by Revenue Department, Self Employment opportunities by Banks, Pensions by Social Welfare Department, Golden Cards by Health Department, Water Connections by Jal Shakti Department and other utilities like Roads, Playgrounds, Teaching staff in schools should be preferentially looked into by them. He directed for making every effort to make all these services and utilities available to villagers during the programme and deficiencies recorded for their follow-up and subsequent redressal. The Panchayats that were virtually monitored today by the Chief Secretary includes Garoora-A, Nadihal-A, Aragam in Bandipora, Gram Panchayats of Neel, Khari and others in Ramban, Kaskoot, Chareel in Banihal and dozens of others in the various other districts. Pertinant to mention here that the Chief Secretary is going to monitor this Back to Village Programme in nearly 300 Gram Panchayats throughout the UT and the exercise is going to continue in the days ahead till the culmination of this programme.

## UMEED turning wheel of transformation for J&K women

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SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission (JKRLM) is creating sustainable livelihoods opportunities and nurturing the rural women to make them self sufficient and enjoy a decent quality of life.

JKRLM also known as UMEED is turning the wheel of transformation for J&K women to become progressive and self-employed entrepreneurs. UMEED has the potential to give wings to aspirations of rural women who dream of becoming economically independent. JKRLM (Umeed) has a mandate to reach out to 66 percent of rural population across the erstwhile 125 blocks linking them to sustainable livelihood opportunities. The Mission aims to reduce poverty by building strong grassroots institutions of poor, engaging them in gainful livelihood interventions and ensuring appreciable improvement in their income on a sustainable basis.

Women Haat Srinagar provides a platform for the SHG members to exhibit their products and services. Every year a minimum of 5000 women get a chance to exhibit their products there. The enterprise of Sunita Devi of village Bal Argi, Block Budhal of District Rajouri is a fine source of inspiration for many rural women. Despite having no financial backup, Sunita started a school in the far flung area up to 8th standard with enrolment of more than 150 students with the help of JKRLM/ UMEED and earns handsome income from this venture. Similarly, 23- year old Khair un Nissa of Gongoo village of Pulwama district, who owns automatic milk collection centre, a dairy farm, a fooder shop and poly hi-tech has become inspiration after handholding from UMEED. With the help of self help group under UMEED, Khair un Nissa started with automatic milk collection center and then forayed into other businesses after she started earning from milk collection centre. She credits her success to JKRLM due to which she was able to start her ventures.

Through UMEED, hundreds of women are not only scripting their success stories in Jammu and Kashmir but are motivating others to come out of poverty and become successful entrepreneurs. Umeed is immensely helping the women entrepreneurs to exhibit and market their products.

## 15 houses gutted in Kishtwar

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JAMMU: Fifteen houses were gutted in a massive fire in Kishtwar district, officials said on Friday. No one was injured in the blaze that broke out in Chag-Gandhari area of Paddar tehsil on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday, they said. Army and police personnel along with the locals launched an operation to douse fire. By the time the blaze was extinguished, 15 residential structures were gutted due to which 23 got affected, said Kishtwar Deputy Commissioner Devansh Yadav, adding relief material for affected people is being sent.

Expressing grief over the devastating fire incident, Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari said, "I am grieved to know that a massive fire incident and extend my sympathies to all the families who have lost everything in this massive fire incident. In this hour of grief, Apni Party stands in solidarity with them." He urged LG administration to ensure swift rehabilitation of the fire victims. JKPC Working President Raman Bhalla, while expressing shock over devastating fire, said, "Pained to hear that 22 residential houses have been gutted in an inferno at Padder, Kishtwar." He said since winter is on the anvil, administration must rehabilitate and compensate victims expeditiously.