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1.3 Cr Citizens...

"Ecosystem, which promoted separatism and terrorism for almost 70 years, has been successfully dismantled. The age-old ideals of humanism, communal harmony and peace have been established," he said.

Agriculture, Industry and tourism sectors are showing impressive growth. New infrastructure is being built across the UT. This new dynamism is the result of dedication, commitment and hard work of 1.3 Cr citizens, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor highlighted the progressive policies of the administration that have empowered the poor, underprivileged and weaker sections. Common man is at the centre of our development agenda, he added.

Equitable growth for all, dynamic rural economy, empowerment of youth, women and farmers, transparent, corruption-free administration and achievement in social sector to provide quality life is an inspiration for the entire country, the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, beneficiaries under different government schemes shared their success stories in diverse sectors.

The Lt Governor also released an e-Book of Department of Information and Public Relations - '4 Saal AmritMahotsav' - Journey of Transformation.

A Documentary film by the Information Department on J&K's transformational journey was also screened.

The impressive performances by the artists celebrated the rich cultural heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Lt General Rajiv Ghai, GOC 15 Corps; Administrative Secretaries, senior officers of Security Forces, Civil and Police Administration, and prominent citizens from all walks of life were present.

Chairpersons of District Development Councils, Vice Chancellor of various Universities and public representatives also attended the UT Foundation Day celebrations.

Mortar shell destroyed...

at village Dadui along Samba-Mansar road late Monday, the officials said. The bomb disposal squad took it into their custody and destroyed it this morning.

J&K shines at...

being the latest evidence of the enthusiasm.

The programme was organized across all parts of J&K with exemplary and vibrant participation of public, in general, and youth in particular. More than 1.75 Lakh events were organized in J&K with unbelievable participation of over 83 Lakh citizens. The UT is proudly standing at the top of the table among all States/UTs of the country.

Likewise, Meri MaatiMeraDesh program celebrated to commemorate the closing ceremony of 'AzadiKaAmritMahotsav' started on August 9, 2023 saw an extremely enthusiastic participation here. The programme was aimed at encouraging all citizens to recognize the sacrifices of national heroes (veers) and to pay homage to the soil of motherland. The key components included remembering martyrs, commitment for nation building, renewing the motherland, honoring armed forces and hoisting of symbol of pride- the Tiranga.

Like in AKAM, the participation level of Jammu and Kashmir remained unparalleled. J&K has the distinction of saturation of implementation of many programs and it was no different in Meri MaatiMeraDesh with 100% coverage of Panchayats and ULB wards. The UT in its first phase organized over 1.70 Lakh events from 9th-31st August 2023 with an unprecedented public participation.

As part of the 2nd phase of Meri MaatiMeraDesh 100% villages/wards were covered and grand AmritKalshYatras were organized across entire J&K with full public participation. Likewise festive celebrations were also organized in every block/municipal body from 1st to 13th of October 2023 with enthusiastic participation of the public.

The Final phase of AmritKalshYatra was organized from Srinagar to Jammu on Oct 26, 2023 while the Yatra moved from Jammu to National Capital on 27th Oct 2023, and joined the national contingent on 29th October. The miti from each village of J&K shall now be part of AmritVatika, symbolising unity and integrity.

J&K stands tall among states/ UTs of the country having organized a record of 1.74 lakh events under Meri Maati, MeraDesh Program with a public participation level of over 80% (of total population), which is highest ratio for participation of people in any State or UT.

These milestones are the hallmark of our socio-cultural transformation that occurred here during last 5 years. It has not only provided opportunities of economic upliftment to its people but the dividends are many more in terms of the significant improvement in other indicators of human development index. The same had taken hit due to earlier uncertainty and unrest adversely impacting lives of common citizens of this picturesque region of the country, who are now the biggest beneficiaries of the historic transformation.

India faced problems...

here. He described Parliament as a "solemn House meant for dialogue, debate, deliberation and discussion", and underscored the need for the sensitisation of young minds to shape narratives that will effectively counter the "nefarious narratives" of disturbance and disruption.

Dhankhar said transparency, accountability and achievement have now become the new norm in the country. "Power corridors, once infested by corruption and power-brokers, have now been fully sanitised, and this is a big milestone achievement," he said. During the event, Dhankhar also conferred various awards, including the Paul H Appleby Award and Dr Rajendra Prasad Award for Academic Excellence, and released publications.

Warring spreading canard...

of the Sikhs would only invite more disgust from the community and bring shame to the Congress leaders, said Chugh.

Chugh said Kamal Nath's hands have blood on them and the people of Madhya Pradesh and elsewhere in the country are well aware of it.

Over 11 lakh...

competitions has been remarkable with more than 11 lakh participants spanning all age groups.

Participants from various segments of society like schoolchildren, sports enthusiasts, the elderly, and professionals, including public servants, actively joined in the festivities. The overwhelming response through the https://jk.mygov.in/contest portal underscores the growing embrace of e-governance, particularly among the tech-savvy generation, indicating the increasing public engagement with digital platforms for various activities, including celebrating the Foundation Day.

The UT Foundation Day celebrations not only highlight the unity and progress of Jammu and Kashmir but also showcase the region's potential and the talent of its people. These celebrations serve as a testament to new and positive image region is embracing as it advances forward. It also reflects the cultural diversity and rich heritage of Jammu and Kashmir, showcased through various art forms and expressions, like paintings, photography depicting transformational changes, videos depicting the cultural tapestry, and thought-provoking essays and poetry.

The diverse participation from enthusiastic schoolchildren to sports aficionados, the wisdom of the elderly, and dedicated professionals, including public servants, has contributed to making the Foundation Day celebrations a true representation of the spirit of Jammu and Kashmir. The overwhelming response through https://jk.mygov.in/contest portal is a testament to growing embrace of e-governance, particularly among the tech-savvy younger generation, who are actively engaging with digital platforms for various activities and taking keen interest in celebrating the region's transformation and progress. The winners of these competitions will not only receive exciting prizes, including cash awards, but also gain recognition for their creative contributions, encouraging the talent pool in Jammu and Kashmir to shine on a larger stage. The results of these competitions will be eagerly awaited, and an official prize distribution ceremony will be organized to honor the remarkable achievements of the participants, adding to the jubilant atmosphere of the Foundation Day celebrations.

DPAP to work...

retain it in all the times, come what may, he added.

He called for massive public outreach by his workers and directed them to hold corner meetings and explain the agenda of the party to everyone. "We need to reach out to the people and explain them our party agenda so that more and more people join our mission," he said. Among others present in the public meeting were G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, Ab Majeed Wani Gen Secretary, Anita Thakur Gen Secretary, P.R.Manhas Zonal President, Asif Gattu Distt President, Prabha Salathia Mahila President, Sunita Arora Spokesperson, Javid Azad VP Zone, Arif Najjar Block President, Pritam Kotwal Provincial Secretary, Sheikh Zaffarullah Gen Secretary Zone Chenab, Krishan Singh Manhas, Mohd Ashraf Goni and others.

Police HC martyred...

While a police officer was critically injured in firing by terrorists on Sunday in Srinagar, a labourer from Uttar Pradesh was shot dead in Pulwama district the next day.

ACS Home administers...

Patel, the architect of National Integration of Independent India, but also to reaffirm commitment of citizens of India towards upholding the security, unity and integrity of the country.

R R Swain...

and other wings. The HODs of different wings and senior officers of PHQ briefed the DGP about the working/functioning of their wings and offices.

Spl DG Crime J&K, A.K Choudhary, ADGsP, S. J. M. Gillani, M.K Sinha, Vijay Kumar, Director, Fire & Emergency Services, J&K, Alok Kumar, Commissioner Industries & Commerce Vikramjeet Singh, IGP V. K Birdi, IGP (CIV/Hqrs), B.S Tuti and other senior officers from J&K Police were present on the occasion.



RR Swain taking charge as DGP J&K.

J&K makes new...

new beginning with sports and sports culture development plan with adequate infrastructure, introducing sports as integral part of the educational curriculum, access to experts and outstanding coaching and providing opportunities to talents across the UT. "In the recently concluded Asian Para Games, promising archer Sheetal Devi from Kishtwar, J&K has created a new history by winning three medals", the Lt Governor said while inaugurating the 67th National School Games in Football U19 and Volleyball U17 Boys at Bakshi Stadium on the occasion of UT Foundation Day. "It is our collective responsibility to identify talent like her and prepare new paths for their future", the Lt Governor said.

15000 school Children from Kashmir Division and 2000 athletes from all over the Country are participating in this mega sporting event.

The Lt Governor conveyed his best wishes to participating sportspersons. He said the prestigious sporting event is a collaborative effort between the Department of Youth Services and Sports J&K and the School Games Federation of India (SGFI), symbolizing their dedication to grassroots sports.

With 28 states, 8 Union Territories, and several SGFI-recognized boards participating, this event truly represents the diversity and inclusivity of India's sporting landscape, he said. "Today, the Tricolour is flying high in international sports arena. Eminent sportspersons are emerging from small villages and towns and they have achieved excellence in international sporting events with their spectacular performance," the Lt Governor said. He said the country is witnessing the resurgence of sports and a robust new sports culture. Our recent successes at the Asian Games and Asian Para Games have kindled high hopes to bring further transformation to achieve new heights in Olympics with the remarkable performance of our athletes, he added. At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor shared the efforts of the UT Administration, under the guidance of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to create a robust sports ecosystem and realize the true potential of Jammu Kashmir in the sector. The Lt Governor administered an oath to the participants to respect and abide by the rules of the sport and in the spirit of fair play. The gathering of sportspersons, youth and officers at Bakshi Stadium also took the 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' pledge on the occasion. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary GAD, Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary Youth Services and Sports, Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, officers bearers of SGFI, senior officers of Civil and Police Administration, team managers, coaches, prominent sports personalities and youth in large number were present.

J&K youth our...

players of the tournament, The Lt Governor called for united efforts to establish a more conducive environment and provide platforms to nurture the budding sporting talents of Jammu Kashmir in diverse sports disciplines. He congratulated the CRPF Srinagar Sector officials, and all the participating players and teams from Ganderbal, Budgam and Srinagar. CRPF has always lived upto its motto of 'Service & Loyalty' and proven its mettle since inception in 1949 with single vision of 'Nation First'. Its effort to engage youth from Kashmir is creating new environment of peace, prosperity and building moral leadership among young generation, the Lt Governor said. The final was played between MLA Gymkhana Club Budgam and Kashmir Tigers Lal Chowk. Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor, SMC; Aftab Malik, Chairman, DDC, Srinagar; Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, DDC Budgam; Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Nalin Prabhat, ADG CRPF; senior officers of Civil administration, Police and CRPF, sports lovers and youth in large number were present.

Man kills mother...

double murder case has put everyone in a state of shock as the accused brutally murdered his mother and three months old daughter and matter was taken on priority. SSP said that the accused Jag Dev Singh alias Michael has been arrested within three hours and investigation into the matter has been started.

Northern Army commander visits forward areas in Ladakh, reviews winter preparedness



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi during visit to a forward area in Ladakh sector.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS JAMMU: Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi on Tuesday visited forward areas and reviewed the operational preparedness for the winters in Ladakh sector.

The Army commander appreciated and felicitated the troops of the Indian Army, Indo Tibetan Border Police and General Reserve Engineer Force for their relentless efforts in maintaining highest standards of

operational effectiveness under challenging conditions, the Northern Command said.

"Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Army Commander Northern Command visited forward areas of Ladakh to review operational preparedness for winters and border defence infrastructure development", the Northern Command said on X.

He also visited various ongoing projects of BRO, including a tunnel project.

DC Rajouri chairs crucial VMC meeting for JNV Kotranka

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Tuesday chaired a vital Vidyalaya Management Committee (VMC) meeting for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Koteranka (JNV) to discuss issues and evaluate the ongoing educational and extracurricular activities in the school.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal conducted a comprehensive review of the educational and extracurricular activities at JNV Kotranka, underlining the significance of a well-rounded education that combines academic excellence and co-curricular initiatives, fostering the holistic development of the students.

The Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal emphasized the importance of introducing yoga sessions within the curriculum of the school. He stressed the significance of channelizing the energy of students towards a positive and constructive direction, promoting their overall well-being and character development.

Besides reviewing the progress under educational and extracurricular activities, the committee mem-



Deputy Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal chairing a meeting.

bers also raised a number of issues during the meeting. One of the key issues discussed in the meeting was the demarcation of the boundary of the school which is essential to ensure the safety of the students and the school premises. Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal has directed swift action to resolve the issue of school land demarcation.

In addition to the demarcation issue, Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal has also issued explicit directives to address various other vital issues, including irregular water supply and the deteriorating state of the road from Kandi to JNV Koteranka. He has instructed the concerned

authorities to take immediate and resolute measures to rectify these critical matters, underscoring his commitment to overall improvement in the infrastructure and services of the region.

In a significant move, the Chief Medical Officer was directed to provide psychological counseling services to the students. This step underscores the commitment of the administration to addressing the holistic well-being of the students, including their mental health needs.

The meeting served as a platform for open and constructive discussions among the key stakeholders involved in the management and development

of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Koteranka. The insights shared and decisions made during the meeting are expected to have a positive impact on the overall educational and extracurricular landscape of the school.

Deputy Commissioner Vikas Kundal expressed his appreciation for the active participation of all stakeholders and their dedication to improving the quality of education and student welfare in the region.

This initiative highlights the commitment of the administration to providing holistic education, ensuring the safety of students, and fostering their overall development. It reflects a broader commitment to nurturing future generations who are not only academically proficient but also emotionally and physically resilient. The meeting was attended by the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) Mohammad Khurshid, Chief Education Officer (CEO) Sultana Kouser, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Rajinder Sharma, Principal JNV Koteranka, Sandeep Kumar, Vice Principal Kamal Jeet, School counselor Rocky Sharma and others.

Eight inspectors transferred

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police Department has transferred eight inspectors on Tuesday.

According to the order, Inspector Jaipal Singh has been transferred and posted from Security Wing to Jammu Zone; Sohan Singh has been posted to Security Wing from Jammu Zone; Vishal Kumar has been posted to PTTI Vijaypur; Rakesh Kumar posted from Railways to Jammu Zone, Surendra Singh from Jammu Zone to PTTI Vijaypur; Sushil Chaudhary has been transferred from Security Wing to Jammu Zone, Balram Sharma has been transferred from Jammu Zone to Security Wing and Inspector Amit Kumar, who was posted in PHQ these days has been posted in ACB.

One should not wait for tomorrow to remember Krishna Naam: Vishwatmanand



■ STATE TIMES NEWS RAJOURI: Shri Krishna Maha Raasleela, incidents like the pride of the Gopis was described and God's inner meditation and again Krishna Bhava was generated in the hearts of the Gopis and Kansha Vadh were described by his His Holiness Atal Pethadishwar Rajguru Acharya

Mahamandaleshwar Shri Shri 1008 Shri Swami Vishwatmanand Saraswati Ji Maharaj on the 7th day of Shrinad Bhagwat Katha held at SVS Gyan Ganga Ashram, Rajouri Swamiji said that despite everything, if the nature is not good then nothing can happen to a person. By looking at the nature of a per-

son, we can know whether he is happy or unhappy. A person who is not satisfied, give him everything in the world, still he will not be satisfied, Swamiji said while narrating the incident of Vaman and King Bali

In the end, Shri Krishna Maha Raasleela with gopis was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm through the medium of Bhagwat Katha. One who has settled God in his mind, attains supreme happiness. No one belongs to anyone else in this world. This ocean of existence can be overcome only by establishing a relationship with God. One should not wait for tomorrow to remember Hari Naam.

Geeta Bhagwat Satsang concludes



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UDHAMPUR: Geeta Bhagwat Satsang concluded which was delivered by Shri Rama Bhai Ji, a great disciple of Saint Shri Asharanji Bapu. The event was organized by Shri Yoga Vedanta Seva Samiti Udhampur, in which the devotees present enjoyed this devotional atmosphere very happily.

Rama Bhai told everyone through Satsang and Kirtan that God always remains with the one who considers his presence visible in all of his deeds, and never allows his body pride to come forward. He further said that when you realize God in every particle, you will feel intimacy with not only humans but with each and every living being in the world. After the Satsang, a Bhandara was also organized by the Samiti in which all the devotees took Prasad.

PTTI Vijaypur observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

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VIJAYPUR: Police Technical Training Institute organized "National Unity Day" on Tuesday on the Eve of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. On this occasion, a pledge for Unity, Integrity and Security of the Nation was also taken by the Police personnel and trainees of the Institute under the command of Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur. A March-Past was organized in which staff and trainees participated. While speaking on the occasion, Principal PTTI Vijaypur said that the "National Unity Day", also Known as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" was introduced by the Government of India in 2014 and since then it is celebrated every year on



Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur inspecting the parade.

31st of October by the people across the Country as a special occasion, to enhance the spirit of unification of the Nation which was visualized by Ironman Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Lastly, Shiv Kumar, Principal PTTI Vijaypur, Devinder Gupta (Dy:SP R&D), Kuldeep Raj (Dy:SP Indoor/Tech), Khushwant

Singh (Dy:SP Admn.), Insp: Vishal Kumar (CDD), Insp: Anil Kumar, Insp: Ram Lal, Insp: Kanwal Raina, Insp: Mulkh Raj, Insp: Vivek Kalsotra, Insp: Bhopinder Singh, Insp: Pawan Kumar, Insp: Ashish Dharmat, all staff and trainees showered flowers upon the photograph of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.