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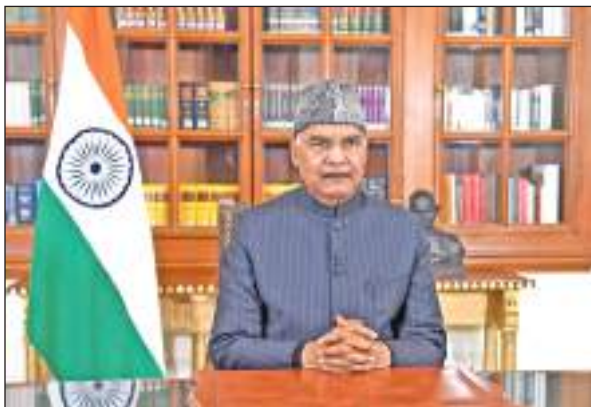
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India has shown unmatched resolve during pandemic, better placed to meet challenges of future: Kovind

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Asking people to celebrate Indian-ness this Republic Day, President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday said the country has shown an "unmatched resolve" in the face of the extraordinary challenge to humankind posed by the coronavirus pandemic and that a strong and sensitive India is now emerging.

In his address to the nation on the eve of 73rd Republic Day, President Kovind said this year's celebrations may be muted due to the pandemic but the spirit is as strong as ever, as he urged the people not to let their guard down and to continue following precautions.

He noted that democracy, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity form the bedrock of India and stressed that the observance of Fundamental



President Ram Nath Kovind addressing the Nation on the eve of 73rd Republic Day in New Delhi.

Duties mentioned in the Constitution creates the proper environment for the enjoyment of Fundamental Rights.

In the fight against the COVID pandemic, it has now become a sacred national duty of every citizen to follow the precautions suggested by

scientists and experts, Kovind said, adding that we have to discharge this duty till the crisis is behind us.

The President said the pandemic management was bound to be more difficult in India due to its high population and other factors.

"But it is only in such diffi-

cult times that the resilience of a nation shines forth. I am proud to say that we have shown an unmatched resolve against the coronavirus, Kovind said.

"In the first year itself, we raised the healthcare infrastructure and also reached out to help others. By the second year, we had developed indigenous vaccines and launched the world's biggest vaccination drive in history," he said.

India reached out to several other countries with vaccines and other medical help. This contribution by India has been appreciated by international organisations, the President said.

Doctors, nurses and paramedics have risen to the challenge, working long hours in difficult conditions even at the risk of their

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Grenade attack in Srinagar, 4 injured; 1 terrorist arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: A day ahead of Republic Day celebrations, terrorists on Tuesday hurled a grenade towards security personnel in the busy Hari Singh High Street area of the city, resulting in injuries to four persons including a police officer and two women, officials said.

The ultras lobbed the grenade towards a team of security personnel at Hari Singh High Street at around 3.30 PM, they said, adding the grenade exploded by the roadside.

Four persons were injured in the blast. They have been identified as police inspector Tanveer Hussain who is posted with ACB, Mohammad Shafi, his wife Tanveera and another woman Asmat.

The injured were rushed to a hospital where their condition was stated to be stable, the officials said.

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Greets people on 73rd Republic Day J&K poised to become latest success story among Indian states: LG

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Tuesday said Jammu and Kashmir is poised to become the latest success story among Indian states and a model of Socio-Economic development for the country post historic transformative changes in August 2019.

"The government is committed to build a strong Jammu and Kashmir and we will continue to march ahead with Mantra of 4 P's -- Peace, Progress, Prosperity and People first. We are determined to ensure every single citizen of UT enjoys prosperous and peaceful life" the Lieutenant Governor said while extending greetings and best wishes to people on the auspicious occasion of 73rd Republic Day.

Sinha observed that the central government under the strong and able leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the bold and decisive step of breaking the shackles erected in the path of development of Jammu and Kashmir.

Lt Governor said that the Republic Day is the day of introspection, an occasion when every citizen has to remind himself of his duty to protect and further nourish the ideals and



LG Manoj Sinha extending greetings to people on the eve of 73rd Republic Day.

achievements of the nation.

Paying homage and respect to the great men and freedom fighters of India, who sacrificed their lives for the country, the Lt Governor said, "I pay

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Gen Rawat given Padma Vibhushan; Azad awarded Padma Bhushan

Faisal, Vishwamurti, Tsering conferred with Padam Shri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on January 25 shared a list with the names of personalities who will be conferred with the Padma Awards this year. As many as 128 personalities from different fields will be honoured with the Padma Awards.

The list comprises four Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri Awards. Out of 128 awardees, 34 are women and the list also includes 10



persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 13 Posthumous awardees.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh,

who died last year, will receive Padma Vibhushan for Public Affairs. Late CDS General Bipin Rawat will also receive

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1.5 lakh voters added in J&K, 12K in Ladakh since 2019: Officials

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Over 1.5 lakh new eligible voters have been added to the electoral roll in Jammu and Kashmir and 12,000 voters in Ladakh since 2019, an official said.

On account of the 12th National Voters' Day, Jammu and Kashmir's election department had on Tuesday organised an event at Nirvachan Bhawan in Jammu during which Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta virtually

administered the pledge to all administrative secretaries, divisional commissioners, district election officers, electoral registration officers and assistant electoral registration officers besides other officials.

This year's National Voters' Day is celebrated on the theme Making elections inclusive, accessible and participative.

Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu and Kashmir, Hirdesh

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J&K hits record 6,570 one-day COVID-19 cases; 14 more die

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded 6,570 fresh coronavirus cases, the highest single-day spike since the pandemic began, taking the infection tally to 4,09,166, while 14 people succumbed-seven each in the Valley and the Jammu Division-- to the disease in the last 24 hours, officials said.

Out of the fresh cases, 1,555 were from the Jammu division and 5,015 from the Kashmir division of the Union Territory, the officials said.

This is the highest single-day spike in fresh cases since the first Covid case was detected in Kashmir in March 2020, surpassing the previous high of 6,568 infection on January 22 this year.

The officials said Srinagar district recorded a maximum of 1,450 new cases, followed by 971 cases in Budgam district.

There are 47,376 active cases in the Union Territory, while the number of recovered patients was 3,57,163, the officials said.

The 14 new fatalities, the highest in a day in over seven months, pushed the death toll from the pandemic to 4,627 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 163 fresh coronavirus cases, taking the tally to 24,818 while the active cases in the union territory has come down to 1244, officials said. The union territory has recorded 222 Covid-related deaths -- 164 in

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The offices of STATE TIMES group of publications in Jammu and New Delhi will remain closed on Wednesday (January 26, 2022) in connection with Republic Day celebrations. Therefore, there will be no issue of your newspaper on Thursday (January 27, 2022).

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Temperature (Jammu)
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