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Speedy dev new...

changing technology landscape. Referring to the digital transformational journey of Jammu and Kashmir, the the Lt Governor shared the vision of the J&K government to expand e-Governance to the next level.

Line to online is our prime objective and instead of travelling to Government offices, people just need to walk to the web, he added.

Our strategy is to enable the people to access high-quality services anywhere, anytime, on any device. All services in mobile for mobile workforce, the Lt Governor said.

We are also working on the development of IT infrastructure; technology-led market linkages; encouraging emerging concepts like use of AI in Agriculture for welfare of farmers; layered Public Grievances; use of Metaverse (for Global Tourism) etc, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor noted that initiatives like e-Office, BEAMS-Empowerment, Aapki Zameen-AapkiNigrani, Aap Ka Mobile Hamara Daftar, e-Ummat, Digi Locker, Meri Pehchaan has established accountability and transparency in governance.

Digital J&K Internship scheme for Youths has been started which will provide an opportunity for a student to secure first hand and practical work experience in the IT sector; he added.

Several digital initiatives of the Rural Development Department have empowered grassroots democracy. In the recently concluded Back to Village program, 3 lakh villagers accessed various government services online which reflects increased trust of the citizens, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor also invited suggestions from all stakeholders to build a better digital ecosystem in the UT of J&K.

In his address, Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana, recalled his deep connection with Jammu Kashmir.

I am witnessing a new, Badalta Jammu Kashmir. We are looking forward to the new J&K-Haryana collaboration and committed to support J&K Government in meeting the goals, he said.

Manohar Lal highlighted the IT interventions and several digital initiatives of the Haryana Government to bring transparency in the system and streamlining the public service delivery system.

Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Secretary, Haryana; Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary J&K; V Srinivas, Secretary, DARPQ and Prerna Puri, Commissioner/Secretary to J&K Government, Information Technology Department also spoke on the occasion and shared their views and the positive impact of the National Conference on e-Governance and initiatives taken during the Conference in bringing Citizens, Industry and Government closer.

On the occasion, J&K Government also signed MoUs with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University and National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) for capacity building of the youth and collaborations in the IT sector.

Offer letters were handed over to the interns selected for Digital Internship Programme providing youth of J&K with opportunity to contribute to existing digital projects of the Government.

A short film highlighting the e-services extended to the people by the J&K Government was also showcased.

The two-day conference was organized by the government of Jammu and Kashmir in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.

Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra Kumar Sinha, Vice Chancellor, SMVDU; officials from Central Ministries and departments; Vice Chancellors of various Universities; ADGP Jammu; Divisional Commissioner Jammu; CEO SMVDSB; Deputy Commissioner Reasi and delegates from different states and UTs were present on the occasion.

Congress, like-minded...

homes ("ghar main ghus ke marege").

In an apparent reference to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the PM said Congress and like-minded parties had raised doubts about surgical strikes and the ability of our armed forces.

"Those countries which took terrorism lightly are in clutches of terrorism. Terrorism is not over yet. The politics of the Congress party has also not changed, while small parties are also indulging in vote bank politics," he said.

The PM said, "till the vote bank politics remains the fear of a resurgence of terrorism is also real".

"We have to save Gujarat from those playing the dirty game of terrorism. This is a long fight and we need your support," Modi said.

He said the 2008 Mumbai terror attack was the "epitome of terrorist attacks in the country".

"I pray for the departed souls," the PM said, a day after tributes were paid to com-

memorate the 14th anniversary of the 26/11 strike unleashed by 10 Pakistani terrorists in which 166 people were killed and several injured.

"Gujarat also faced serial blasts in Ahmedabad and Surat and many people had lost their lives," he said.

"In Gujarat, we kept track of terrorist sleeper cells and arrested terrorists," the PM said referring to the action taken by the BJP government when he was the chief minister.

"But instead of targeting terrorists, the (erstwhile) Congress government (UPA) was interested only in targeting Narendra Modi only," he said.

Attacking Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge who is campaigning in Gujarat on Sunday, Modi said Kharge had said he will show "Modi his aukat (status)".

"Today Congress president is in Gujarat. He has been sent here by Soniabehn (Sonia Gandhi). He came here and said he will show Modi his aukat. I have no status, I was born as a common man. Let us see how he shows me my aukat," the prime minister added.

Results of post...

terms of resources and logistics, and this cannot be matched by many other states or union territories, he said.

"It is being said that the business investment made here post-August 2019 is not visible but the fact is that getting industries operational on the ground usually takes about three years.

"We had COVID-19 for two years (2020 and 2021) and things started picking up from September last year," he added.

The results will be visible in another year and about 500 industries will start by the next month itself, the officer asserted.

"We want to take the investments in J&K to Rs 75,000 crore and we are confident we will be able to do it in the near future," he said.

The union territory administration has processed and allotted land to 1,600 investors. Out of these, 800 investors have deposited the requisite funds with the government and 110 have even started work, he said.

According to the officer, two main challenges faced by the current administration are "fighting the narrative war and ensuring speed of development works".

After some recent incidents of civilian killings, it was said that Jammu and Kashmir was returning to the 1990s -- when militancy was at its peak in the Valley. However, no one sees that incidents of stone pelting and civilian casualties during law and order events are "absolutely nil", he said.

"We are determined to eliminate the scourge of terrorism from J&K... (and it) has been brought to the lowest levels," the officer said.

Earlier (before 2019), one-third of the productive time was lost to bandhs and protest calls but that is not the case now, he said, adding that over the last two years, not a single day has been lost due to these reasons.

In fact, we have some very encouraging "low-hanging fruits" available here now like a number of power projects, roads, highway networks and railways, he said.

The people of J&K are extremely warm towards tourists and investors, he added.

Government officials said packaging, cold storage, logistics, food processing, pharmaceuticals, medical tourism and education companies are investing and showing interest in potential business opportunities in the region.

A big company known for its plush malls has shown interest besides the film industry, the officer said.

"Today, we are moving to a more and more normal situation and a predictable environment in J&K," he said.

Not only investors, he said, but the common people here can also expect a transparent system now, a departure from the opaque processes that prevailed earlier.

The officer claimed that the J&K administration has given government jobs in the "most transparent" manner in the last two years.

Earlier, 70 per cent of these government jobs were given through the "back door" or illegally but now it is only on the basis of merit, he claimed.

The officer said while the administration has "saturated" wage-based employment, it will soon achieve the same with regard to self-employment and with industries coming to the union territory, locals will also get jobs.

"We hope that new industries coming up here will provide about 2.5 lakh jobs, while the agriculture sector, on which we are working extensively, will also generate an equal number of new jobs," he said.

There is no denying the fact that government jobs will be "limited", he said.

The officer refuted allegations of corruption in the Panchayati Raj system, saying since e-tendering was initiated (after August 2019) the cost of work has come down by 30-40 per cent.

"We in the administration can assure that only e-tendering will be done when it comes to granting contracts for civil and public works and the earlier system of nomination-based award of work will not be done," he said.

"We have completed 12 per cent more work over the last two years and as compared to the earlier times," he claimed.

India to develop...

this context that the role of nuclear energy will be critical for clean energy transition of not just India but for the entire world, the Minister added.

Small Modular Reactors (SMR), with up to 300 MW capacity by nature are flexible in design and require smaller footprint. Being mobile and agile technology, SMR can be factory-built unlike the conventional nuclear reactors that are built on-site. Thus, SMRs offers significant savings in cost and construction time. SMR is a promising technology in industrial de-carbonization especially where there is a requirement of reliable and continuous supply of power. It is said that SMR is simpler and safer as compared to large nuclear plants.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, an impressive number of measures have been taken to promote renewable energy in the country and India today stands at number four in the RE installed capacity across the world, after China, Europe and United States. He added that these measures also conform to the Prime Minister's Aatmanirbhar Bharat goal, where India contributes significant value to global value chain.

It must be noted that India, comprising 17% of the world population, has seen its primary energy growing at a rate of 4% during the last decade, almost double the global growth rate of 1.3%. However, by historical standards, our share in global emissions is less than 5%.

BJP has empowered...

grain to poor people as well, besides the entire country is on the same page in terms of national security and integrity.

Hitting dynastic politics of J&K, the BJP senior leader said three families have looted and ruined J&K for the past several decades, for which they will now have to answer. "AIIMS and other big institutions are being opened in Kashmir now but Mehbooba does not see this," he added.

Dealing with China...

challenge for China as to how it chooses to deal with India because it has no option but to deal with India as the G20 president."

Not just at the summit level but there are several meetings as part of the Indian G20 presidency, he noted.

In each of the meetings, India is going to be in the chair, so China also has to take some tough decisions on how it wishes to approach and support or not support India's presidency, Saran said.

"Obviously President (Xi Jinping) is going to be invited for the Summit and China will be invited for all the other meetings. You just have to hope that China understands and recognises that India is a rising economy, it is a rising power," Saran told PTI.

"China has to accept and deal with India on terms which are equal, which give respect to India, and it translates its words into deeds on how it respects India's sovereignty, territorial integrity, adheres to the agreements on peace and tranquillity at the border and also respects India's core national interests," he said.

China has to do all that and also ensure that it restores the status quo which existed before April 2020, Saran said.

"I think the approach to China is going to be cautious, we will judge them by their deeds not by the words and this is an opportunity for China to prove that it genuinely desires to live in peace with India based on the established principles of international law," Saran said.

On the issue of India buying Russian oil and the West calling on developing countries to cut energy imports from Russia, he said India has already decided and will continue to import oil from wherever it suits its budget and from where it can find the resources to satisfy its domestic needs.

Noting that terrorism got only a fleeting reference in the Bali declaration, Saran said it is clear that terrorism as a concern seems to have fallen off the global agenda but that is not the case so far as India is concerned.

"We have the twin challenges of the Taliban-led Afghanistan and the deep state of Pakistan. Whether and how much we try to bring terrorism into the forefront of the G20 agenda has to be seen and depends on developments on the ground," he added.

Talking about the Ukraine conflict and India's role going forward as president of the G20, Saran asserted that the grouping is an economic forum, not political.

"Having said that India enjoys a unique position in the world where it has developed enough equities to talk to all sides -- whether it is Russia, Ukraine, US or Europe. So as president we can play the role of introducing some sanity and rationality into the world order," he said.

India will assume the presidency of the powerful grouping from the current chair Indonesia on December 1.

The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the European Union.

Srinagar records coldest...

minus 7.8 degrees Celsius, while the minimum in Drass was minus 11.6 degrees Celsius.

The MeT office said the minimum is expected to dip further as the weather is likely to remain dry till December 7.

Two notorious smugglers nabbed with heroin



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DODA: Continuing its war to eradicate the drug menace from the society, Doda Police on Sunday arrested two notorious drug peddlers with Narcotics from their possession.

While giving details it was told that a Police party of Police Post DH Doda laid a Naka on Bharat Road and while conducting checking/frisking of Vehicles/pedestrians, intercepted one vehicle WagonR bearing Registration No. JK06A/3499 for checking purpose. On enquiry, the driver disclosed his name as shadab Ishaq son of Mohd Ishaq wani resident of Ghat Doda and during his personal search, heroin like substance (chitta) was recovered from his possession. Similarly his associate who was also travelling in the said wagonR vehicle disclosed his name as Farooq Ahmed son of Mohd Sabar resident of Sekwan Doda, was also searched and heroin like substance (Chitta) was also recovered from his possession.

Upon this a case FIR No. 249/2022 under relevant sections has been registered at Police Station Doda and investigation of the case has been started.

Theft case solved; thief arrested, stolen bike recovered

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JAMMU: Police on Sunday solved a theft case solved by arresting the thief and recovered stolen bike recovered.

As per the details, On November 22, 2022, a written complaint was lodged at Police Post Canal Road by one person namely Mangat Ram pertaining to the stolen

motorcycle from street near Arjuna Hotel, Jewel, Jammu. On the receipt of this information, FIR 142/2022 under section 379 IPC was registered at Police Station Nowabad and investigation started.

After this, a team of Police Post Canal Road under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Swati Sharma led by SHO Nowabad Inspr Vijay Sharma assisted by In-Charge Police Post Canal Road PSI Anreek Singh did strenuous efforts and with the help of CCTV footages of the area finally rounded up a suspect later identified as Manjinder Singh, son of Satnam Singh, resident of Chandanke, Amritsar, Punjab.

During intensive questioning accused confessed his involvement in the above said case and on his disclosure stolen motorcycle (JK02 CC 8036) was recovered from his possession.

Two bootleggers arrested, 107 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

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JAMMU: In an act of alertness and prompt action, police recovered 107 bottles of illicit liquor i.e 07 bottles of 750 ml of JK Desi whiskey in the area under the jurisdictions of Police Station Kanachak and 100 bottles of illicit liquor in the area under the jurisdiction of Police Post Pounichak.

As per the details, a police team of Police Station Kahnachak while on patrolling duty received an information regarding one person who was illegally selling liquor in area. On this, a team of Police Station Kanachak led by SHO Kanachak Inspr Rahul Mahajan did strenuous efforts and finally rounded up one suspect and during checking 7 bottles of 750 ml each of JK Desi Whiskey were recovered from his possession and the accused was later identified as Dhiraj Patel, son of Khedu Patel, resident of Village Badaon Distt Baloda Bazar Chhatisgarh at preset staying at Mishriwala. He was arrested and FIR 144/2022 under sections 48 (f) Exeise Act was registered against him at Police Station Kanachak.

Similarly, a team of Police Post Pounichak led by SHO Domana Inspr Tilak Raj assisted by In-Charge Police Post Pounichak PSI Nitish Khajuria while on duty rounded up a person namely Kuldeep Singh, son of Sansar Singh, resident of Akalpur Teh Marh. During search 100 bottles of illicit liquor were recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR 408/2022 under sections 48(A) Exeise Act was registered against him in Police Station Domana. The overall arrests and recoveries in both the cases were made under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh.

7 vehicles seized for illegal mining

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JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by police in which teams of Police Stations Nagrota & Gharota and Police Posts Gadigarh, Jourian and Phallain Mandal acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 7 vehicles involved in illegal mining. The seized vehicles include three tractors trolleys without registration no, seized by Nagrota Police; one tractor trolley (JK02BF 8154) by Gharota Police;

one tractor trolley without registration no by Gadigarh Police; one tractor trolley without registration No by Jourian Police; one tractor trolley bearing Chasis No MBNAAALXBKRH03198 by Phallain Mandal Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Partap Singh, SHO Gharota Inspr Joginder Singh Chib, In-Charge Police Posts Gadigarh SI Ravinder Singh, Jourian-PSI Karnail Singh and Phallain Mandal-PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal in their respective jurisdictions.

46 bovines rescued, 6 smugglers arrested

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POONCH: Tightening noose against the bovine smuggling Distt Police Poonch rescued 46 bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers while foiling bid of bovine smuggling in Surankote area.

As per the details, on the direction of SSP Poonch Rohit Baskotra teams headed by DYSP Surankote Tanveer Jelani, SHO Surankote and In-Charge Police Post Behramgalla established Nakas at Buffliaz / Behramgalla /Panar areas. During Naka checking apprehended 6 bovines smugglers and seized 2 vehicles (JK12B 0223 & JK22 3251) which were on the way towards Kashmir. FIRs 399,400, 401 & 402 of 2022 U/S 188 IPC, 11 PCA Act have been registered at Police Station Surankote and investigation taken up.

Drone weapon dropping: Five suspects arrested on suspicion

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SAMBA: In drone weapon-dropping case, police on Sunday arrested five suspects for questioning on basis of suspicion,

but nothing has come out of their inquiry so far but police is scrutinizing the records. According to information, a consignment of weapons dropped by drone was recovered three days ago in Ramgarh after which security in the area was strengthened by police. During this, the police caught five people roaming in suspicious condition in area, which are residents of different places in Kashmir. Their mobile phones were checked and police is continuously questioning them.

Two die in motorcycles collision

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JAMMU: Two motorcycles collided in Chak Mohammad Yar area under R S Pura Police Station area due to which two youth died, while two others got injured. According to information, two motorcycles collided in the area in which four persons got injured. After getting information, Police rushed to the spot and shifted all injured to hospital for treatment, but doctors declared two among them as brought dead. They deceased were identified as Maharudra, son of Bana, resident of R S Pura and Jatin Manhas, resident of Dawlaid. The injured were identified as Sagar and Charanpreet Singh.

4th Golf tournament organised by BSF



Golfers posing for a photograph during 4th Golf Tournament organized by BSF at Samba.

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SAMBA: Regional Headquarters Indreshwar Nagar BSF on Sunday organized 4th Golf Tournament at Penthi in district Samba. A total of 36 players participated in the event. Rohit Bhalla and Sourav Sethi of Ishwar Sports, Anil Kapahi Ankit Gupta and Praveen Kumar Branch Manager, SBI Keli Mandi, Kamal Sharma SBI Mutual Fund and DP Singh RM, Jammu, Rajeev RM Jammu cooperated to make the tournament successful. On this occasion, DIG Indreshwar Nagar

Jammu, Hari Lal distributed trophies among winners. Gross Winner Dr. Anil Salathia 69(+1); Net Winner; SK Singh DIG Ofc IG 75-18=57; Senior Citizens Gross Winner Arun Sharma 79-14=65; Longest Drive Advisor Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar 195.5 YDS; Straightest Drive, DPS Bali - 2/8" Nearest to pin Mohit Pundir 210'-9/2" max PAR; Col Ramesh Sharma 11 PAR max birdies, Sukhinder Singh -3 birdies, Best golfer - Raghav Wahi (6 Birdie - 71) Other players were also present on the occasion.

Parkash Purab of Guru Nanak Dev celebrated

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POONCH: Guru Nanak Dev Gurpurab was celebrated with religious devotion and great reverence at Village Kausalian Poonch.

After the accomplishment of Shri Akhand Path, the Gurbani Kirtan was recited by the Ragi Jatha, Bhai Harcharan Singh, Bhai Rasmeet Singh, Bhai Gurpreet Singh, Bahi Kuldeep Singh Bali, Bibi Rasmeet Kour, Bibi Talwinder Kour and others.

The Samagam marked the birth of the first Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak Dev, who laid the foundation of Sikhism. This year marks the 553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. The Gen. Secy Gurdwara Singh Sabha, S.Harcharan Singh threw light on the life and teachings of Guru Ji and also recited the Gurbani Kirtan on the occasion.

Master Jagmeet Singh, Cashier Gurdwara Singh Singh Sabha Poonch, Gurpreet Singh (Master), Cashier Gurdwara Kausalian, Rasmeet Singh(Rinku), Gurnail Singh, Surjeet Singh, Jaswant Singh and other members were present.

After the Ardas, the Bhai Surinder Singh Gurdwara Mahant Sahib read the sacred Hukammama. He congratulated the people, especially the Sikh community on this occasion and also threw light on the life history of Guru Nanak Dev. Guru Ka Langer was also served by the devotees.