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centuries-long resolves was a very emotional moment for me and I consider it my good fortune," the prime minister said.

Along with 140 crore people, seeing Ram Lalla and welcoming him was amazing,

"That moment was possible only with the blessings of Lord Shri Ram and the peo-

ole of India, and I will always be grateful for it," he said. "As you said, we not only worship Lord Shri Ram but also take inspiration from

him in every aspect of life, especially in the social sphere," Modi said. The prime minister noted that President Murmu in her letter had discussed the

impact of the scheme PM-JANMAN and the empowerment of extremely backward people in the tribal society.

"Being associated with the tribal society, who can understand this better than you? Our culture has always taught us to work for the most deprived sections of the society. Many campaigns like PM-JANMAN are bringing a big change in the lives of the people of the country today," Modi said.

The ideals of Lord Ram "give us constant energy for the welfare works and empowerment campaigns for the poor", he said.

"It is Lord Shri Ram who has given the inspiration for 'sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishvas aur sabka prayas' in every chapter of his life," the prime minister said. The results of this mantra are visible everywhere today, and in the last decade, the country has succeeded in bringing about 25 crore people out of poverty, he said.

The eternal thoughts of Lord Ram are the basis of India's glorious future, Modi

"The power of these ideals will pave the way for all the people of the country to create a developed India by the year 2047," Prime Minister Modi said. He said the grand temple of Lord Ram will "continue to inspire us to create new

paradigms of development and success" President Murmu on Sunday had complimented Prime Minister Modi ahead of the

Pran Pratishtha' ceremony. In a two-page letter to him, the president had said that "as you prepare yourself

to go for 'Pran Pratishtha' of Prabhu Shri Ram's 'murti' (idol) at the new temple built at his birthplace in Ayodhya, I can only contemplate the unique civilisational journey that will be accomplished with each step taken by you in the hallowed

Referring to the 11-day rigorous 'anushthan' that the prime minister has undertaken, Murmu said it is not only a sacred ritual but also a supreme spiritual act of sacrifice and submission to Lord Ram.

Sending heartfelt wishes, the president said that the nationwide celebratory atmosphere around the inauguration of the grand temple of Prabhu Shri Ram in Ayodhya Dham is an uninhibited expression of the eternal soul of India. "We all are fortunate to witness the commencement of a new cycle in the resurgence of our nation," she had said.

## Security tightened in...

meeting. "The intentions of the adversary are to be foiled by a proactive approach and by implementing innovative district-level plans," Swain had said.

A full-dress rehearsal is being carried out at Bakshi Stadium and other venues across the valley on Wednesday.

# BJP holds first...

for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Raina said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders assigned different esponsibilities for the Lok Sabha elections and added there is a need to devote more time to contribute to the party's electoral success with a thumping majority.

Singh, who gave details of the working of the various departments of the BJP owards the target, stressed upon the party leaders to prepare themselves fully to discharge their duties more effectively.

He also focused on better coordination among different departments of the party which have been constituted recently.

BJP General Secretary (organisation) Ashok Koul shared the details of the departments constituted for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and said the party leaders' past experience will obviously bring better results in the polls.

J&K BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal said that the responsicility of a resounding victory lies on the dedicated efforts of this team.

# Govt working on...

Shah said. "When we are moving towards a journey of 100 years of independence vith a strong foundation, I can see four challenges in our criminal justice system. Integrating technology in the entire policing system to make it a modern policing system without changing its basic structure is a big challenge before us," the Union minister said

Hybrid and multi-dimensional threats arising out of new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence also pose a challenge, and there is a need to identify and create a network to protect our systems, he said.

The Union government has taken steps to meet the requirement of more than 9,000 scientific officers and forensic science officers that the country will need to recruit every year, Shah said.

"We have worked on three challenges --- creation of human resources through NFSU, creation of a technological database, completion of data integration and creation of software using Artificial Intelligence and making them legal," he said.

Integrating the criminal justice system, technology and forensic investigation was another big challenge, Shah further said.

"I would request the students (of forension ly. We have given a very important place to forensic science on legal basis in investigation, prosecution and judicial system, and a very big area is going to emerge from the career point of view," he said.

As the forms and methods of crimes change, the police need to stay ahead of crimnals, the minister noted.

"Perhaps (freedom fighter and former Union minister) K M Munshi once said that police should stay two steps ahead of criminals. I would like to say that police need to stay two generations ahead of crime and criminals. The generation of technology is much faster than human generation. If our system stays two generations ahead of crime, then we shall succeed in preventing crime," Shah added.

Efforts should also be made to bring uniformity in policy and rules of technology at the global level, he said.

Technology is the answer for making justice available, accessible and affordable, Shah said, adding that the new laws were introduced keeping this in mind.

Behavioural science plays as important a role in preventing crime as strong adminstration and a good justice system, he said.

The new criminal laws make a visit by forensic officers to a scene of crime mandatory if the prescribed punishment for the offence exceeds seven years, and this provision is meant to help investigation, prosecution as well as the delivery of justice

and increase the conviction rate, the minister said. Naming the National Education Policy 2020, conversion of the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University into National Forensic Sciences University and the passage of the new criminal laws as among the Narendra Modi government's achievements, he

said they could not be seen in isolation. "We have become the world's biggest democracy and its foundation is deeper than pataal' (netherworld). We have seen a transfer of power without shedding a drop of blood, and the people's trust in democracy cannot be questioned," he said

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has worked hard on creating a huge database using technology in the last five years, Shah said, adding that more than eight crore e-FIRs have been registered, and all the police stations in the country except seven stations based in hilly regions have been connected through technology. A solution

s being worked out to connect the remaining police stations, he said. Data of more than 15 crore prosecution cases has been made available online in every Indian language, database of two crore prisoners has been compiled using the e-prison system, Shah said, adding that 19 lakh forensic results of the last three rears too have been made available online.

Online databases of narcotic, sexual and child offenders have been created, and errorism cases of the last 25 years have been made available online, he said.

"We are developing a software using AI to develop analysis of all kinds of data. I can say with confidence, and I have said this in Parliament, that the entire system vill run on these three (new criminal) laws," he said.

As many as nine campuses of NFSU have been set up so far, and another nine are in the pipeline, the home minister said, adding that a campus has also been opened n Uganda.

## J&K Police to...

be made more efficient, active and strengthened for prompt dissemination of mportant and urgent information

At the end of the meetings, the ADGP exhorted the officers to maintain close liaison with sister intelligence agencies and various wings of police to avert any untovard incident.

The ADGP interacted with all the participants and took stock of security arrange-

ments being made in their areas of responsibility in view of the Republic Day celebrations and consistent intelligent inputs being shared by different sister agencies regarding the threats of terrorists and anti-social elements.

Security situation under...
Swain added. Asked about targeted attacks in the Union Territory, the J&K police

chief said "about 90 per cent of the root and origin of the problem is outside' "A person sitting outside, not from Jammu and Kashmir, a Pakistani comes here somehow whether by infiltrating or digging up tunnels, and then fights us. It is a challenge. Though their numbers are now less, this is a challenge.

"The cross-border infiltration is a challenge in Poonch-Rajouri and to some extent here as well. We will be able to control it when the atmosphere improves gradually

and we are hopeful that the people themselves will hand them over to us," he said. It was the DGP's first Public Grievances Redressal Programme in south Kashmir. He has addressed such programmes in north Kashmir's Kupwara and Srinagar,

apart from Jammu region. A large number of people turned up for the programme with different kinds of grievances like robbery, domestic violence, and land disputes.

The DGP said Jammu and Kashmir Police is very serious in its commitment in addressing the wide range of concerns and problems of citizens related to police serv-

He welcomed all those present at the public grievance redressal programme and expressed happiness in meeting the people once again, with the primary objective of understanding their issues and grievances pertaining to police services

The DGP assured a timely response and redressal to each grievance raised and further emphasizing that the programme is solely meant for addressing public concerns related to police services. It is not for recruitment purposes or general transfers, he added.

The programme was attended by more than 500 individuals, including men, women, and the elderly, who came forth to share their grievances and concerns. The DGP J&K listened attentively to people. On-the-spot directions were issued in sev-

eral cases, ensuring prompt redressal of the concerns raised by the attendees. Before the grievances redressal programme the DGP laid floral wreath at the Martyrs Memorial.

IGP Kashmir, V.K Birdi, DIG, South Kashmir Range Rayees Mohammad Bhat, AIG (Training and Policy) PHQ, Manoj Kumar Pandith, SSP Awantipora Ajaz Ahmad Zargar and other jurisdictional officers were present on the occasion

#### Rush at Ayodhya...

who have been camping in Ayodhya since before the consecration ceremony, having made long and difficult journeys to reach the temple town.

An idol of the new Ram Lalla was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple on Monday, a landmark event led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On Tuesday, 'Ram dhun' played in the streets as security personnel kept guard and sought to control the crowd even as many chanted "Jai Shri Ram" and attempted to enter through the gateway.

For a couple hours in the afternoon, the crowd became so huge that the security personnel scrambled to maintain order.

The entire section of the Ram Path facing the gateway was blocked as many devotees, some of whom landed with suitcases and backpacks, wanted to have 'darshan' At the main gateway, the commotion in the crowd led to one devotee fainting and having to be taken for medical treatment.

Suresh Kumar and his friend from Chhattisgarh stood in the milling crowd, eager to have 'darshan' but had little hope of getting in as they both carried suitcases.

"We have come from Durg. We took a train to Kanpur and then a bus to Lucknow and another bus to Ayodhya and reached Ayodhya at 10.30 am," he told PTI.

The pair said they made a "sudden plan" to visit Ayodhya. "We have come just for the 'darshan'. We will go back today," he said.

Security guards later made a semi-circular human fence to manage the crowd as other personnel made announcements on loudspeakers to keep order.

A large number of devotees had gathered outside the main gates for hours since late Monday night, waiting to enter the premises.

Carrying flags bearing visages of Lord Ram and chanting "Jai Shri Ram", the devotees waited for hours in the biting cold before the doors of the grand temple opened early in the morning.

"Felt so delighted, my life's aim has been fulfilled. Our ancestors struggled for this and it has been brought to fruition," said Manish Verma, a devotee from Punjab. Nitish Kumar, a resident of Bihar's Madhepura district, cycled more than 600 kilometres to reach Ayodhya.

"There is a massive rush but I am hopeful I will get a chance to have 'darshan' today. I will start my journey back once my wish is fulfilled. Though I couldn't go to the temple on Monday, what a day it was to be in Ayodhya," he told PTI. Anurag Sharma from Rajasthan's Sikar was seen walking around with a model of

the temple on the day of the consecration ceremony.

"I brought this model with me from my hometown. I arrived on the inaugural flight to Ayodhya and I have been here since then. I will go back only after having a 'darshan' of Ram Lalla," he told PTI.

Groups of people could also be seen marching towards the temple, passing through the decked up Ram Path.

"Ram Lalla gave us the strength to walk all the way from Chhattisgarh and now He only will get us through this crowd so we can take His blessings," said Sunil Madho, part of an eight-member group that undertook a 'padyatra' to Ayodhya.

Maharashtra native Gopal Krishna, who arrived in Ayodhya a few days ago, also jostled in the thick crowd as it moved towards the security check.

"We came here a few days ago as Lord Ram called us. People were telling us to not travel as police would impose restrictions on travel and rooms would not be available in hotels. We are staying at an ashram and this is the day we waited for" he told PTI.

The devotees chanted "Jai Shri Ram" as they walked in and out of the temple complex. Inside the main temple, "Jai Shri Ram" chants reverberated in its grand halls. The temple complex, built in the traditional Nagara style, is 380 feet long from the east to the west, 250 feet wide and will eventually rise to 161 feet at the 'shikhar'. Lakhs of people watched the 'pran pratishtha (consecration)' ceremony on televi-

sion in their homes and neighbourhood temples, savouring the historic moment on "January 22, 2024, is not merely a date in the calendar but heralds the advent of a new era," Modi said after he performed a series of rituals in the 'garbha griha

The prime minister also prostrated himself before the 51-inch idol that depicts the child Ram.

"Today, our Ram has arrived. After a long wait for ages, our Ram has arrived. Our Ram Lalla will no longer live in a tent. Our Ram Lalla will stay in a magnificent temple," Modi said in his address to the invitees.

## We have to...

The present generation must actively work towards realising Netaji's aspirations,

"He knew that these dreams can't be fulfilled in just one generation. It will have to be worked on continuously by generations after him. We have to work to achieve his dream of India, as he wanted," Bhagwat said.

Bhagwat underscored the enduring impact of freedom fighters' selfless lives, struggles, and sacrifices, emphasising their role as a source of inspiration for the

The programme marks Bhagwat's second consecutive year in Bengal, participating in the celebrations commemorating the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

## Kashmir continues to...

water bodies and water in pipelines.

The chances of snowfall are highest during this period and most areas, particularly in the higher reaches, receive heavy snow.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31. However, the cold conditions will continue after that with a 20-day 'Chilla-i-Khurd (small cold)' and a 10-day 'Chilla-i-Bachha (baby cold)'.

## Russian missiles strike...

(930-mile) front line has barely budged.

Both sides' inability to deliver major gains on the battlefield has pushed the fighting toward trench and artillery warfare.

Analysts say Russia stockpiled missiles at the end of last year to press a winter

campaign of aerial bombardment. The recent Russian bombardment was "an alarming reversal" of a trend last year

that saw a drop in civilian casualties from Kremlin attacks, the UN said. More than 10,000 civilians have been killed and nearly 20,000 injured since Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, the UN said.

Tuesday's onslaught in Kharkiv, in northeastern Ukraine, killed six people and injured 57, including eight children, the UN said.

The missiles damaged about 30 residential buildings and shattered hundreds of windows in icy weather, regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said

Russia used S-300, Kh-32 and hypersonic Iskander missiles in the attack, he said A five-story apartment building appeared to have been directly hit by several missiles around dawn, the UN Human Rights Mission in Ukraine said in a statement

An unknown number of people were trapped in the rubble with the temperature falling to minus 7 degrees Celsius (19 degrees Fahrenheit), said Kharkiv Mayor Ihor

Kharkiv, about 30 kilometers (18 miles) from the border, has often felt the brunt of Russia's winter campaign of long-range strikes that commonly hit civilian areas Four districts of Kyiv came under an attack that injured at least 20 people, including a 13-year-old boy, according to Mayor Vitalii Klitschko.

Officials corrected initial reports that a civilian had been killed in the capital, say ing the wounded person was hospitalised on life support.

UN staff visited a Kyiv neighbourhood with a damaged residential building, school, a sports center and a kindergarten.

A missile also killed a 43-year-old woman and damaged two schools and eight high rise buildings in Pavlohrad, an industrial city in the eastern Dnipro region, the coun try's presidential office said.

In Balakliia, in the Kharkiv region, an 88-year-old man and a 78-year-old woman were rescued from the rubble of a house after Russian shelling, it said.

In the south, Russia attacked the city of Beryslav with drones, killing a 69-year There appeared to be scant chance of an end to the war anytime soon. Russian

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov defied the United States and other Ukraine supporters at a UN meeting on Monday, ruling out any peace plan they support. Lavrov claimed that Ukrainian forces have been "a complete failure" on the battle

field and are "incapable" of defeating Russia. On Sunday, Moscow-installed officials in eastern Ukraine claimed that shelling by Kyiv killed 27 people on the outskirts of Russian-occupied Donetsk.

The Ukrainian military, however, denied it had anything to do with the attack. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Tuesday's attacks should not be seen as Moscow's response to the Donetsk strike. He repeated Moscow's claim that its forces

don't strike civilian areas, although there is substantial evidence to the contrary.

Deaths of Ukrainian civilians have stirred international outrage over Russia' invasion, and Ukrainian officials have pointed to the attacks in their efforts to secure further military aid from the country's allies.

NATO on Tuesday signed a USD 1.2-billion contract to make tens of thousands of artillery rounds to replenish the dwindling stocks of its member countries. The contract will allow allies to backfill their arsenals and provide Ukraine with

more ammunition. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk on Monday was the latest foreign leader to visit Ukraine and announce a new aid package that includes a loan to buy larger weapons and a commitment to find ways to manufacture them together.

Ukraine's allies have recently sought to reassure the country that they are committed to its long-term defense amid concerns that Western support could be flagging British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and France's new foreign minister also travelled

But the United States, Ukraine's main supplier, is currently unable to send Ukraine any ammunition or weapons. While waiting for Congress to approve more money for Ukraine's fight, the US is looking to its allies to bridge the gap. (AP)

LBSNAA Mussoorie organises 30th Joint Civil Military

## training program on National Security Former DGP J&K Dilbag Singh delivers lecture on 'Civil Military Police Interface in Sensitive Areas'

STATE TIMES NEWS MUSSOORIE: The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) conducted its 30th Joint Civil Military training programme on

National Security, bringing together a distinguished group of senior officers from All India Services. Central Civil Services, other Central Services. and the Armed Forces

The participants were the rank of Joint Secretaries, Directors, Majors



Former DGP J&K Dilbag Singh delivering lecture.

General, and Brigadiers, engaged in collaborative sessions aimed at strengthening national security strategies

Dilbag Singh, IPS, former DGP of Jammu and Kashmir, was invited as a Guest Speaker. He delivered an enlightening lecture on the crucial topic of "Civil Military Police Interface in Sensitive Areas".

His experience added invaluable perspectives to the discourse, emphasizing the need for seamless collaboration between civil, military, and police entities to ensure security in areas of heightened sensitivity.

The training programme is aimed at sensitising the participant officers as to how difficult and security sensitive theatres like J&K are to handled by various stake holders in real life situations and to understand how to deal with a vast variety of challenges together.

# Is there no place for opposition leaders to enter temple under Modi's 'Ram Rajey?: Ravinder

## STATE TIMES NEWS

BATOTE: Launching party's campaign for Lok Sabha in Chenab valley along with



AICC coordinator & Senior Vice President Rayinder Sharma during meeting at Batote.

Senior Vice President & party's Media incharge for Sharma questioned is there no place for opposition leaders to freely & fearlessly walk on streets and enter a temple under BJP's and Modi's Rajey".

Strongly

demning the attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandh led Bharat Nyay Yatra in Assam yesterday and not allowing him to enter a temple there, on the historic day when Prime Minister Modi was holding Pratham Puja and taking part in Pran Prathistha at Shri Ram temple besides RSS terming it a beginning of RamRajya JKPCC questioned if this is Ram Rajey of the idea of BJP-RSS? . He said Shr Ram is in the heart of every Hindu and all those others too, whoever Maryaada Parshotam but such incident on the day of pran pratishtha, itself unfolds BJP'S especially Modi's Ram Rajey. If this can happen to Rahul Gandhi, leader of the largest and oldest political party of the country besides being the son and grandson of the martyred prime ministers, what shall happen to common citizens disagree ing to modi government's policies. Accompanied by Vice President PCC & Aicc coordinator for Jammu Lol Sabha Naresh Gupta& PYC President Akash Bharat, Sharma, Ex MLAs Ashok Dogra, Dina Nath Bhagat, ExMlc Sham Lal Bhagat, General secretary PCC Imriaz Khandey, Pyare Lal Shan, Riyaz Sheikh, DCC Presidents Sheikh Mujeeb, Asif Naqib, Riyaz Wani, Firdous Mingnoo, Feroz Khan, Nadeem Niaz (DDC) Anju Kajal, Rasheed Malik, Bashir Nailk (DDC) Prof Pardeep Bhagat, Bisht, Janak Singh, Ranjeet Manhas, Tariq Ahmed &

#### Tehsildar Pargwal finalises arrangements for R-Day celebration ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Tehsildar Pargwal, Manjeet Singh chaired a meeting of sectoral officers to review and finalize arrangements for the celebration of 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervor. Specific responsibilities were assigned to different departments regarding different activities. Ic Police Post Pargwal was directed to ensure security arrangements in and around the venue. The sitting arrangements were to be done jointly BDO Pargwal, Army and BSF; responsibility of barricading was assigned to PHE and R&B Department. Besides, cultural items were finalised by a committee headed by Principal Government Higher Secondary School Pargwal. Sectoral heads were instructed to ensure the participation of all the officials of their respective departments on Republic Day. Officers of different departments, officers from Army and BSF were present in the meeting.

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