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and Kashmir) was the mistake of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. "Didn't you want Article 370 (was supposed) to be removed from Jammu and Kashmir? For 70 years, these Congressmen preserved this Nehru's mistake as if it was a child. Our PM (Modi) removed it in one go in 2019 and made Kashmir an integral part of India in its true sense," he said.

37 DySPs promoted...

Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner/Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department. As per order, those who have been promoted as SP include Aijaz Ahmad Malik, Rajinder Kumar, Rammish Kumar, Parshotam Kumar, Kuldeep Raj, Vinod Kumar, Hira Lal, Madan Mohan Singh, Syroz Ahmad, Aijaz Ahmad, Chanderjit Singh, Mohd Afzal, Jeetan Matoo, Mushtaq Ahmad, Gurmeet Singh, Mohd. Shaft, Jagdev Singh, Rajinder Kumar, Rajinder Kumar, Rajesh Sandal, Masood Ahmad, Mohd Ayoub Zargar, Sheikh Zafarullah, Farahat Jeelani, Pawan Kumar, Shabir Ahmad, Farooq Ahmnd, Altaf Hussain, Fayaz Ahmnd, Madh Farooq Khan, Mohammad As,am Shabir Ahmad Khan, Naeem Ahmad Wani, Syed Yasir Qadri, Furqaan Qadir, Sandeep Bhat, and Zahoor Ahmed Pir.

Northern Commander reviews...

over the operational readiness of the forces and the strong anti-infiltration grid along the LoC.

"#LtGenUpendraDwivedi, #ArmyCdrNC visited forward areas along #LoC at #Uri, reviewed operational preparedness, interacted with all ranks and expressed confidence over the operational readiness and strong anti-infiltration grid," the army's Northern Command said on Twitter.

On Friday, Lt Gen Dwivedi reviewed the operational preparedness in the border areas of Gurez in north Kashmir's Bandipora district.

He along with Chinara Corps commander Lt Gen ADS Anjila visited the forward areas in Corps Z on Friday where he was briefed by the local commanders on the security situation and the operational preparedness.

No active terrorists...

to bring the figure of active, foreign and hybrid terrorists to less than 50 in the near future," the officer said.

We are very hopeful of eradicating terrorism from Kashmir in the next two years, he asserted.

Kumar said the LeT and JeM are currently "headless" after the security forces neutralised their ranks in multiple encounters and operations.

Officials said Farooq Nalli, a Hizbul Mujahideen top operative, is the only active commander -- since 2015 -- and he is on the radar of the forces, including the Jammu and Kashmir Police (JKP) and sister forces like the Army and the Central Reserve Police Force.

Police officials said the "achievement" of the forces in neutralising senior terrorist operatives can be gauged from the fact that while there were 80 top commanders in Kashmir about two years ago, there are only three now. Apart from Nalli, the two others are inactive.

Kumar added that there were about 15-18 active "hybrid" terrorists.

According to security agencies, hybrid terrorists are those who are radicalised online and are given pistols to kill one or two persons, identified or unidentified.

Most of these "hybrid" terrorists are located in South Kashmir area comprising Pulwama, Shopian, Kulgam and Anantnag districts, officials said.

Police authorities said the terrorists operating in Kashmir are now operating in a "module", where they get a specific direction of attacking or killing one person.

"We have busted as many as 119 modules this year," ADGP Kumar said.

The JKP officials said their main area of concern in Kashmir is terrorists picking up "soft targets" like labourers coming from other states and Kashmiri Pandits, while they also have "detected" some women over ground workers (OGWs) assisting in some recent terrorist activities.

"We have, however, ensured that those who target labourers and members of the Pandit community are neutralised immediately and also that they are not kept safe as much as possible," a senior officer said.

Another concern for the police is the recent seizure of some Turkey-made pistols from terrorists, which they said is an indicator that Pakistan-based handlers are providing weapons of that country to ultras operating in Kashmir.

The officer said there is also a fourth category of ultras in Kashmir whom they categorise as "potential terrorists."

These are those who are radicalised, have joined or about to join the terrorist ranks but have not undertaken a terrorist act.

"In 80 per cent cases in this category, the families of these potential terrorists inform the JKP and security forces about their doubtful activities, and we have been able to bring back 13 of them in 2022, some even after joining the ranks," another senior officer said.

"We can tell you that denying social sanction to terrorists, their activities and radicalisation activities will usher peace in Kashmir," the officer said.

According to latest police data, there were 99 local recruitments in terrorist ranks in Kashmir this year, an all-time low over the last six years.

Out of these, 64 were killed and 17 arrested, the data said.

The comparative figures are: 136 in 2021, 167 in 2020, 140 in 2019, 201 in 2018, 147 in 2017 and 95 in 2016.

Maximum local terrorists, according to data, are killed within a month of their joining the terror ranks while some are neutralised in two to three months.

Twenty-nine civilians were killed by terrorists this year and these included three Kashmiri Pandits and Hindus each, 15 Muslims, apart from six non-local Hindus and two non-local Muslims.

The officials said security situation in the Valley has improved "drastically" as there have been "no bandhs, no major internet shutdowns, no stone pelting incidents and zero killings of civilians" during operations of the security forces post the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

A total of 169 terrorists (127 local terrorists and 42 foreign terrorists) have been killed in Kashmir this year, the data said.

JeI's properties worth...

These are the second set of JeI properties to be notified.

The action would uproot the menace of terror funding to a great extent in J-K, besides being a stepping stone in ensuring rule of law and a society, they said.

The SIA has identified as many as 188 JeI properties across J-K which will be notified during the further course of action, officials added.

Ex-Hurriyat Chairman...

different separatist leaders in the Valley from across the border," the official claimed.

Bhat taught Persian in a government college before being dismissed on charges of constituting a threat to the state.

He studied Persian, economics and political science at Sri Pratap College in Srinagar and then pursued his post-graduation in Persian and law at Aligarh Muslim University.

Four Hizb associates...

associated with banned terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen and involved in terror funding through Hawala channels. The investigation exposed the terror network in J&K and PoK.

The charge sheet was filed by DySP Hqrs. Rajouri Chanchal Singh under the supervision of SSP Rajouri Mohd. Aslam.

DAP committed to...

Balbir Chand, Balvan Singh, Govind Ram and Mohd Maskeel Ali (Panchs), Rakesh Kumar, Ghulam Rasool Wani from Udhampur, Sushma Sharma, Rajesh Verma, Gaurav Jamwal, Vijay Chaudhary, Pankaj Verma and Sunil Kumar.

Information, HED accord...

us and others to serve the public in a better way.

They conveyed their best wishes to Kansal for his new assignment while expressing their gratitude to him for his support and leading guidance always towards streamlining working of their respective departments.

Dr Jitendra inaugurates...

and Start-ups is the way forward for India to become self-reliant (Atmanirbhar) in true sense of the term. The Minister added that in an era of increasing digitization with Web 3.0, Artificial Intelligence and regular Tech Disruptions, Prime Minister Modi's vision of India's Techade can be realized through vigorous and all pervasive Digital push.

The Minister said, Digital innovation will play an important part in the next decade for governance to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. He said, this will necessitate conversations around topics and technologies which would shape Digital Governance in the future to enhance the delivery of Government services to citizens. He said, Vision India@2047 would be e-Vision India @2047.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, what is worth noting is that all such large public digital solutions are built with an open architecture, and are modular with plug and play that essentially seek to democratize and decentralize technology usage. He said, India has been building 'open digital platforms', which are tremendous force multipliers and underlined that this is critical and unique in being affordable, interoperable, API-driven (and hence scalable), mobile-first in vernacular languages, and allows India's entrepreneurs to build on the rails of these platforms to innovate and solve problems at scale and for trust. These are not only digital transformations, but also innovations in the design philosophy of citizen-centric solutions with huge socio-economic implications, the Minister added.

Dr Jitendra Singh urged all the participants & stalwarts taking part in two-day intense deliberations to focus on questions that will propel India to the next decade of agile growth. He said, while discussing Digital Governance across Whole-of-the-Government, do ponder upon what it will take for making Government more accessible to every citizen of India, how do we build a more Transparent and Real-Time Grievance Management System with state-of-the-art technology and best practices in grievance redress learning from the world and some of our own corporates, how do we leverage technology for strengthening the Start-up Ecosystem, generate more employment and promote the ease of doing business.

Dr Jitendra said, the "Whole of Government, Whole of Nation and Whole of Society" approach has become the new norm to achieve the desired results in the shortest span of time. He gave the examples of success stories of 75-day long "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" campaign from 5th July to 17th September, 2022 and the ongoing nationwide campaign of Department of Pension of the Ministry of Personnel, PG and Pensions for creation of Digital Life Certificates. The Minister pointed out that due to this whole and integrated approach, 25 lakh Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) for Central Government pensioners were created in just 20 days from 1st to 19th November, 2022. Apart from officials of DoPPW, SBI & Punjab National Bank, registered Central Government Pensioner Associations, the

representatives of Indian Post & Payment Bank (IPPB), Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), National Informatics Centre (NIC) as well as Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) in every city took part in the campaign.

Dr Singh concluded that increased efficiency, increased transparency, robust focus on citizen-centricity and reaching out to the last man in the last queue for service delivery in the true spirit of Antyodaya is the ultimate objective of all governance reforms. He said, in the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal, the officers in their 20s and 30s have to play a stellar role to steer India to become the Unique and Best Model of Governance in 2047, when we celebrate the 100th Year of India's Independence.

Expressing happiness that NCEG is coinciding with the Constitution Day celebrations, Dr. Jitendra administered reading of the Preamble to the Constitution with all participants in the Inaugural Session, as 26th November is celebrated as the Constitution Day to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1949.

Dr Jitendra presented the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) under 5 categories of the NAeG Scheme - 2022 to 18 e-Governance initiatives at Central, State and District levels, Academic & Research Institutions and Public Sector Undertaking. This includes 9 Gold and 9 Silver Awards.

Secretary, DARPG, V. Srinivas, Chief Secretary, J&K Arun Mehta, Additional Secretary, DARPG, Amar Nath, Joint Secretaries, DARPG, NBS Rajput and Jaya Dubey and several senior officials of other departments and retired bureaucrats took part in the inaugural.

Political parties studying...

The final electoral roll of Jammu and Kashmir was published on Friday with the highest-ever net addition of more than 7.72 lakh voters, officials said.

It has a total of 83,59,771 electors -- 42,91,687 males, 40,67,900 females and 184 third gender -- Joint Chief Electoral Officer of Jammu and Kashmir Anil Salgotra had said.

National Conference (NC) spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq said around seven lakh voters have been added and the party will have to see as to how many of them were those voters who have turned 18 from the last revision till now.

"We are studying the details of it, constituency-wise," he told PTI.

Sadiq, however, said, now that the whole process is over, the party expects the Election Commission (EC) to come out and talk about assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

"How long should the people of Jammu and Kashmir be deprived of a representative, responsive government? So, this is the first and foremost that the EC should come out and state about how soon will they hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

With the release of the final electoral roll, Sadiq also expressed hope that now the confusion and resulting apprehensions about addition of 25 lakh new voters, as the then CEO of Jammu and Kashmir Hridesh Kumar had said in a press conference in August, will be put to rest.

"We also expect the whole confusion and the apprehensions of the people are addressed," he added.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) said it would be important to wait and see who these new voters are.

"How many of them are the people who were otherwise the state subjects and how many are those who acquired domicile certificates. These details are yet to come out. It will be very important to see that breakup," party chief spokesperson Suhail Bukhari said.

On the question of assembly elections, Suhail Bukhari said the present dispensation has "snatched all rights" from the people of Jammu and Kashmir and their democratic rights were not an exception.

"We really do not expect things from them, because they have been giving statements which are contradictory on one hand saying the security situation has improved and is great, but, on the other saying, that once the situation improves, elections will be held, and then the statehood (will be restored)," he said.

Peoples Conference spokesman Adnan Ashraf Mir said as the final rolls were published only on Friday, "it will take us some time to study it before commenting over it".

"We need to see whether the increased number is only of the people from Jammu and Kashmir who have attained the age of 18 years or is there any percentage of non-locals as well," he said.

Mir said the party stands vindicated as it had said that the then CEO's statement was factually incorrect and that it was not possible to add 25 lakh new voters.

"The CEO was only sort of trying to help the narrative of a particular party," Mir said in an apparent reference to CEO Kumar. Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari said the final rolls were according to expectations.

"When a hue and cry was raised that 25 lakh new voters will be added, I had said the government should come clear on it and it had issued a clarification. So, an increase of 10 per cent is not much of an addition and it is a matter of satisfaction that no outsider has been added," Altaf Bukhari said.

He said the addition of young voters was a good thing because the youth have fresh thinking and will have a huge role in voting.

The former minister, however, said the final electoral rolls would have shut the mouths of those parties "who wait like vultures to evoke some controversies here so that the people worry and some incident takes place with them".

On the assembly elections, he said while the party expects the polls to be conducted now, "we do not know what the government thinks".

Awami National Conference senior vice president Muzaffar Shah said if the new voters were those from Jammu and Kashmir who have attained the age of 18 years, then there is no problem.

National Seminar held at GDC Marh on National Constitution Day



Faculty and dignitaries during the programme.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Political Science in collaboration with NSS unit of GDC Marh organized National Seminar on the occasion of Constitution Day. Principal, Dr. Rakesh Koul inaugurated seminar by highlighting the importance of Indian Constitution.

The programme was started with the reading of Preamble by the Shubham Kumar, student of Ist sem.

The Organizing Secretary Prof. Sachin Kumar Bhagat welcomed the special guests.

The keynote speaker Dr.Nitan Sharma Astt. Prof.

Amity Law School, Noida spoke about the topic "A People's Constitution- Empowering the Vulnerable and ensuring social justice".

He informed how the noble objectives of equality, Liberty and fraternity has been instrumental in promoting dignity, non discrimination and unity and integrity of India. He also emphasized the role of judiciary in giving expansive interpretation to several constitutional principles thereby benefiting the vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the society. Another distinguished speaker Dr. Sumitra

foundation for its future.

The celebrations were attended by Commissioner, JMC, Rahul Yadav and all Officers of JMC.

The Mayor exhorted upon all to discharge their duties as envisaged in the Constitution with due diligence in the larger interest of Nation and the Society. He also spoke about the social justice aspect emphasizing

Singh Associate Prof. & Convenor, Amity Legal Aid & Literacy Committee provided an overview regarding various laws, policies and institutions framed and established for the upliftment of vulnerable sections of the society and for the people of country.

Kartika Bakshi, Asst. Prof., Amity Law School, also briefed the audience regarding the need to have constitution and how this living document has withstand the vicissitudes of change in time and circumstances from last seven decades.

Proceedings of seminar were coordinated by Dr. Balvinder Sain, and students namely Shubham Kumar, Muskan Kaith, Shreya Chib, Sonali Chib, Lakshmi Sharma, Sanjana Devi, Suhani Sharma, Shailu Devi also interacted on the occasion.

The legal literacy cell was also constituted including students and staff under the supervision of Principal GDC Marh.

the equality of justice for one and all and impressed that the social justice to the economically backward and weaker section shall bring them at par with the affluent class and dealt at length on the constitutional provisions for ensuring social justice.

The Mayor paid rich tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for his peerless contribution in the making of our

NGO Anmol Cultural Trust launches plantation drive

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATRA: The NGO Anmol Cultural Trust (ACT) on Saturday started a plantation drive in the premises of Sub Division Magistrate (SDM) Shri Mata Vaishno Devi



NGO members during plantation drive.

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi B o a r d Katra, district Reasi under the supervision of Naib Tehsildar K a t r a , A s h o k Kumar.

President of the ACT Z o r a w a r S i n g h Khalsa said that with an aim to contribute a bit towards the Green UT of Jammu and Kashmir; with a priority to the holy places, the saplings of various species of plants such as medicinal plants, flower plants, ornamental plants, fruit plants and shady plants are being planted by the NGO so as to save the

ecology and environment.

President ACT said that 30 saplings of a few species were planted during this drive after digging pits according to the necessity of the plant. He guided the people that there

will be 100 per cent survival of the plants by ensuring their proper nourishment. Naib Tehsildar Ashok Kumr and the staff highly appreciated the efforts of ACT team and thanked its president Zorawar Singh Khalsa for this noble cause.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An impressive function was organized on Saturday in the premises of Krishi Bhawan, Talab Tillo, to pay homage to Shri Bawa Jitto (Baba Jit Mal Dev ji Maharaj) - a legendary saint farmer, who made supreme sacrifice about 650 years ago for rights and justice of the farmers.

Department of Agriculture

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Chief Engineer (Distribution), JPDCL Jammu has informed that the power supply to Dogra Hall, Rehari, Resham Ghar Colony, Bus stand, Jewel, Hari Market, Raghunath Bazar, Kaleeth Mohalla, Kanak Mandi, Mandana, New Plot, Sarwal, Part of Karan Nagar, Industry, Rakh, Vijaypur, Chandak, Mandli, Loran, Sawjian, Draba, Bafliaz Potha, Surankote Town, Lissan and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Pargwal, ChanniTanna, Rajpura, Bhalwal Bharat, DhalwalMiuluHamipurkona, BSF, Dumri, Sobka, Sua No. 1, MES and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Vijaypur Town, Kolpur, Bandal, Sarore, Jakh, Jogpur, Raika, Industry, Patli and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Pouni, Dharmari and

adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Maitra, Sangaldan, Dharam and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 from 10 am to 2 pm. Similarly, the power supply to JhajjarKotli, Dansal, Jindrah, BattalManwal, Surinsar, Kishanpur, Mansar and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Likewise, the power supply to Tanda, Dori Dager, B a s a v a G a g e l , MairaMandrian, Jourian, Troti, Muthi, Mara, Bakora, RakhMuthi, PHE, BSF, Border Migrant, Sohal and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 28 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Salerhi, Old Sarore, Pandoriyan, Kullian, Badyal, Mandal, Kartholi, Gadigarh and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 28 from 9 am to 2 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Nanan, SIDCO Industrial area, Ghatti, areas, Barnoti, Chann Arorian, Marheen,

Paharpur, Logate, MES Janglote, IID Center and adjoining areas shall remain affected on November 27 and 28 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Meanwhile, Executive Engineer, Elect. Division-I, JPDC, Parade Jammu has informed that the power supply to LIC Panjirthi, Residency Road, Parade shall remain affected on November 28, 29 and 30 from 9 am to 1 pm. Likewise, the power supply to Residency Road, Parade shall remain affected on December 01 from 9 am to 1 pm. Similarly, the power supply to Residency Road shall also remain affected on December 02 and 03 from 9 am to 1 pm. However, the Superintending Engineer (Distribution) JPDCL, O&M Circle Kathua has informed that the power supply to HP Gas Agency-2, Channi Manhasa Village shall remain affected on November 27 and 29 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Similarly, the power supply to Navodya School, Main Bazaar, Ramlila Ground and Pargana shall remain affected on November 28 from 9 am to 2 pm.

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Senior officers of the Directorate of Agriculture, members of Driver Union and other officers besides a large number of retired officers of the department participated in the programme.

A special adoration and worship was performed on the occasion which was followed by distribution of Prasad and Bhandara.