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terrorism flourished in the state in the past five years. He alleged that the Congress and its allies want to destroy sanatan dharma. "Destroying Sanatan means destroying the culture of Rajasthan," he added. Tamil Nadu Minister for Youth Welfare Udhayanidhi Stalin had stirred a row in September by alleging that sanatan dharma is against social justice and it should hence be eradicated. He had also likened sanatan dharma to the coronavirus and malaria. Holding the Congress responsible for high petrol prices in Rajasthan, Modi said when the BJP forms the government, it will review petrol prices in the state. In Rajasthan, he said, petrol was being sold at prices higher than in the BJP-ruled Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. The prime minister said that during the Congress regime, tax used to be collected on an income of Rs 2 lakh annually but now no tax is collected on income of up to Rs 7 lakh. "Due to the reduction in direct tax, Rs 2.5 lakh crore has been saved," he said. Modi said if the price of mobile data was the same as during the time of the Congress government, one would have to spend Rs 5,000 more today on mobile data every month. Today, the entire country is working day and night for the goal of development and Rajasthan will play a huge role for India to attain a new height in the 21st century. "There is a need for a government in Rajasthan which gives top priority to the development of the state," he said. Rajasthan goes to polls on November 25 and the results will be declared on December 3.

In Pilibanga of Hanumangarh district, PM Modi said that corruption and nepotism were priority wherever the Congress is in power. Now it is also patronising drug smugglers in Rajasthan.

"Wherever Congress is in power, its priority is corruption and nepotism. Congress is never concerned about your needs. Now Congress is also promoting drug smugglers in Rajasthan," he said.

He said that this addition "will destroy not only our children but also our future" and it will ruin every family.

"I assure you that as soon as the BJP government is formed here, such action will be taken against drug smugglers that even other people will shudder after hearing and seeing them," he said.

Talking about the "Cancer Train" -- called so as a large number of cancer patients travel in it - that runs to Bikaner from Hanumangarh and Sri Ganganagar, he noted that the train runs full and seats are not available in it.

"It is said that polluted drinking water is one of the reasons for the spread of cancer. I have also sent thousands of crores of rupees to Rajasthan under the Jal Jeevan Mission. But the Congress government here orchestrated a scam in this too and left you to drink poisonous water," he said.

Before 2014, PM Modi said, the money of honest taxpayers was looted in scams and the poor middle class got nothing and Padma awards were given to those who had access to people in power.

He said that on one side is the service spirit of the BJP government at the Centre and on the other side is the loot system of the Congress government in Rajasthan.

"Farmers, employees and businessmen of Rajasthan all paid taxes honestly. But in return they got dilapidated roads, streets, drains, lack of electricity and water, back-breaking inflation and unemployment," he said.

The money which should have been used for the welfare of the poor, middle class and farmers was looted by MLAs and ministers, he asserted.

Army's northern commander...

terrorists before heavy snowfall blocks the possible infiltration routes, officials

said. Anti-terrorist operations have also been intensified in the villages close to the forests and borders as part of an area domination exercise, they said.

Court reserves order...

ED took two time police remand and then on November 14, Lal Singh was sent to Judicial Remand who is presently lodged in District Jail Jammu.

Money laundering real...

persons involved therein. "A lot of minute exercise is expected to be undertaken by the investigating agency to see that no innocent person is wrongly booked and that no culprit escapes from the clutches of the law," the bench said.

It said the economic offences need to be visited with a different approach in the matter of bail.

"The economic offences having deep-rooted conspiracies and involving huge loss of public funds need to be viewed seriously and considered as grave offences affecting the economy of the country as a whole and thereby posing serious threat to the financial health of the country," the bench said.

The top court said when the detention of the accused is continued by the court, the courts are also expected to conclude the trials within a reasonable time, further ensuring the right of speedy trial guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution.

The apex court said the accused, Tarun Kumar, has to prima facie prove that he is not guilty of the alleged offence and is not likely to commit any offence while on bail.

"It cannot be gainsaid that the burden of proof lies on the accused for the purpose of the condition set out in the Section 45 (conditions for grant of bail) that he is not guilty of such offence. Of course, such discharge of burden could be on the probabilities, nonetheless in the instant case there being sufficient material on record adduced by the respondent showing the thick involvement of the appellant in the alleged offence of money laundering under Section 3 of the said Act, the Court is not inclined to grant bail to the appellant," the bench said.

The money laundering case against Shakti Bhog Foods Limited by the Enforcement Directorate was based on a CBI FIR that charged it and others with criminal conspiracy, cheating and criminal misconduct.

The CBI FIR against the company and its promoters came after State Bank of India (SBI) registered a complaint against the company.

According to the SBI, the directors allegedly falsified accounts and forged documents to siphon off public funds.

The 24-year-old company, which is into manufacturing and selling wheat, flour, rice, biscuits, cookies, etc., had grown organically as it ventured into food-related diversification over a decade with a turnover growth of Rs 1,411 crore in 2008 to Rs 6,000 crore in 2014, the bank complaint had said.

Search operation launched...

forest area in Rajouri. According to the sources, a joint team of security forces is conducting the search operation.

Principal Secy PDD...

prevent unwarranted disruptions in power supply.

It was further highlighted that sufficient infrastructure has been created in recent years to improve the quality of power supply in the region. Additionally, J&K has availed loans under various Government of India schemes such as Atmanirbhar Bharat and LPS Rules, whereby all outstanding dues of power generators accumulated over the years have been cleared. However, under the schemes the J&K has committed to the GoI that the losses shall be reduced to minimum to ensure the viability of the sector.

In line with the commitment to reduce the losses, Principal Secretary issued explicit instructions to the engineers to put an all out effort to eradicate the menace of power pilferage by adopting stringent enforcement measures. He asked to maintain

regular power supply in areas where people are regularly paying for their consumption, whereas in high loss areas, measures like metering and AB cabling be taken on priority.

Principal Secretary noted with deep concern that despite dispatching more energy to the valley during this year compared to previous year, there has not been much improvement in the revenue realization. As such, he directed the concerned officers to ensure that the bills are timely generated and distributed to the consumers. He also directed that the power outages be attended promptly and faults be cleared with minimum downtime particularly the damaged Distribution Transformers (DT) be replaced in shortest possible time to avoid any inconvenience to people.

In conclusion, the Principal Secretary reaffirmed the government's unwavering commitment towards stability and growth of the power sector in Jammu and Kashmir. The anticipated implementation of these directives is poised not only to improve the reliability of power supply but also to fortify the financial health of the power sector, ensuring a resilient and responsive energy infrastructure for the people of the region.

Cold wave grips...

by Pahalgam in south Kashmir at minus 2.6 degrees Celsius. Bandipora in north Kashmir recorded a low minus 2.5 degrees Celsius, while Gulmarg recorded minus 1.2 degrees Celsius.

Srinagar city was covered by a dense fog early in the morning, causing difficulty to the motorists due to the low visibility.

The weather is expected to remain dry across the valley over the next 48 hours.

2 minor girls...

by a truck at Lakhanpur in the Jammu-Pathankot national highway around 12.45 pm, a police official said.

They were returning to their village from Pathankot when their motorcycle was hit by the Jammu-bound truck, the official said.

In another accident, a woman and her granddaughter were killed when they were hit by an unknown motorcycle near Sadq-e-Check on the highway on Sunday evening, the official said.

While seven-year-old Sameera died on the spot, her grandmother Santosh (50) succumbed to injuries at a hospital, he said.

In Udhampur, meanwhile, a woman was killed and seven others injured when two private cars collided at Garnai near Tikri along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway on Sunday, the official said.

The condition of two of the injured persons was stated to be serious, the official said.

3,000 apply for...

A three-member panel of Jaykant Mishra -- a Hindu preacher from Vrindavan -- and two mahants, Mithilesh Nandini Sharan and Satyanarayan Das, from Ayodhya are conducting the interviews, the official said.

The trust will select 20 candidates.

The selected candidates will be appointed as priests and deployed in different posts after six months of residential training. Those who are not selected will attend the training and be given certificates, said Govind Dev Giri, the trust treasurer.

They will also have the chance to be called for the posts of priest that may be created in the future, he added.

"What is 'Sandhya Vandan', what are its procedures and what are the 'mantras' for this worship? What are the 'mantras' for worshipping Lord Ram and what are 'karma kand' for this? ... all these types of questions were asked to the candidates who had come for the interview," Giri said.

The training will be based on the religious syllabus prepared by top seers. During the training, the candidates will get free fooding and lodging and given Rs 2,000 as stipend, he added.

BJP holds Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyan programmes

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir held Booth Jan Samvad Maha Abhiyan programmes at the Booth and Panchayat levels in Jammu province at different places.

The senior party leaders accompanied by the youth leaders addressed the programmes in which they enumerated the achievements of the Narendra Modi government during the past nine and half years.

In District Rajouri, a programme was organized in the Thanamandi constituency, Panchayat Mynal lower at Booth No-23 and 24. Shah Nawaz Khan and Dr. Garu Sanahi were among others who addressed the programme.

Another programme was organized in the Booth number 109 of Panchayat -Agrati north of Rajouri Constituency. Sanjay Sharma and Kundan Lal, others addressed the programme.

A programme was organized in the Booth number 120 of panchayat -saranoo Mandal -Dhangri Rajouri constituency. CP Sharma and Harish Bharti were among others who addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri another programme was organized in the Booth number 104 and 105 of Panchayat-saaj B Thanna Mandi constituency. Shah Nawaz Khan and Nazakat Hussain were among others who addressed the programme.

Another programme was organized in the Booth number 27 of panchayat -karyote Thannamandi Mandal in Thanna Mandi constituency. Qazi Qamar and Shah Nawaz Khan were among others who addressed the programme.

In District Rajouri another programme was organized in the Booth number 102 and 103 of Panchayat -Saj A, Mandal -Behrote Thanna Mandi constituency. Mukhtar Ahmed and Shah Nawaz Khan were among others who addressed the programme.

In Displaced District, a programme was organized in the Booth number 1&2 Durga Mandal. Omkar Nath and Raina H L Bhat were among others who addressed the programme.

DLL organises career counselling programme at GHSS Bazar Qasaban

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Employment Information Cum Advisory Bureau (EIAB), Department of Lifelong Learning (DLL) on Monday organised a career counselling programme for the students of class 12th in the premises of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Bazar Qasaban, Jammu.

The programme was held under the guidance of Dr. Jeevan Jyoti, Director, DLL. Dr. Sandeep Arya, Sr. Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics, JU, was the resource person. Dr. Rewa Khajuria, counselor, EIAB, DLL, coordinated the programme. Dr. Sandeep Arya informed the students about the career prospects and further study options

after completing schooling in the science stream. Dr. Rewa Khajuria apprised the students about the importance of career counselling and the usefulness of psychometric tests.

About 39 students at the school, while giving feedback, appreciated the programme. They were very interested in knowing the options available for them as board exams are approaching and they are in dire need of such programmes. The principal of the school, Mrs. Kamlesh Bhagat, spoke about the guidance that is being provided to the students at this time and advised them to work hard. The coordinator and teachers of the school also attended the programme.

Heritage School organises seminar on 'Cyber Security' by Dr. Rakshit

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Heritage School hosted a compelling seminar on Cyber Security for students in grades VII to XI on the Monday, featuring as Resource Person, Dr. Rakshit Tandon, a distinguished Cyber Security Evangelist and National Expert.

Dr. Tandon's active contributions to the training of law enforcement officers and the establishment of cyber cells for various state police departments.

During his visit to Heritage School, Dr. Tandon engaged with students, providing insights into the evolving cyber threat landscape.

In his discourse, he placed a special emphasis on the



School management honouring Resource Person, Dr. Rakshit Tandon.

risks associated with online gaming and game addiction in young children, highlighting the importance of cyber safety and responsible online behaviour. Dr. Rakshit was honoured

with a memento presented by the Chairman of Heritage School Jammu, Sunil Gupta. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Headmistress, Vandana Jasrotia.

AJKPC hits out at poll panel over delay in local body elections in J&K



AJKPC President Anil Sharma briefing media.

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The All Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Conference (AJKPC) on Monday accused the state election commission of delaying the conduct of local body polls and alleged it was functioning as "extension and subordinate department" of the government.

The AJKPC, a representative body of panchayati raj institutions, also opposed any move by the government to transfer the process of budget planning for the next financial year from the panchayats and block development councils (BDCs) to the district development councils (DDCs) as the term of both existing BDCs and panchayats would cease to exist in the first week of January 2024.

"We are critical of the role of the Jammu and Kashmir State Election Commission. It has gone into hibernation..." AJKPC president Anil Sharma told reporters here.

silent on the conduct of local body elections though the term of existing bodies is about to end.

He said that the commission should act as an "autonomous and independent body" but was functioning as "an extension and subordinate department of the government."

"Our organisation is strongly opposing the reported proposal of the government, wherein it has been stated that planning of the Panchayats and Block Development Councils (BDCs) for next financial year of 2024-25 will shift to the District Development Councils (DDCs) as the term of both existing BDCs and Panchayats would cease to exist in first week of January-2024," he said.

Sharma said the organisation condemns any such move of the government.

"Any such move would reverse the principle of democracy and move towards centralisation of power instead of decentralising it," he said.

TBS, JU enters Prestigious League of top 10 Government B-Schools in terms of Value for Money as per India Today

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a resounding testament to its commitment for excellence and value-driven management education, The Business School, University of Jammu has secured the 9th position in the prestigious India Today Best B-Schools Ranking for Value for Money (India Today; November 13, 2023 Issue).

This ranking is the part of 2023 edition of the India Today Group -MDRA Best Business Schools Survey in which 273 Management Institutes participated. The India Today Best B-Schools Ranking is highly credible annual evaluation that assesses institutions across the country based on various parameters, including academic excellence, faculty quality, infrastructure, and return on investment for students.

This recognition accentuates the institution's dedication to providing top-tier education that not only excels in quality but also offers exceptional value to its students. The Business School, University of Jammu has consistently demonstrated a commitment to deliver-

ing a holistic education experience that prepares students for the dynamic challenges of the business world. This ranking reflects the tireless efforts of the faculty and staff to create an environment that fosters academic rigor, practical skills development and a strong ethical foundation.

TBS has continuously evolved its curriculum to align with industry trends, ensuring that students are well-equipped to make meaningful contributions in their professional endeavors. The institution's emphasis on practical learning, industry exposure and a global perspective has contributed to its success in the India Today rankings.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor of the University of Jammu, extended his congratulations, saying, "I applaud The Business School for achieving one more milestone by securing the 9th rank in India Today's Best B-Schools for Value for Money. This accomplishment reflects the dedication and hard work of the entire TBS community. The efforts of Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director of TBS,

are commendable, and I appreciate his leadership in achieving this milestone."

Prof. Vinay Chauhan, Director, The Business School, commended the unwavering commitment and contributions of all stakeholders that led to this success. Prof. Chauhan, expressed gratitude for the recognition, stating, "This achievement is a testament to our unwavering dedication for providing high-quality education that is not only intellectually enriching but also economically sound for our students."

Prof. Chauhan added that TBS celebrates this recognition and looks forward to its continued journey of academic excellence, innovation and value-driven education.

Earlier this year The Business School achieved an impressive 11th rank in Return on Investment (ROI) and a 33rd position among top Government B-Schools in India, as recognized by Business Today Best B-School Survey and 18th rank in the Government B-School category by The Week B-school survey conducted by the Hansa Group.

Empowering DIPR Officials: Transformative Media & Communication Course begins at IIMC New Delhi

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: A week-long Media and Communication course exclusively designed for officials from the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in Jammu & Kashmir commenced on Monday at IIMC New Delhi.



DIPR officials after the workshop at New Delhi.

The primary aim of this intensive training programme is to empower DIPR staff with profound insights into the dynamic landscape of mass communication.

The programme will comprehensively delve into new and social media, underscoring their influential role in shaping

the evolving communication paradigm in the region. Throughout the course, participants can anticipate acquiring a nuanced understanding of modern communication methods, ensuring they remain well-informed about the latest developments in this swiftly evolving field.