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Great optimism in...

a lot of opportunities for our youth.

"This is special time in history, you are a special generation, you have a special mission, this is the mission of making an impact for India on the global scene," he said in his address to the youth.

For every mission a foundation is needed, whether it is for economy or education, sports or startups, skill development or digitalisation, he noted. "In every domain, a strong foundation has been laid in the last 8-9 years. The runway is ready for your takeoff."

The inaugural event held at the Railway Sports Ground here was attended by Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Anurag Singh Thakur among others.

Highlighting that there is great optimism in the world today towards India and its youth, Modi said, "this optimism is about you, because of you and for you."

Noting that there are global voices saying that this century belongs to India, he said, "It is your century, century of India's youth. There are global surveys saying majority of the big investors want to invest in India, these investors want to invest in you. India's youth."

From toys to tourism, defence to digital, India is making headlines across the world, the PM said, adding that this is a historic time when optimism and opportunity are coming together.

Touching upon 'Naari Shakti', he said, women are today flying fighter jets, and are getting inducted in combat roles in the Army. "Whether it is Science, technology, space and sports our daughters are reaching heights."

"We have to make 21st century, India's century, for it we have to think 10 steps ahead from the present. Our approach should be futuristic. To fulfill the aspirations of the youth, you have to do positive disruption and move ahead of modernised countries of the world."

Possibly before the end of this decade our world is going to change, emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things would have evolved much, and data science and cyber security would have become part of our life much deeper, he said. "So our youth should be prepared with future skills."

Observing that initiatives like digital payments, Swachh Bharat, Jan Dhan, indigenous COVID vaccines were made fun of, Modi highlighting their success today told the youth, "So if you have new idea, you may be subjected to fun, but if you have trust on your idea, stick to it."

SSP Mohan Lal among...

of Akhnoor, M.Sc. Botany, 1999 batch JKPS officer after completing his probation from District Rajouri has served as DySP Operations, Patti District: Baramulla, Kashmir (for 06 yrs), SP Operations, District Doda, SP Rural District: Jammu, Again SP Operations District: Doda (2nd time), SP Katra District: Reasi, District SSP, Kathua, District SSP, Ramtan, SSP Traffic City, Jammu, Commandant IRP 10th Battalion, Commandant JKAP-7th Battalion and presently serving as Dy. Director (Trainings/ Indoor), SKPA, Udhampur. Pertinently the awardee has served this institution for the last four years and has displayed sense of responsibility and dedication in the matters of Indoor as well as Outdoor trainings. He efficiently imparted the quality training and managed three batches of Prob. Dy.Ssp, the largest ever batch of 583



Insp (S) Ashok Kumar Supt. Mastan Singh

Prob. Sub-Inspectors 2019-2021, Women BRTC, Specialized Courses, Vertical Interaction Courses on Smart policing, Gazetted Officer's Refresher Courses on the analogy of Mid-Career Training Programmes (MCTP). He introduced concept of online classes to Prob. Dy.Ssp & Prob. SIs when institution was closed amid COVID-19 Pandemic which helped in the completion of training on time. He was instrumental in shaping and grooming the young trainee officers especially directly recruited Dy.Ssp & Sub-Inspectors to meet the challenges of policing and serve the nation with dedication and devotion. He also successfully managed passing out parades of Prob. Dy.Ssp, Prob. SI's Basic induction courses (Drill & Discipline) of Assistant Directors, Firemen and Firemen drivers of Fire & Emergency Services Department. In these events, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor J&K was the Chief Guest.

It is in place to mention that Mohan Lal Bhagat is a highly decorated officer and he has been awarded with Police Medal for Gallantry by the President of India (2002), Prakram Padak (Wound Medal) (2008), 1st Bar to the Police Medal for Gallantry by the Hon'ble President of India (2010), DGP's Commendation Medal (2012), Police Medal for Meritorious Services by the Hon'ble President of India (2020), Apart from a large number of Appreciation letters from Senior officers, the then Hon'ble Governor, J&K appreciated him for exhibiting excellent operational expertise, professionalism, commitment, devotion and dedication during the discharge of duties in different capacities. He has also been conferred with Prestigious Nelson Mandela Peace Award-2022 in field of Good Governance and Social Service for his Noble and Excellent Contribution for Peace Building, Peace Loving, Peace Living to serve the Humanity Beyond all Boundaries through Social Welfare Activities. He was also awarded Honorary Doctorate in Good Governance and Social Welfare by the St. Mother Theresa University.

Whereas, Inspector (S) Ashok Kumar rendered seven years of exemplary service in the Academy. He has authored S.K Police Academy song which was approved and released by DGP J&K in the Academic Council Meeting in February 2021. Apart from organizing and designing Establishment Course for the Ministerial Executive Cadre, he played pivotal role in organizing 1st ever Hackathon by this academy on the theme "Eve Teasing."

Whereas, Supt. Mastan Singh performed duty with zeal & Zest in imparting training to Prob. Dy.Ssp and Prob. SI's. He has outstanding professional capabilities.

Garib Dass, ADGP, Director, S.K Police Academy Udhampur felicitated the awardees, expressed optimism that in future they will perform duty with similar dedication.

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status report to the office of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir for its onward submission before the High Court.

DB after taking status report on record asked the counsels representing various government departments to file status reports indicating the follow up action that has been taken pursuant to the directions issued by the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir in a status report submitted before it in terms of order passed by the court on September 19, last year observed that court had also put a blanket ban on constructions besides prohibited use of plastic and plastic material in all the existing parks, open spaces and green spaces in Srinagar and Jammu. Division Bench had further directed all the authorities maintaining those parks to see that no such plastic or plastic material is thrown in the parks or green spaces except in the dustbins which shall be cleared periodically.

It had further asked the authorities to take effective steps in accordance with law for the removal of all encroachments or unauthorized constructions from all parks and green spaces and ensure that no construction in the vicinity is raised without the proper permission/sanction of the map by the competent authority.

However, the bench allowed the authorities to undertake construction of sufficient washrooms and toilets at appropriate places to be earmarked by some expert in each of the parks and to construct proper pathways wherever feasible.

GDC Kathua organise motivational lecture on life & teachings of Swami Vivekananda



Faculty and students during the event.

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KATHUA:

On the occasion of "National Youth Day" NSS units of Degree College Kathua organized a motivational lecture on the Life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The programme was started with traditional lamp lighting by today's Incharge Principal Prof. Seema Malpotra of Govt. Degree college Kathua. Naman Dogra, a young dynamic youth leader and social activist was the chief resource person on this occa-

sion. He delivered a very informative and valuable lecture on the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda Ji. He apprised the august gathering of the life and contribution of Swami Vivekananda Ji. On this occasion Incharge Principal Prof. Seema Malpotra also addressed the gatherings and appeal the students to go through the life of Swami Vivekananda Ji and follow his footsteps to promote the culture and diversity of India to every-

one.

She also appreciated the efforts of NSS volunteers and Prog officers for organizing this event.

Prof. Mammoan Singh Senior most NSS Prog officer presented welcome note on this occasion. Programme was concluded with vote of thanks by NSS Programme Officer Dr. Suresh Sharma. The proceedings of the programme was conducted by Senior most NSS Volunteer Pratham Sharma. Senior most faculty members Dr. Rachna, Dr. Kailash Sharma, Dr. Sunit Dubey, Dr. Shamsher Singh, Kamaldeep Singh was also grace the occasion with their benign presence.

The event was organised under the patronage of Principal Prof. Sumanesh Singh Jasrotia and supervised by NSS Program officers Prof. Mammoan Singh Dr. Suresh Sharma and Dr. Amita Dua.

CCE organises extension lecture on NEP 2020



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JAMMU:

The Chenab College of Education, in collaboration with Council for Teacher Education Foundation (CTEF - J&K Chapter) organized an Extension Lecture on 12th Jan 2023 on the theme "National Education Policy (2020) : Futuristic Approach to Teacher Education."

The Resource Person on this occasion was Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal, Coordinator B.Ed. Programme, Directorate of Distance Education, University of Jammu.

At the outset, the Principal of the College Dr. Sunita Sharma welcomed the

Resource Person and presented bouquet to him. Dr. Jaspal Singh Warwal deliberated in detail on the different tenets of NEP vis-a-vis Teacher Education like 4yrs, 2yrs and 1yr Programmes and the differentiation thereof. Dr. Singh enlightened the students as well as faculty about the NEP 2020 with special reference to Teacher Education.

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Iftkar Ahmed, while strongly condemning the Rajouri terrorist attack, said that the situation in J&K has turned grim with terrorists now carrying out targeted killings at their will in Jammu region as well. He said

that the recent terror incident in Dangri village of Rajouri followed by an IED blast is enough to prove that no one is safe in Jammu and Kashmir as terrorists are targeting the vulnerable sections without any fear of law. He demanded that the government should brace-up the security grid and mobilize the intelligence network to ensure that such horrendous attacks should be stopped in the coming time.

Uday Chib said the Bharat Jodo Yatra is a historic movement and said that people of Jammu especially the youth of the state are eager for their welcome. He said that preparations

are going well for the Yatra and it is being ensured that the Yatra will sail smoothly when it comes to the region.

"The Padyatra will receive the same response in Jammu Kashmir as received by the Yatra in other parts of the country. Youth Congress are working with great enthusiasm ahead of the yatra in the state," he added.

Uday said it's the need of the hour that people from across the nation show their stand against the Centre's divide and rule policy by marching together for unity. "We are meeting with people to deliberate upon the preparations so that no stone is left unturned," he added.

Not fair to comment: Army Chief on his predecessor's remarks on theaterisation

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NEW DELHI:

Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande on Thursday chose not to respond to recent comments by his predecessor Gen MM Naravane that framing a national security strategy was a prerequisite to take forward the ambitious theaterisation plan.

Gen Pande said an integrated and tri-services response to meet future security challenges is an "imperative" and that there was a need to get "right joint tri-services structures in place".

"It is not fair for me to comment on Gen Naravane's remarks. But I think in the future, integrated and tri-services response to meet future

security challenges is an imperative and towards this, I think, we need to get right joint tri-services structures in place," Gen Pande said at a press conference.

He was asked to comment on the former Army Chief's remarks.

"Just to elaborate, we are looking at theatre command as a single entity looking after all security aspects and issues in a geographical area under one general commander. So I leave it here just highlighting the importance of theaterisation but stop short of commenting on what my predecessor's views were," Gen Pande said.

The Army Chief said the process of consultations and deliberations

among the three services on the theaterisation plan was underway.

Delivering a talk on theaterisation at the 4th General KV Krishna Rao Memorial Lecture last December, Gen Naravane had said, "Theaterisation is not an end, it is only a means to an end. And that end has to be specified first in the form of a national defence strategy. That defence strategy, in turn, has to flow out of a national security strategy." Unless there is a national security strategy in place, to just keep talking about theaterisation is actually putting the cart before the horse," he said.

Gen Naravane was the Chief of Army Staff from December 31,

2019 to April 30, 2022. According to the theaterisation plan, each of the theatre commands will have units of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force and all of them will work as a single entity looking after security challenges in a specified geographical territory under an operational commander. At present, the Army, Navy and the Air Force have separate commands. Initially, a plan was firmed up for the creation of an Air Defence Command and Maritime Theatre Command. The theatre commands are being planned to integrate the capabilities of the three services and to ensure optimal utilisation of their resources.

Women in Army...

responsibilities," he added.

In a significant move, the Army in 2019 began the process of inducting women into the military police.

The role of the military police includes policing cantonments and army establishments, preventing breach of rules and regulations by soldiers, maintaining movement of soldiers as well as logistics during peace and war and extending aid to civil police whenever required.

Earlier this month, Captain Shiva Chauhan from the Army's Corps of Engineers was posted at a frontline post in Siachen Glacier, in the first such operational deployment of an woman Army officer at the world's highest battlefield.

Last month, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar said the Indian Navy is looking at opening all its branches for women from 2023.

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out that it has more stakeholders and guarantees better dividends for everyone. He asked them to give it more consideration and make it a daily affair for the benefit of every citizen of the UT. He remarked that being One Nation, One People, every citizen has a role to play. He advised them to adopt a whole of society approach by making the task all inclusive and effective.

He also took first hand appraisal from each of the DC about their preparedness regarding making the services online till 15th of this month. He asked from them about the services still provided in offline mode and directed them to making every preparation of offering them in online mode from 15th onwards. He observed that people should be able to avail each service from the comforts of their homes. He made out that our mobile phones should simply replace offices for common masses. He also directed for creating mass awareness among public by uploading informational videos and conducting training workshops in all the educational institutions and at Panchayats as well.

Taking note of second ranking of the UT in Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Chief Secretary exhorted upon the Culture Department to coordinate with the District Administration to upload all the relevant activities and events. He asked them to work tirelessly in the days ahead to regain the first position in the ranking. He directed all the DCs to take quality feedback from the ground so that it is relevant and worth uploading on the national portal.

J&K: Minimum temp...

are expected, while the weather will remain mainly dry after that till January 18.

The night temperature decreased and settled below freezing point across the Valley, but stayed above the normal for this part of the season.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 0.2 degrees Celsius on Wednesday night, down from 3.5 degrees the night before, the officials said.

Qazigund, the gateway to the Valley, registered a minimum temperature of minus 0.4 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir recorded a low of minus 2.8 degrees, they said.

The minimum in Kupwara, a frontier district, settled above the freezing point at a low of minus 0.4 degrees.

The tourist resort town of Pahalgam in Anantnag district, which also serves as a base camp for the annual Amarnath Yatra, registered a low of minus 1.7 degrees Celsius.

The minimum temperature in Gulmarg in Baramulla district was recorded at minus 5.5 degrees Celsius, they said.

Kashmir is currently under the grip of 'Chillai Kalan', the 40-day harshest weather period when the chances of snowfall are maximum and most frequent.

Chillai Kalan begins on December 21 and ends on January 30. The cold wave continues even after that with a 20-day-long 'Chillai Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai Bachha' (baby cold) following it.

Missing girl traced, reunited with family

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Meanwhile, a team of Geology and Mining department, headed by District Mineral Officer Kathua seized a heavy excavator machine and four Dumper trucks from Bani Nallah and 2 dumpers at Ding Amb involved in illegal mining and illegal transportation of minerals. As informed by DMO Kathua, the action was taken on the complaint lodged by PRI members about illegal mining by stone crusher in Bani Nallah. "The excavator had excavated and lifted a total of 3300 MT of Nallah muck below water level thereby causing serious loss to water body and land on the both sides of Nallah. The huge sum of penalty was calculated for the pits and excavated material," DMO informed. He further said that the seized machines and dumpers have been kept in the custody of Police Station Bani and Chadwal, Kathua till realization of penalty from violators.

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