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to make last-minute changes to some rituals as well. In the case of Ishant Saini and Sangeeta's wedding, a majority of the guests left the feast amid heavy shelling by Pakistan in the R S Pura sector. Ishant Saini's brother Deepak told PTI, "We are feeling sorry for the guests who left in panic without enjoying the feast after being informed about Pakistani shelling in our village."

He said that they had to make last-minute changes to some of the marriage rituals as well. "As per our tradition, the 'phere' was supposed to be performed at the bride's house. But since it is located near the zero line, we decided to perform this important ritual at this venue as well," Deepak told PTI at the marriage hall. "This is the time for harvesting paddy. But the Pakistani firing forced the labourers to flee. It is after a gap of four to five years that our village came under (mortar) shelling from Pakistan," said Deepak Choudhary a local of Nai Basti village.

He said that at least half a dozen shells landed in the village, leaving her relative Rajni Bala injured. She is now undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu.

"We had forgotten about the cross-border shelling... now we are in panic as the underground bunkers are not in proper condition," he said.

Vijay Kumar, a soldier who had come to his village on leave said, "We had to leave our village as we cannot take shelter in underground bunkers which have not been used for a long time. How long will we tolerate shelling from Pakistan?"

He said since this is the season of weddings, people initially took the sound of firing as bursting of firecrackers but as the intensity grew, they fled for safety.

Highlighting the need for upkeep of the underground bunkers, Vijay Kumar said these have turned into dens of snakes and poisonous insects.

"These shelters must be cleaned immediately and must have an electricity supply, he said.

Rupali Devi, who along with her husband also left their village, said all the people residing in the border areas do not have access to underground bunkers.

"We have not thought of a situation where we have to leave our homes again. While I am outside the village, many of my family members are there. Thankfully they are safe," another local Sohan said.

Meanwhile, in the aftermath of major ceasefire violation by Pakistan, a group of students from a government middle school near the border town attended classes in an underground bunker built in its complex.

According to the school management, the decision to hold temporary classes inside the bunker in Suhagpura, one of the last villages two kms from Arnia town, was taken this morning to address the concern of the parents following heavy shelling by Pakistan last night.

"The school falls within the range of Pakistani shelling and most of the 50-odd students did not turn up in view of the tense situation. However, those who did were accommodated inside the underground bunker within the school premises," Anju Seth, a teacher from the school, said. In all, 15 students took classes in bunker.

She said the school got numerous phone calls from the panic-stricken parents since morning. "We told them that it was their call whether they wanted to send their wards to the school, and that the management had decided to hold the classes in the bunker for the safety of the students for the time being."

Sethi said the government has built underground bunkers for the border residents for a purpose and "we are using the facility for the benefit of the children."

Himankshi Devi, a class 8 student, said her family decided to move to a safer place after the heavy shelling by Pakistan.

"We were frightened by the shelling but I motivated them to stay back. I want to attend my school otherwise my studies will get impacted," she said, adding, "my fear was gone when I reached the school and our classes shifted to an underground bunker."

Her classmate Shrayan Kumar, who wants to be a soldier, said he will continue to go to school, come what may.

"Ceasefire or no ceasefire, life on the border will continue, so we have to adjust with the situation and ensure that we do not miss our classes," he said.

Nidhi, also a class 8 student, said she wants to join the police force and staying home serves no purpose.

"We used to attend our classes in underground bunkers some five years back when there were frequent ceasefire violations. We have enjoyed peace on the border since and hope there is no more firing so that we can attend our classes normally," she said.

Panel constituted for...

design its content and decide upon the exact information/details to be collected at Panchayat level. It will also decide upon the activities to be undertaken during the programme, which will be coordinated by Planning, Development & Monitoring Department along with Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.

The mandate of allocation officers of Panchayats for the Programme has also been given to the Committee and General Administration Department as well as Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj will coordinate with it.

India expected to...

for deliberation on India's development strategy of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, Development issues of J&K, Ladakh and Tribal population in India and comprehensive analysis of policy measures towards the achievement of Viksit Bharat by 2047, during the three-day conference.

Speaking on India's emergence as a strong economic power, the Lt Governor said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, the government policies and programmes for holistic development have put the economy on a sustainable path of high-growth and shaping economic trajectory of India.

"Today, India is the most favourite destination for trade and investment and we continue to be fastest-growing economy in the world. With the vision of inclusive, progressive and sustainable growth, it is being ensured that fruits of our development percolate to the grassroots," he said.

He called for collective efforts to unlock the potential of growth-oriented sectors and put a special focus on job creation, infrastructure and investment, women empowerment, MSMEs, skill development, health and nutrition, which are the important pillars of India 2.0.

He also commended the important contribution of Indian Economics and Allied Sciences Association in improving the understanding of development process and economic policies of the country.

Prof Sudhakar Panda, President Indian Economics & Allied Sciences Association (IEASA) and Dr Alok Kumar Secretary IEASA also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the key features of the annual conference.

The Lt Governor also released the Conference Souvenir on the occasion.

Prof Nilofar Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Prof Pulin B Nayak, President Conference IEASA; Prof Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary ICSSR; Prof G M Bhat, Chief Coordinator of Conference; Educationists, Economists, Experts, HoDs, Scholars, Researchers and Students were present.

Constant endeavour from...

valley with firm resoluteness and steadfast commitment. Colonel Rajat Birman, commanding officer of the 56 Rashtriya Rifles unit which is involved in the anti-infiltration operation, gave details about the operation.

He said based on specific intelligence input regarding an infiltration attempt by a group of foreign terrorists, a joint operation was launched in the Machil sector along the LoC on the night of October 25/26.

"Multiple ambushes were laid by security forces ahead of the anti-infiltration fence along the LoC. The area is thickly forested with dense foliage. Taking advantage of difficult terrain and dense vegetation, a group of five terrorists infiltrated from across the LoC," he said.

On October 26, around 1010 hours, the infiltrating terrorists were intercepted by alert troops. The terrorist opened fire and attempted to flee. In the intense firefight that ensued and continued through the day, the troops employed modern surveillance devices and quadcopters to locate the terrorists in the difficult terrain, he said.

The commanding officer said the conduct of deliberate tactical operations finally led to the elimination of five terrorists.

Large quantities of war-like stores including five AK series rifles were recovered from the terrorists, he said.

Meanwhile, in Jammu, Rastriya Bajrang Dal (RBD) held protests against Pakistan for unprovoked and heavy firing and shelling targeting villages along International Border (IB) last night in which two BSF jawans and a woman were injured.

Pakistan rangers restored to heavy firing and mortar shelling for nearly seven hours on different forward areas along IB in Arnia and R S Pura sectors of Jammu district since Thursday night.

Led by state RBD chief Rakesh Kumar, scores of activists held protests in the city and raised anti-Pakistan slogans. They also set afire Pakistan flag amid protests.

New Bills replacing...

is studying them and very soon, these laws will be passed, he added.

The new criminal justice system will begin on the basis of these laws, he said. While the aim of the old laws was to protect the (British) administration, the aim of the new laws is to protect the rights of people and to defeat all the forces that prevent people's rights being taken to the people, Shah said.

The Union Minister said he feels that the batch passing out today is a lucky one as it begins the task of managing the country's internal security with the new laws.

The first responsibility of implementing the new laws at the ground level lies with the probationers passing out today, he added.

The new provisions include new interpretation on terrorism, organised crime and many new provisions have been made to end international gangs, he said.

Though there has been success in considerable measure during the last 10 years in bringing under control terrorism, left wing extremism and naxal violence due to the efforts of courageous police personnel, the challenges remain,

the Union Home Minister said.

Several new challenges, including organised crime, cyber crime, inter-state and international financial crime, are before us, he added.

The Centre had proposed the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Bill, 2023 to replace the IPC, CrPC and Evidence Act respectively.

total of 175 officer trainees, including 155 IPS officer trainees and 20 foreign officer trainees took part in the Dikshant Parade. SVPNPA Director Amit Garg also spoke.

Two JKAS officers...

Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Marwah, holding additional charge of Sub-Registrar, Marwah, has been transferred and posted as Deputy Secretary, Health and Medical Education Department.

CS directs avoiding...

Service Guarantee Act, 2011, in delivery of services should be analysed to identify the officers with highest pendency beyond stipulated timelines under the Act and taking of strict disciplinary action against them during the vigilance week. Chief Secretary said that under no circumstances will Patwaris summon / solicit unnecessary physical presence of applicants for online services and in exceptional circumstances, formal notices outlining the cause for which their physical presence is required should be issued.

The Patwaris have also been directed to maintain a separate register in their offices to record on daily basis the details of persons visiting their offices physically and to outline the purpose of the visit. He further stressed on geo-referencing of cadastral maps of all pending villages and completion of process of pending pass book distribution immediately.

Chief Secretary emphasized that pendency in delivery of online services should be cleared in mission mode. He said that regular feedback of services must be solicited from field functionaries and the applicants to ensure smooth service delivery to the citizens.

Dr. Mehta also took review of several measures taken to streamline the working of the department and to make the crucial revenue records readily available to public. He took note of the progress made in developing of online Girdawari module. The module is going to enable field functionaries to record seasonal crop details instantly besides ensuring that the Girdawari is done in the field recording geo-coordinates of the respective fields.

Chief Secretary also reviewed progress made in demystification of revenue records so that it is understandable to general public in easy to understand language. He enquired about the GoI sponsored programs like AGRISTACK, SVAMITVA, ULPIN, etc. He made out that the progress in the implementation of these programs should be further fast tracked for the benefit of public at the earliest. During this meeting, Chief Secretary was informed that under land records modernization programme millions of land records documents have been digitized and legacy records scanned successfully till date. It was further given out that the working of the department has been fully made online with minimal interface of applicants with the functionaries of the department.

ECI orders special...

shall receive the claims and objections from the Kashmiri Migrants living within their jurisdiction as per the schedule mentioned above", it adds.

The notice further reads that all individuals who are 18 years of age or above as on 01-01-2024 can get their names enrolled in the electoral rolls by filing Form No. 6 used for registration of new electors. It adds that Form-7 can be used for objections to proposed inclusion/for deletion of name in existing electoral roll, Form-8 can be used for multiple purposes like correction of any particulars in the roll, shifting of residence (within or outside constituency), replacement of EPIC, and marking of person with disability and Form 6B can be used for capturing Aadhaar number of the existing electors.

The notice also reads that in addition to above, all those who shall be attaining the age of eligibility on the remaining three qualifying dates, i.e 1st April, 1st July and 1st October, 2024 can also submit their advance claims and the Forms & Draft Electoral Roll can be downloaded at www.eojk.nic.in.

Further, the notice reads that the claims and objections can be filled in both online as well as offline mode. For online filing of claims/objections, one can log on to Voter's Service Portal (voterseci.gov.in) or download voter helpline app (VHA) and for offline mode, the concerned BLO/AERO/ERO can be contacted, it adds. The notice also reads that all stakeholders are requested to participate in revision exercise in order to ensure that maximum number of eligible voters are enrolled in the Electoral Rolls.

2014 is not...

four lakh 5G base stations have been set up within one year of 5G roll-out. The prime minister said giving citizens access of capital, access of resources and access of technology is priority for the government.

Brings back horrid...

with minimal disruption and risk. Abdullah urged the government to ensure the safety and security of border dwellers and said scores of families that had fled the border hamlet overnight fearing escalation of violence are without food and water. He also urged the government to provide food, water and shelter to all such people.

Army celebrates 'Shaurya Diwas' to mark landing of forces in Kashmir in 1947



STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The army on Friday celebrated the 'Shaurya Diwas' here to mark the 76th year of the landing of forces in Kashmir which ensured the first civil-military victory of Independent India.

The Indian Army troops landed at the Budgam Airport to evict Pakistani forces from Jammu and Kashmir, a day after the Instrument of Accession was signed between Maharaja Hari Singh and the Republic of India. During the 'Shaurya Diwas' organised on Friday, a replication of the historic event was performed to pay obeisance to the brave soldiers and the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The audience, including senior Army and Air Force officers, and students, witnessed the re-enactment of history, covering the violation of Standstill Agreement by Pakistan. The event also depicted the arrival of the Indian Army soldiers on October 27, 1947, to evict the Pakistani Forces.

Speaking on the occasion,

the general officer commanding (GoC) of the army's Srinagar-based 15 Corps, Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said the occasion is celebrated to remember the historic day which ensured Jammu and Kashmir is still an integral part of India. The Army showed courage in its first big operation in independent India and foiled the nefarious designs of the enemy, saving Kashmir from going under Pakistan's occupation, he said.

Lt Gen Ghai recalled the valour of the first Param Vir Chakra recipient, Major Somnath Sharma, who despite being injured led a company and saved the Srinagar airfield from the clutches of the Pakistani tribals, making the supreme sacrifice in the process.

The GoC also paid glowing tributes to the bravery of others, including gallantry award winners Brigadier Rajinder Singh and Lt Col Dewan Rajjit Rai, who gave away their lives to protect the nation.

"Today, we should take a

vow not to leave any stone unturned to take Kashmir towards peace and prosperity," he added.

Earlier, the Chinar Corps Commander and other military and civil dignitaries laid wreath at the Budgam War Memorial.

A mega infantry weapon and equipment display was also organised under the aegis of Victor Force on this occasion at Budgam. New generation weapons and equipment were showcased and spectators were briefed about the utility of the equipment while undertaking various types of operations, Srinagar-based Directorate of Public Relations, Ministry of Defence, said in a statement.

After the wreath-laying ceremony, the Chinar Corps Commander interacted with veterans and enquired about their well-being.

Meanwhile, a similar function was held in Baramulla district as the nation paid homage to the soldiers whose landing in Srinagar marked a turning point in the erstwhile

princely state of J&K and independent India, officials said.

The commemoration, combined with the solemn celebration of Infantry Day, was a testament to the indomitable spirit of the Indian Army and its unwavering commitment to safeguarding India's sovereignty, an Army officer said.

The event began with General Officer Commanding of the Baramulla's Dagger Division, Major General Rajesh Sethi, and Commander of Pir Panjal Brigade, Brigadier P M S Dhillon, paying their respects by laying wreaths at the Brigadier Rajinder Singh Memorial and the Pir Panjal Brigade War Memorial.

Priti dedicates newly constructed lanes to Bharat Nagar residents



STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Councilor of Ward No 1 Preeti Khajuria inaugurated two more newly constructed tile Lanes at Bharat Nagar Udhampur and dedicated to local residents.

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha released a book titled "Warrior on Wheels - Wheelchair to Padma Shri" at Raj Bhawan, on Friday.

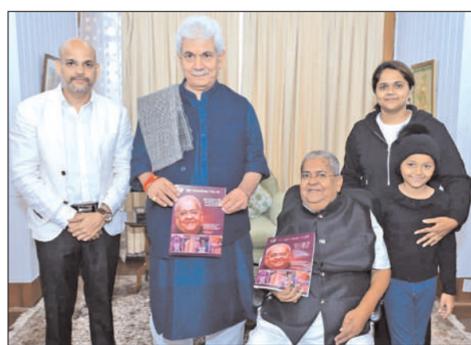
The book presents the illustrious life journey of the President of Disable Welfare Trust of India Padma Shri Dr Kanubhai Tailor, who was also present on the occasion.

The Lt Governor lauded Padma Shri Dr Kanubhai Tailor and his selfless pursuits for the welfare of Divyangjan.

He said the life of Dr Kanubhai and his vision will serve as a great source of inspiration for others to

selflessly work for welfare of the society.

Later, Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson J&K



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Waqf Board called on Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan on Friday.

Meanwhile Padma Shri Dr Kanubhai Tailor, President, Disable Welfare Trust of India met Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhawan. Haji Farooq Mir, Vice Chairman, District Development Council Kupwara met the Lt Governor and apprised him on various issues of public importance.

Later, a delegation of J&K Gujjar Bakerwal Students Alliance also called on the Lt Governor.

Geeta Bhagwat Satsang concludes



STATE TIMES NEWS

JOURIAN: Geeta Bhagwat Satsang of Sant Shri Asharamji Bapu's disciple Shri Rama Bhai Ji concluded in the Municipal Hall of Jourian in which the devotees enjoyed the devotional atmosphere.

On this occasion, Shri Rama Bhai told that how faith removes all the troubles

of our life and makes us very loving to God. He further said that when a person reaches under the shelter of a Guru, the path to attaining God becomes very easy. After this beautiful event, Shri Yoga Vedanta Seva Samiti Jourian also organized a Bhandara for the Sadhaks who participated in the Satsang.