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say by watching him 'Tees taka, Bhupesh Kaka' (30 per cent commission by Baghel government)," he added.
Baghel is fondly called 'Kaka' (paternal uncle) in the state.
BJP candidates Bhavna Bohra from Pandariya seat and Ishwar Sahu from Saja were also on the stage.
Referring to Sahu, Shah said, "When I sent a message to Ishwar Sahu (for contesting elections) he denied. I urged him that he had to contest elections for the justice for brutal lynching of his son Bhuneshwar. He had to fight so that similar injustice was not done with other Bhuneshwar. CM has been doing politics of appeasement. Victory of Ishwar will put an end to it."
"I want to ask whether Dalits, tribals and backward people do not have rights over the exchequer of Chhattisgarh...Bhupesh Baghel has turned the state exchequer into an 'ATM' and served it to brother-sister in Delhi (referring to Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra)," he said.
Instead of focusing on development of the poor; he (CM) is developing his own politics, he added.
Listing out the alleged scams that occurred under the Congress government, Shah said, in his long political career he had never seen a person who has committed corruption in cow dung. He was referring to the government's cow dung procurement scheme.
Polling to the 90-member state assembly will be held in two phases this month.
While Pandariya is among 20 assembly segments which will go to polls in the first phase on November 7, Saja is among 70 constituencies that will see voting in the second phase on November 17.

Our institutions need...

and address problems of demand and skill gap, nurture young talents and create a cadre equipped with specialized knowledge to contribute to the growth of developed India," the Lt Governor said.
The Lt Governor said rapid industrialization and exponential growth of technology demand high skill sets and capabilities for ensuring better employment opportunities for the youth in the skill sectors.
We must explore every possibility to move the young workforce from the less productive informal sector to more productive formal sectors, he added.
The Lt Governor lauded endeavors of the Odisha Government under the 'Skilled in Odisha' initiative.
At the World Skill Center, the Lt Governor also talked about the ongoing industrialization in Jammu Kashmir and the unique initiatives of the UT Administration to develop J&K as hub of innovation and skill development.
Subroto Baghel, Chief Advisor to Government of Odisha, Institutional Capacity Building; Alka Misra, Chairperson, Odisha Skill Development Authority and other senior officers of Government of Odisha were present.
Later, the Lt Governor interacted with officials of Startup Odisha and discussed the reforms made by the team in building the startup and innovation ecosystem in the state. Startup Odisha team informed the Lt Governor about 'O Hub', a state-of-the-art Incubation facility which aims to register more than 5000 startups by 2025.
Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Dr. Omkar Rai enumerated the notable achievements and future growth plans of Startup Odisha.

Joint Action Employees...

them that all their genuine demands including issues related to GP fund cases, Gratuity and SRO 43 cases, would be consideration for resolution.
In light of these assurances, the office bearers of the Joint Action Employees Forum have taken the decision to suspend their strike, marking a potential breakthrough in addressing the issues raised by the forum.
Chairman, Jammu Kashmir Teachers Forum, Ganesh Khajuria, President Medical Employees Federation, Sushil Sudan, President State Forest Employees Union, Suresh Sharma, President Clerical Union, Anish Sharma, President Power Development Employees Union, Gurmeet Singh, Provincial President Employees Union, S Gurmeet Singh and other members were present in the meeting.

DPAP alone can...

some political leaders. However, they are actually hiding their own misdeeds. They formed the government with BJP and some others enjoyed ministerial berths in NDA," he said.
He said he is facing people today because his politics is all about and around them and their welfare.
"No other politician has guts to face the people like me. They have no track record and will be cornered for their fake promises and misleading people on sentimental grounds," he said.
Azad warned people against these political parties and said they are joining hands to ensure BJP wins all the seats.
"They are joining hands against us since they have been asked by their masters to split the secure vote bank of DPAP to ensure BJP is winning with full majority. But my workers have to be alert and ensure that all stand united against these parties

and BJP to ensure DPAP wins elections," he said.
Azad said that due to the faith the people have in him, he was winning elections in Delhi and many other states for the Congress.
"Congress was because of me and the elections it was winning were due to my efforts and hard work. You can see now the situation of the Congress," the DPAP chairman said. Among others who were present on the occasion included 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, Farooq Shikari, Fatima Shikari, Asghar Khanday, Pritam Kotwal, Sheikh Zaffarullah and others.

Crisis of trust...

knows about the promises made by the ruling Congress in Rajasthan ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls and whether those were honoured or not.
He said whether it is an individual or an organisation, everyone should honour the promises they make and there should be no difference in their words and deeds.
Singh said whenever elections come, the Congress gives various kinds of assurances to people.
Referring to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, he said, "Gehlot saab, I want to tell you and your leaders, (former Congress presidents) Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, that politics should not be done only to form the government, politics should be done to build the society; it should be done to build the country."
The defence minister also compared the Congress with the Pakistani team in the ongoing cricket World Cup. He said this election is no less than the World Cup.
"The condition of the Congress in Rajasthan has become like that of the Pakistani team in the World Cup. The Congress seems to be out of the tournament just at the start of the election, whereas the BJP is moving forward like a champion team like India," he said.
Referring to the "red diary" that Modi had talked about in his recent speeches, Singh said it contains a secret.
"A BJP government will be formed in the state and we will reveal that secret. What dark deeds are there in the red diary, we will find out then," he said.
The Gehlot government sacked minister Rajendra Gudha in July for targeting the state government in the Assembly over crime against women, following which Gudha claimed that he had a red diary that allegedly had details of the chief minister's irregular financial transactions.
Singh said the Gehlot government is trying to buy the honesty of the state's people by offering concessions on the price of LPG cylinders and distributing free mobile phones.
Addressing another public meeting in support of BJP candidate Kunwar Vishwaraj Singh, the defence minister said those in the Congress government in Rajasthan kept fighting for the entire tenure and people had to suffer.
Highlighting the law-and-order situation in the desert state, he said it is a matter of shame that an MLA of a ruling party had to say that she was not feeling safe.
He was apparently referring to Osian MLA Divya Maderna who had said she felt unsafe in the state. The 200-member Rajasthan Assembly will go to polls on November 25 and the counting of votes will be taken up on December 3.

Ace Para Archer...

in China. The team comprising Additional District Development Commissioner Kishitwar, Sham Lal, together with Deputy District Election Officer Kishitwar Naresh Kumar, Nodal Officer AYUSH Vikram Singh Jamwal besides ZPEO Inderval Deep Kumar and Incharge Machail Mata Yatra Cell Lovmeet Kotwal received the Ace Archer at Jammu Airport and extended their heartfelt congratulations to her for this extraordinary feat.
Sheetal Devi's journey is a testament to the indomitable power of the human spirit. Born without hands (Phocomelia) in a remote village in Kishtwar; she defied all odds to attain international recognition.
Her exceptional talent was first noticed by the India Army during a camp in 2019 amidst the rugged mountains of her homeland.
Since then, she has made a remarkable mark on the global stage, further supported by the Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, which offered infrastructure for her training in Katra.
Sheetal Devi's remarkable achievements stand as a shining example and an inspiration to all, underscoring that with unwavering determination and the right support, one can overcome any obstacle on the path to achieving greatness.

Concerned officials in...

few months 80 cases have been taken up and 20 cases have been disposed off in this week alone. Secretary, asked for expedited processing of the under process cases. He said such actions are important for creating effective deterrence.

Don't want SC...

listing of fresh matters after their filing in the top court has been significantly reduced. He, however, rued the fact that after their listing before the benches, lawyers seek adjournments and this gives a very bad signal to the outside world.
"I have been seeing that the period from filing to listing is reducing. We could not have achieved this without the support of the SCBA (Supreme Court Bar Association) and the SCAORA (Supreme Court Advocates-on Record Association),"

the CJI said.
"For November 3, we have 178 adjournment slips. For each miscellaneous day, since October, 150 adjournment slips were there on each day and from September to October, 3,688 adjournment slips were circulated..." the CJI said, adding, "This defeats the very purpose of expediting the case".

14 Pak soldiers...

A sanitisation operation was being carried out in the area and perpetrators of "this heinous act will be hunted down [and] brought to justice", the Geo News reported, quoting the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement.
Pakistan has seen a surge in terrorism in recent months, with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and other militant outfits intensifying their actions against security forces.

India establishing defence...

Gen Pande also said that India is establishing defence wings in new locations around the world and that the Army is keen to enhance the scope and scale of joint military training and exercises with friendly foreign partner nations.
Delving into current geo-political upheavals, he emphasised on the need to take note of growing salience of national security in international affairs and the "renewed currency" of hard power.
The Chief of Army Staff described India as the "bright spot" amidst despondency and geopolitical flux.
"Our outlook emphasises respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, equality of all, peaceful resolution of disputes, avoidance of use of force and adherence to international rules, laws and regulations," Gen Pande said without making any specific references.
The Chief of Army Staff said India's commitment towards positively engaging all stakeholders has been "unwavering and enduring" over the years.
"In the military domain we understand our role in the emerging multilateral architecture. We are keen to enhance the scope and scale of our joint training and exercises, interoperability, sub-regional perspectives and sharing of best practices with friendly foreign partner nations," he said.
"To give fillip to our defence cooperation outreach, we are establishing defence wings in new locations around the world," he said.
"The challenges we face are significant but so are the opportunities and collective wisdom and strength," the Army Chief added.
Gen Pande highlighted the "unprecedented churn in global landscape" that has set into motion a chain of events as well as some new trend lines.
"Amongst others, we need to take particular note of the growing salience of national security in international affairs and the renewed currency of hard power," he observed.
"The pandemic which began as a health crisis ended up as a national security event. Close on the heels of cataclysmic events in Ukraine, we are now faced with an escalating conflict in West Asia," he said.
Gen Pande said these instabilities and challenges are compounded by "notable economic turbulence and weaponisation of multitudes of attributes and domains, from information to supply chains."
"Issues like radicalisation, terrorism, piracy, illegal migration, refugees and climate change add to the bouquet of global concerns," he said.

Talking about India's rising stature, he said it has a credible voice at the world stage, "one that is distinct, rooted in Indian ethos and effective in articulating the concerns of the Global South."
"India shares common interests and values such as democracy, human rights and rule of law with our partners and like-minded countries. This alignment of shared values creates a solid foundation for cooperative security efforts," Gen Pande said.
"The spin-offs of these collaborative efforts are not restricted to security but transcend into the economic realm, innovation and technology, capacity building, multi-lateral problem solving and diplomacy as well," he said and added, "Our initiatives are bedrock in the Indian way."
The Chief of Army Staff said technology is driving geo-politics like never before transforming not only strategic competition but also war fighting.
"In fact technology is emerging as a new strategic arena of geo-political competition even as grey zone contestations in non-traditional domains seem to be expanding so is the probability and the are of all out conflict," he said.
"Amidst such despondency, it is my belief that India remains a bright spot."
The Chief of Army Staff noted that not only is the "Cold-War" peace dividend "dwindling, the world seems to be fracturing in myriad ways."
He said "new divisions" are coming to the fore between the East and the West as also between the global North and the Global South.
"An agile, resilient and consumer-driven economy has enabled us to brave the economic downturns of the Russia-Ukraine conflict," he said.
The 'Chanakya Defence Dialogue' has been organised by the Indian Army in partnership with Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS).
The Dialogue aims to carry out a comprehensive analysis of security challenges in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific with a focus on crafting a roadmap for collaborative security measures in the region to fortify India's position as a "ready, resurgent, and relevant" stakeholder in the region.

Training cum workshop'on Preventive Vigilance'held in Civil Secretariat, J&K

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JAMMU/SRINAGAR: General Administration Department in collaboration with Anti Corruption Bureau, J&K conducted 'Training cum Workshop regarding Preventive Vigilance and role & responsibilities of CVOs/DVOs' in Civil Secretariat at Jammu as well Srinagar during the ongoing observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, 2023. The workshop was chaired by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department and Anand Jain, Director, ACB was the guest of honor on the occasion. Dalip Kumar, SSE, ACB and G.S.

Ghuman, AIG (Policy), ACB were the guest speakers.Besides, officers of General Administration Department and officers/officials of different Departments participated in the workshop.
During the training programme, focus was made on different facets of Vigilance with special emphasis on Preventive Vigilance measures. It was apprised that Corruption is an all pervasive phenomenon, which knows no boundaries and barriers and all efforts should be made to curb this menace. Further, the institution of Departmental Vigilance Officers is a step forward towards utilizing officers in

the field within the concerned department to provide a helping hand to curb corrupt practices. Vigilance is to be recognized as a management function in every sector of governance and we have to build structure, process and systems in such a manner so as to prevent leakage which adversely affect productivity and profitability.
The participants were also explained the detailed procedure regarding conducting of Regular Departmental Actions besides emphasizing the importance to conclude RDA in a time bound manner.
Anand Jain while enlightening the participants, drew attention towards the healthy

work culture and importance of honest and credible Officers/Officials who play instrumental role in functioning of various Government Departments. He also laid emphasis on the mechanism of CVOs/DVOs who have been pivotal in time bound disposal of complaints related to Departmental working.
In the end, Sanjeev Verma while speaking on the occasion appreciated the sea change that has occurred in the functioning of Government Departments and focused on fast disposal of complaints especially related to Revenue, Welfare and works.
The event concluded with vote of thanks and felicitation ceremony.

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JAMMU: In a dedicated effort to commemorate Vigilance Awareness Week, a nationwide initiative spanning from October 30, 2023 to November 05, 2023, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jammu on Friday hosted an expert talk to raise awareness and fortify the ongoing fight against corruption.
Inspector General of Police, Jammu Zone and Director Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Anand Jain shared his expert insights with the faculty and staff members of IIT Jammu community.
The talk, led by Anand Jain, promised to be an insightful and thought-provoking discourse, exploring strategies and best practices in the relentless battle against corruption. His extensive experience in law enforcement added a wealth of knowledge



IGP Jammu Zone and Director ACB Anand Jain speaking during the programme.

to the discussion, providing a valuable perspective on the subject.
The event was marked by its participatory spirit, with an interactive session following

the talk. This engagement allowed attendees to exchange thoughts, seek clarification, and further their understanding of the vital role of vigilance in our society.

Awareness campaign by school children, vigilance ambassadors in Civil Secretariat



Commissioner Secretary, Sanjeev Verma along with participants students and others.

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JAMMU: In connection with observance of Vigilance Awareness week, 2023, students from different schools visited Civil Secretariat, Jammu as well as Civil Secretariat, Srinagar for awareness

drive. During the drive, the students distributed pamphlets in different offices of Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar and apprised regarding the menace of corruption and ways to curb it in Government Offices. The

students were designated as "Vigilance Ambassadors".
The schools which participated in Civil Secretariat, Jammu were Government SRML Model Higher Secondary School, Parade, Jammu and

Government Model Girls Higher Secondary School, Mubarak Mandi, Jammu & the schools which participated in Srinagar were Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Amira Kadal, Srinagar and Government Boys Higher Secondary School, Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar.
At the conclusion, the Vigilance Ambassadors were felicitated by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, General Administration Department wherein he appreciated the active participation of these Ambassadors in awareness drive in Civil Secretariat, Jammu as well as Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

People want Modi to be PM again: Ashok Koul

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JAMMU: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, on Friday conducted 25 programmes in different districts under the ongoing "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan".
The energetic youth leaders of the party, along with other senior party leaders, chiefly addressed these "Booth Jan Samvad Abhiyaan" programmes.
J&K BJP General Secretary (org.) Ashok Koul addressed two such programmes.
BJYM vice-president Yuvraj Singh addressed a program in Patarara Panchayat and BJYM District President Nowshera Rajat Singh addressed another program in Thanda Paani Panchayat respectively in Kalakote-Sunderbani.



J&K BJP General Secretary (org.) Ashok Koul addressing gathering.

BJP senior leader and District Probhari Sanjay Baru conducted the proceedings of both these programmes.
Ashok Koul said that during the last nine and half years, a large number of schemes have been launched for the benefit of every section of the society.
He said that a BJP karyakarta works 24 hours

and 7 days and remains in the public.
He said that this outreach programme is mainly being undertaken to make aware the local population about the public welfare policies and programmes of the central Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
He, particularly, spoke in detail about the develop-

ment, which has taken place after the abrogation of Articles 370, and 35A.
He also emphasized that in 2024, the public will vote enmass in favour of BJP as they want to see Narendra Modi as PM of the country again.
Yuvraj Singh and Rajat Singh enumerated the schemes and programmes of the Modi Government and said that the Modi government is committed to uplift the weaker and the neglected sections, emphasizing that the oppressed are getting due respect from Modi Govt.
They appealed to the people to vote Modi government to power once again in 2024 in order to increase the pace of development in the whole nation and especially Jammu & Kashmir.