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Discrimination normalised for..

development process in every sector. Our youth are contributing to nation-build-ing. Every section of society is receiving equal opportunity to grow and contribute to J&K's prosperity, he added.

Development and dreams of youth can be fulfilled only in conditions of peace, and we have made sustained efforts to establish peace and support to young men and women in building a bright future for themselves, the Lt Governor said.

There was a time when Pulwama used to be in the news for all the wrong reasons, but today the place has become the top-performing district and is emerging as the new business and innovation hub of Kashmir Valley, the Lt Governor further added.

He said that the government is extending necessary handholding and providing every possible support to the talented youth of the UT and making them a partner in J&K's developmental journey.

"Jammu Kashmir has been ranked Top Performer in developing a strong startup ecosystem. The industrial sector in the UT is growing to new heights with massive investment proposals. The development projects in the districts are being taken up in consultation with people to ensure their needs are fulfilled on priority," said the Lt Governor.

General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff; Major Gaurav Arya (Retd), Editor-in-Chief, Chanakya Forum; experts and security analysts and prominent personalities were present on the occasion.

LeT terrorists, handlers ...

online publication & dissemination of a direct threat letter to Journalists & reporters based in Kashmir.

"FIR No. 82/2022 U/S 13 UAPA, 505, 153B, 124A & 506 IPC in Shergari PS," Srinagar Police wrote on Twitter.

TRF or The Resistance Front, which is believed to be a shadow of the LeT outfit, had issued an online threat to a few media houses in the valley "for their traitorous" acts and "nexus with fascist Indian regime."

Modi Govt adopting...

forthcoming NMFT conference will further India's efforts to build understanding and cooperation amongst nations, it said.

Discussions at the 3rd 'No Money For Terror' conference will be focussed on global trends in terrorism and terrorist financing, use of formal and informal channels of funds for terrorism, emerging technologies and terrorist financing and requisite international co-operation to address related challenges, the statement said.

Partition was not...

two partitions -- the 1905 Bengal partition and the 1947 India-Pakistan partition. "At that time Bengal was the largest province of India with a population of eight crores. It was divided as a test case.

"The Britishers felt that one way of weakening India's independence movement was to create a cleavage between Hindus and Muslims. The Britishers had to annul that division six years later. Past forward by 35 years the whole country was divided. Why could it not be opposed or stopped?" he said.

Addressing the event, Delhi University Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh said India inspires other countries to practise democracy.

"After 75 years of Independence, we can confidently say that today India is the largest and deepest democracy in the world. We do not only practise democracy but inspire...many other countries to practise democracy," he said.

Underlining that the 1947 Partition not only created two countries but two enemies, Singh said, "Cyril John Radcliffe later said that I had no alternative. The time at my disposal was so short that I could not do a better job. Given the same propos-al, I would do the same thing. If I had two or three years I might have improved on what I did." Radcliffe drew the partition map.

BSF MO, question...

also alleged that some candidates actively participated in the said conspiracy," the statement said.

In pursuance to criminal conspiracy, Yatin Yadav contacted other accused persons namely Anil Kumar, Surrender Singh, Bajinder Singh to arrange candidates for sale of question paper. In pursuance to criminal conspiracy, Surrender Singh arranged candidate Akshay Kumar through Kashmir Singh and Asheesh Yadav arranged candidate Mukhtar Ahmed. Both these candidates were provided leaked question paper at Revhari. Later, Anil Kumar contacted Ashwani Kumar and Pawan Kumar to identify candidates. Bajinder Singh also found candidates through Sanjay Kumar Dutta (Investigation on this aspect is underway). Further , Ashwani Kumar contacted accused persons namely Kewal Krishan, Raman Sharma, Jagdish Lal, Amit Sharma, Suresh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar for arranging candidates.

All the candidates were taken to Karnal and provided leaked question paper in lieu of money. In the entire offence, Ashok Pandit, Asheesh Yadav, Sulinder helped the accused in distributing question papers and in booking hotels. Ashwani Kumar and other accused persons of J&K made arrangements for providing leaked question paper to candidates at Gangyal. The accused Jagdish Lal further entered into criminal conspiracy with Dr. Karnail Singh, Shubam Kala and others and distributed leaked question paper at the residence of Dr. Karnail Singh. Investigation revealed that candidates Jaisuriya Sharma, Tarsem Lal and Vikas Sharma also joined the conspiracy actively participating in the same.

Names of chargesheeted accused include Dr. Karnail Singh (Commandant in BSF); Ashwani Kumar (Ex CRPF Constable); Ashok Kumar, ASI, J&K Police; Jaisuriya Sharma, son of ASI Ashok Kumar; Kewal Krishan (Constable, J&K Police); Raman Sharma (Constable, J&K Police); Amit Kumar Sharma (CRPF Constable); Rakesh Kumar (Pvt. Person); Sunil Sharma (CRPF Constable); Suresh Kumar Sharma (Pvt. Person); Jagdish Lal (Teacher); Kashmir Singh (CRPF Constable); Atul Kumar (CRPF Constable); Tarsem Lal Sharma (Pvt. Person); Yatin Yadav (Pvt. Person); Vikas Sharma (Constable, J&K Police); Anil Kumar (Pvt. Person); Ashok @ Ashok Pandit (Pvt. Person); Pawan Kumar (CRPF Head

Constable); Asheesh Yadav (Pvt. Person); Bajinder Singh (Pvt. Person); Sulinder Kumar (Pvt. Person); Surrender Singh (CRPF Constable); Pradip Kumar Katiyar (Pvt. Person).

This is the first charge-sheet in this case while further investigations are under-way to unearth larger conspiracy, to examine role of JKSSB officials, to establish the role of other accused persons and suspects and on other allegations levelled in the FIR.

The case was registered by CBI on August 3, 2022 on reference of J&K Government to investigate the allegations of irregularities in written examination conducted by J&K Services Selection Board (JKSSB) on March 27, 2022 for recruitment of 1,200 Sub-Inspectors of J&K Police. The result of this examination was declared on June 4, 2022.

The investigation was spread across several states, involved analysis of voluminous technical data and examination of more than 100 witnesses. After registration of the FIR, CBI conducted searches at 77 places covering locations in J&K, Haryana, Delhi, Bengaluru including residences of officials of JKSSB. 20 persons have been arrested in the case so far and cash of Rs. 61.79 lakhs has been seized.

Situation stable but...

a think-tank. On development of infrastructure by China in border areas, the Army chief said it is going on unabated.

About the Indian Army's military preparedness in the region, he said "our transi-tion to winter posture is underway".

Gen Pande also said that there is a need to very carefully calibrate "our actions on LAC to be able to safeguard our interests and sensitivities".

Justice Magrey inaugurates..

juvenile justice system and also POCSO Act, 2012, in the country especially the UTs of J&K and Ladakh. He said the system in J&K and Ladakh is gaining pace and have arrived at satisfying results in implementing the POCSO Act in letter and spirit. He said that due to the efforts of JJC of the Supreme Court of India and JJC of J&K and Ladakh, the UTs of J&K and Ladakh are not lagging with the rest of the country, but a lot is required to be done by creating a robust mechanism.

Justice Tashi Rabstan urged upon the government to organize more such consultations not only at UT level but at the district and block levels also to make the people aware about the provisions of the legislation. He said that the aim of this conference is to review the working of various institutions involved in carrying out the provisions of the Act.

Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department, Sheetal Nanda, also emphasized the need for holding awareness camps to make not only the children but the parents also aware about the behavior and attitude of the people who are likely to commit offences against the children. She further said that the conference is a welcome opportunity where all the stakeholders can deliberate upon the provisions of the POCSO Act.

Chief of Child Protection UNICEF India, Soledad Herrero, commended the High Court of J&K and Ladakh for playing a proactive role in implementing not only the Juvenile Justice Act but also POCSO Act. She said that there is a need for greater delib-erations over the issues of victims of child abuse.

Member Secretary, Juvenile Justice Committee, Amit Gupta, in his welcome address gave an overview of the programme. He said that this is for the first time that consul-tations on the POCSO Act are being organized by the JJ Committee because earlier all the four Round Table Conferences were on the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection) Act. Vote of thanks was presented by Mission Director Vatsalya, J&K, Harvinder Kour.

The Inaugural Session was followed by three technical sessions. The second session dealt with "Prevention, Rehabilitation and Re-integration of POCSO survivors" which was chaired by Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, while Miguel Das Queah, Director UTSAH was the resource person.

The third session on the topic "Capacity Building of Justice for children workforce: Institutionalizing Capacity Building Initiatives", was chaired by Justice Rahul Bharti, whereas, Harvinder Kour, Mission Director, Vatsalya J&K was the resource person.

The last session of the day dealt with "Child Friendly Court Procedures". This session was chaired by Justice Mohammad Akram Chowdhary, whereas, Bharti Ali, Director HAQ was the resource person.

The inaugural session was attended by Judges of the High Court, D. C Raina, Advocate General, Achal Sethi, Law Secretary, Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General and other officers of the Registry, officers from civil and police administration, judicial off-icers and delegates from different institutions like police, social welfare, judiciary, legal services, education and health both physically and virtually.

Abuses are my...

words. Just laugh at them, have tea. The Lotus will bloom. go with that happy feel-ing," he said. The BJP is making all efforts to challenge the ruling TRS in the 2023 Assembly polls. Lotus is the party's symbol.

Those who abuse him day and night and also keep on searching for new abusive words.

"I want to tell them, whatever quantity of abusive words you use against Modi, I will digest all of them. You abuse the BJP, no problem. We grew like that. But if you abuse the people of Telangana, then it becomes give and take," he warned.

Training his guns against the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led TRS, Modi said the party on which people reposed faith has betrayed them.

Modi, who addressed BJP workers at the Begumpet airport here soon after his arrival for a visit to the State, said he regrets that the people who flourished and got power in the name of Telangana have pushed it backward.

"The government and the leader here continuously do injustice to the capacity of Telangana and the talent of the people of Telangana. The party which the Telangana people trusted the most, the same party has done the biggest betrayal to Telangana," he charged, without naming TRS.

However, the Lotus starts blooming in circumstances when there is darkness, he reiterated.

In an obvious reference to the TRS frequently attacking him, Modi said he remains unperturbed by such criticism and appealed to the BJP activists in the State to not to worry about it.

He appreciated the BJP activists for remaining committed to service and keeping up the fight in the face of alleged tyranny.

Referring to the recent bypoll to Munugode Assembly where BJP stood second, he said the way the people of the constituency showed confidence in the party was, according to him, unprecedented.

The BJP workers have brought the entire Telangana government to one Assembly segment (Munugode), he said. People's blessings are with the party, he said.

"In recent times, whatever bypolls were held, the message is loud and clear that the sunrise is not far in Telangana. Darkness will vanish. Lotus will bloom everywhere in Telangana," Modi said, referring to the BJP's successes in Dubbak and Huzurabad Assembly bypolls during the last two years.

Superstitions are being practised in the city, known for its information technology ecosystem, he said and opined such beliefs decide governance, in what seemed to be a veiled reference to Chief Minister Rao.

"Now, Telangana people want a government that works for all the families of Telangana instead of a single family," Modi said while indirectly referring to the Chief Minister.

"They want a BJP government," he added.

Recalling his speech from the Red Fort earlier where he spoke against family po-litics, Modi said the country is watching the people's anger against corruption and family politics in Telangana.

"I assure the people of Telangana today. Those who loot the poor will not be spared," he said.

Some people are trying to unite to save themselves from action and form an alliance of the corrupt, but people of Telangana and the country are watching this, and understand what is happening.

Corruption and family politics are the biggest enemies of the poor and develop-ment, and the BJP is fighting against them, he said.

He spoke about the NDA government's efforts in direct benefit transfer, removing corruption in the process.

He highlighted his government's welfare schemes, including free ration and the free vaccination drive.

He said the Telangana government talked about building double-bedroom houses for the poor but it did not let houses to be constructed under the PM Awas Yojana. "Today, Telangana wants positivity, progress that only BJP can give," he said.

Chandrasekhar Rao did not receive the Prime Minister at the Begumpet airport. Ruling TRS MLC K Kavitha alleged the Prime Minister came empty-handed with-out announcing anything concrete for Telangana.

"Today Prime Minister Modi came to our State. He came empty-handed...other than delivering empty words, he doesn't do anything good for us," said Kavitha, daughter of Chandrasekhar Rao.

Ganderbal Admn bans...

transmission lines, unscheduled power cuts and provide hassle-free electricity supply to consumers, stated the order issued by Ganderbal District Magistrate (DM) Shyambir.

The order, which also warned of punitive action against those found violating the ban, drew sharp reactions from political leaders and Twitterati who dubbed it "inhuman" and demanded that the Ganderbal DM be sacked.

"... it has been apprehended that non-judicious use of electric appliances such as blow-ers, heaters and radiators etc. may cause damages to transmission lines due to heavy load, resulting in disturbance in hassle-free power supply," the order read.

"By using such electric appliances, there is every apprehension of short circuits which ultimately results in fire incidents during the winter season due to which there is loss to life and property," it said.

"... in exercise of powers vested in me by virtue of Section 144 CrPC of 1973, I hereby impose a blanket ban on the storage, sale, possession and use of heavy heating appliances such as blowers, heaters and radiators etc. within the territorial jurisdiction of District Ganderbal with immediate effect," the district magistrate said.

The order stated that the decision was taken to provide hassle-free electricity supply to consumers, government offices and hospitals and avoid unscheduled power cuts which cause inconvenience to the general public and disruption of services of emergent nature, especially patient care.

Any violation of the order shall attract punitive action as warranted under relevant laws, it said.

The order came under criticism from various quarters.

Sharring a copy of the order on Twitter, National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to have the "draconian order" with-drawn.

"This is a ridiculous order. How can the administration impose a blanket ban on sale, usage and even storage of electrical heaters? Is the DC's heating/cooling AC covered under this Sec 144 ban? Will he have it removed from his office/home? Are people sup-posed to freeze to death," Abdullah asked.

"Violation of Sec 144 orders result in arrest. Is this heartless administration going to arrest parents who want to save their children from freezing to death? Or children who want to protect aged parents from the cold? @OfficeOfLGOJandK must have this dra-conian order withdrawn," he said.

PDP spokesperson Mohit Bhan asked if such orders are issued anywhere in the coun-try's summer belt.

"Do we issue such orders anywhere in summer belt of the country to not use Air Conditioners during peak summers and make it a criminal offence if not obeyed. It's evi-dent someone who doesn't understand the landscape & geography of the place can only issue such orders," he tweeted.

In a tweet, senior PDP leader and former minister Naam Akhtar said, "Dear fellow citizens, this is where Kashmir is in the 5th year of Amrit Kaal. Night temperature is below freezing point and use of heaters has been criminalised. We have 6 months of snow, rain and frost ahead of us. Are we going to be frozen to death?"

National spokesperson of TMC Saket Gokhale termed the order "shocking and inhu-man".

"The DM of Ganderbal (a non-Kashmiri) in J&K has ordered a blanket ban on use & possession of heaters in homes. The temperature in Ganderbal right now is 10 degrees in the day & 2 degrees at night. Are you running a penal colony, @deganderbal," he asked.

"I think DC Ganderbal should be terminated with immediate effect for this irresponsi-ble and potentially dangerous order," a Twitter user, Tariq Trambo, said.

Technological advancement, innovation essential drivers of economic growth: LG



LG Manoj Sinha interacting with faculty members of NIT Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: Observing that the power of innovation can help the society to flourish, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday called upon the technical institutes to strive to re-invent the incubation and innovation centres to better meet the expecta-tions of society.

"Technological advance-ment, innovation is an essen-tial driver of economic growth and social welfare", the Lieutenant Governor said while inaugurating the Guest House and sports facilities of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar here on Saturday.

He added that technology-enabled innovation and con-sistent adoption of new tech-nologies is needed to meet the future challenges of Industrial Growth, Energy Security & Urbanization.

During his visit to NIT Srinagar, the Lt Governor

interacted with the faculty members and highlighted the impact of technology on soci-ety and role of institutes like NIT in providing valuable human resources to the indus-try.

He appreciated the NIT Srinagar for doing a com-mendable job in exploring new ideas to improve the lives of people.

The first Technological Innovation Center in the area of innova-tion & incubation, Greenovator and MSME Start Up Center has also been established in NIT, he added.

It is the collective responsi-bility of mentors & students to harness the power of ideas, enable a culture that supports innovation and bridge the gap between industry and acade-mia, the Lt Governor further added.

In-house innovative solu-tions play an important role in critical areas like security, technical & healthcare for

ease of living. Our Education Campuses should encourage and nurture curiosity, moti-vate students for research and provide empowerment and space for experimentation.

Citing the multifold increase registered in acquiring patents by the IITs of the country, the Lt Governor called for setting a target of patent registration every year to promote innovation. We must build the institutional infrastructure to scale-up research, ideas for new serv-ices and invest in human capac-ity, he added.

The Lt Governor asked the faculty and the adminis-tration of the NIT Srinagar to make every effort to include NIT in the top 20 institutions of the country and develop this prestigious institute as one of the best institutes in the country keeping in mind the civilisational values, he added.

The Lt Governor also con-

gratulated the concerned fac-ulties and Director NIT Srinagar for the ongoing cot-ton industry and space appli-cation projects with Russia and Uzbekistan.

Dr. Rakesh Sehgal, Director NIT, in his address said that improvement in rankings over the last three years has been made possible due to support provided by the government.

With the kind of support we are getting, NIT will reach new levels and unlock many opportunities for the students while contributing to their all-round development, he added.

Later, the Lt Governor also released a brochure of 8th Edition of International Conference on 'Nano Technology for Better Living' which will be jointly organised by NIT Srinagar in collabora-tion with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Varanasi and many other prestigious institutions from 25 to 29 May 2023.

Prof. Kaiser Bukhari, Registrar NIT Srinagar pre-sented a vote of thanks on the occasion. Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Mohammad Aijaz, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar; Sh Rakesh Balwal, SSP Srinagar; HoDs of various departments and other fac-ulty members were present on the occasion.

Ladakh Police Martyrs Memorial Cricket Tournament-2022 concludes at Leh

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LEH: Ladakh Police Martyrs Memorial Cricket Tournament 2022 concluded at NDS Stadium Leh on Saturday.

Thousands of spectators from all walk of life thronged to witness the final match played between United Ldumra (Nubra) Leh and DLS Shimsha Kargil in which DLS Shimsha won the match by 08 runs.

On the occasion Advisor to UT Ladakh Umang Narula was the Chief Guest while ADGP Ladakh Police, S S Khandare, Secretaries of UT Secretariat, DIG Ladakh Police, Deputy Commissioner Leh, SSP Leh and other senior officers of Police and administra-tion were also present to witness match.

The main purpose of organising the cricket tournament is to remember the Martyrs of Ladakh Police who has sacri-fices their life in the line of duty for the integrity and sovereignty of the country which cannot be forget and shall be remembered for ever.

It is the first ever tournament by organ-ised by Ladakh Police in which youths from sub division level has been given the equal chances and matches were held at sub division level and top finalist of the twin district team has been called for playing the final match at Leh and Ladakh police have received rousing response from the youths of UT Ladakh for the cricket tournament in which more than 60 teams participated having around 1200 youths in the entire tourna-ment.

The final match was played between DLS Shimsha and United Ldumra in which DLS Shimsha beat United Ldumra in a thrilling last over game.

Chief Guest, Umang Narula Advisor UT Ladakh and ADGP Ladakh Police SSS Khandare distributed trophies and

prizes to the winner and runner-up team and the winning team was awarded with Trophy and cash prize of Rs 1.50 lakh whereas the runner up team was award-ed with trophy and cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and the Man of the Match was awarded with Trophy and cash prize of Rs 30,000 whereas the highest scorer and wicket taker of the match were also awarded with Trophy and cash prize of Rs 10000 each.

The match officials were also presented with memento as a token of appreciation for the service rendered by them during the entire tournament.

The Chief Guest have congratulated the winning team and runner up team and appreciated the players who have shown the best talent and professional-

ism during the match, also appreciated the members of Ladakh Police under the command of ADGP UT Ladakh for organising the cricket tournament in the entire region of UT Ladakh and impressed that such initiatives is para-mount as a youth engagement pro-gramme and timely remembrance of martyrs is equally needed to pay homage to their supreme sacrifices. The team players were also decorated with medals.

It is pertinent to mentioned that the sport lovers and general public have heartily appreciated the Ladakh Police for organising the first ever mega cricket tournament for the youths of UT Ladakh and appreciated for the endeavours of Ladakh Police in promoting sports in the region.

JKPCC takes strong exception to anti employees decisions of Govt

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JAMMU: Senior JKPCC Leader has taken strong exception to the anti employees and anti minority decisions and questioned BJP for its total failure and criminal silence.

Strongly criticing the moves, Mr Ravinder Sharma Ex -MLC and senior -JKPCC leader lashed out at the LG administration especially BJP for anti minority and anti employees decisions, coercing and forcing them to face the volatile situation.

Sharma criticized the coercive and unsympathic approach of the BJP govern-ment towards the employees posted in vulnerable areas of Kashmir and other parts facing the security situation. Even class I th selectees are being posted in sensitive areas of Kashmir in prevailing situation.

He said that previous governments right from 1990 onwards dealt with more sen-sitive and volatile situations but did not expose the minority employees and others to such situation, in the wake of targeted killings.

The BJP's silence over the developments is highly unfortunate and break it's criminal silence. They were shedding crocodile years in the past but now when they are at the helm of affairs, the fear struck poor employees are facing a situation of help-lessness. He urged the government to take sympathetic and holistic view of the entire situation and listen to the voice of agitating employees posted in vulnerable areas to ensure their safety and security.

