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I want to go after preparing (team) for the next 20 years. I am doing it. My success lies in how I prepare my team who will be able to deftly handle things. This is my benchmark for me."

He said politics needs continuous entry of good people who put mission over ambition, and summarised his ideology as "nation first".

Asked if he sees such potential in any young politician, he said they are many of them.

"They toil, they work with a mission. If I say a name it will be injustice to many others. There are a lot of names and faces in front of me. I know details of a lot of people but it is my responsibility to not do injustice to others," he added.

Modi said it has been his life's mantra that he may make mistakes but he will not do anything wrong out of bad intentions.

He said, "When I became (Gujarat) chief minister I said I will not spare any effort to work hard. I will not do anything for myself. And, thirdly, I am human and I can make mistakes. But I will not do anything wrong out of bad intentions. I have made it a mantra of my life. Mistakes are inevitable. I must have made mistakes. I am a human too, not a god."

Noting that one-third seats for MLAs and Lok Sabha members will be reserved for women in near future, he said women are already present in local bodies due to 50 per cent reservation for them in many states and asked them to work to become as capable as they can be to prepare themselves for assemblies and Parliament.

The prime minister described himself as not a typical politician, and his time is mostly spent on governance.

"I have to make political speeches during elections. It is my compulsion. I don't like it but I have to do it. All my time is spent on governance outside elections. And when I was not in power, my time was entirely focussed on organisation. On development of human resources..." he said.

Asserting that he has never confined himself to a comfort zone, Modi said his risk-taking ability has hardly been utilised. "My risk-taking ability is several times more," he said, adding that it was because he never bothered about himself.

In his third term, he said he felt more emboldened and his dreams have widened. In first two terms, he used to judge his work by the progress it has made since he began. "Now my thoughts are in the context of Viksit Bharat by 2047," he added.

Modi said his thrust on "minimum government maximum governance" was misinterpreted by some people who thought it meant fewer ministers or government employees. It was never his concept, he said, noting he created separated ministries such as for skill development and fisheries.

It was about cutting down on lengthy official processes, he said, citing the ending of over 40,000 compliances and repeal of over 1,500 laws as steps in that direction.

In the podcast which touched on different phases of his life, Modi described himself as an ordinary student in school who studied merely to pass the exam but participated in different activities and was always curious.

"My struggles have been the university which has taught me," he said, noting that his father did not allow him to apply for admission in a sainik school due to lack of money. He, however, was never disappointed, he added.

He asserted that he has never lived in a comfort zone and that his risk taking capacity has not been fully utilised yet, saying people are unsuccessful in life when they get used to comfort zone.

"It has been my luck that I have not spent life in comfort zone, have never been there...since I was out of comfort zone, I knew what I had to do. Probably I am unfit for comfort..." he said during the podcast.

"The kind of life I have lived, even small things give me satisfaction," he added.

Modi further said that people are unsuccessful in life when they get used to comfort zone.

"Even if a big industrialist doesn't take risk and doesn't come out of comfort zone, the progress will finish there and he will have to come out. Someone who wants to progress in any area, should not get used to comfort zone, the risk taking mentality is a driving force," he said.

Asked about whether his risk taking abilities have increased with time, the prime minister said his risk taking capacity has not been fully utilised yet.

"...my risk taking capacity is several times more...there is a reason behind it because I don't bother about myself and somebody who does not think about himself has countless risk taking capacity, my case is like that only," he said.

Social media strengthened...

of grade 8 and 9 know all this. This means that social media, in a way, can be considered to have a great power for the new generation," Modi said.

CM launches J&K...

shift from manual to online RTI applications. This transition enables citizens to submit RTI requests, track their status, and receive responses electronically, eliminating the need for physical visits to government offices.

Earlier, Secretary General Administration Department (GAD), M. Raju, delivered a presentation on the portal's features, highlighting its accessibility, convenience, speed of processing, cost efficiency and role in promoting accountability.

He outlined the portal's key functionalities, including its user-friendly interface, streamlined RTI workflow, and robust documentation features.

A unique feature of the portal is the issuance of a registration number to applicants via SMS and email for future reference, enabling easy tracking of RTI applications.

The portal integrates 61 government departments, 272 nodal officers/public authorities, 720 First Appellate Authorities (FAAs), and 3,419 Central Public Information Officers (CPIOs) and Public Information Officers (PIOs), ensuring comprehensive coverage and making the citizens informed about the activities of the Government.

Meanwhile, Balvinder Singh, a prominent RTI activist in Jammu and Kashmir, has lauded Chief Minister Omar Abdullah for launching the much-awaited online RTI portal.

Singh highlighted that the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 led to the replacement of the State RTI Act 2009 with the Central RTI Act 2005.

While welcoming the integration with the central framework, he expressed concerns over certain gaps in the Central RTI Act. Notably, he pointed out the absence of a fixed timeframe for disposing of second appeals, unlike the 60-day period mandated by the now-abolished State RTI Act.

Balvinder recalling his own participation in the RTI Conference organized by the Central Information Commission (CIC) on September 3, 2013, Singh commended Omar Abdullah's unwavering support for transparency.

During the valedictory session, Abdullah, the then Chief



Minister of State, had openly criticized political parties for their double standards on transparency, stating, "It's a little strange. We want transparency for others but not for ourselves."

Abdullah further emphasized in the conference that transparency should be the guiding principle across all spheres of governance, including politics and administration, to ensure the rule of law and justice prevail.

Singh also expressed his disappointment with the central government, which, despite championing RTI while in opposition, has failed to uphold its principles. This concern was validated by the Supreme Court on January 7, 2025, which criticized the prolonged delay in appointing Information Commissioners to the Central Information Commission (CIC) and State Information Commissions (SIC). The apex court directed the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) and state governments to set clear timelines for filling these critical vacancies.

Balvinder Singh expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for fulfilling a long-standing demand of both RTI activists and citizens by introducing the online RTI portal.

He described the initiative as a significant reform aimed at enhancing transparency, promoting accountability in governance, and simplifying the process of filing RTI applications across Jammu and Kashmir.

Cache of arms...

operation over three days, a cache of arms and ammunition was recovered, which included a pistol, a pistol magazine, eight rounds, five grenades, and 270 rounds of AK-47.

Govt extends monthly...

issues and is under maintenance. We expect the portal to be operational by 12:00 noon. CBIC is being sent an incident report to consider extension in filing date," GST Tech, the official handle of GSTN, said in a post on X.

The GST Network has been facing technical glitches since Thursday as taxpayers were unable to generate summary of GSTR-1 and file the return.

ACB books 2...

Similarly, Zahoor Ahmad Dar, son of Razak Dar, resident of Takinwaripora Srinagar, at present Galibabad Lane No. 5 Shalteng, Srinagar, (Executive Engineer) was found to own a lavish multi-storied house in Srinagar's Shalteng, a sedan car, and bank accounts with suspicious transactions involving both his personal accounts and those of his spouse, Shah said.

There is evidence of the acquisition of 'benami' properties and significant assets in the form of fixed deposit receipts (FDRs), the AIG said, adding that a case has been registered against Dar at Police Station ACB Srinagar.

Both the suspects were found to be involved in corrupt practices, which prima facie constitute an offense under the Prevention of Corruption Act for possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of lawful income, he said.

According to a statement issued by the ACB, a secret verification was carried out into the allegations against the two officials. Search warrants were obtained from the Court of law and searches are underway at different locations associated with these cases and investigation is in progress, the statement added.

Like-minded countries...

will not be able to take advantage of economic growth or technological innovations that we are experiencing in today's era," Singh told envoys of several countries.

Singh said India is emerging as a leading voice for the Global South, and it advocates for a multi-aligned policy approach which ensures that diverse views are considered in the collective pursuit of prosperity.

"In today's geopolitical landscape, fostering unity among like-minded nations is essential for ensuring mutual prosperity and peace, while addressing contemporary challenges," he said.

The defence minister said India has always championed shared prosperity and shared responsibility based on the fundamental principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (One Earth, One Family).

Singh described Aero India as one such event where "nations come together and form bonds beyond boundaries".

Elaborating on the vision behind the biennial event, he said it has proven itself to be the meeting ground for the aerospace and defence sectors to showcase their products/technologies.

He defined it as a forum to forge strategic partnerships towards increasing opportunities for business, transfer of technology, joint development and co-production.

The Aero India will feature a Defence Ministers' Conclave, CEOs' round-table and a large exhibition comprising India Pavilion and a trade fair of aerospace companies.

The first three days of the event will be business days while February 13 and 14 have been set as public days to allow people to witness the show.

Kashmir continues to...

from minus 10.4 degrees the night before, according to the weather office.

Pahalgam was the coldest recorded place in the valley. Qazigund, the gateway town to the valley, logged a low of minus 7.6 degrees Celsius, while Konibal in

Pampore town also recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.2 degrees.

Kupwara in north Kashmir recorded a minimum of minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, while Kokernag in south Kashmir saw the mercury settle at minus 5.7 degrees Celsius.

The MeT Office has forecast mainly dry weather on Friday, with the possibility of light rain/snow at isolated places on Saturday and Sunday.

Kashmir is currently in the grip of 'Chillai-Kalan' -- the harshest period of winter -- which began on December 21. During the 40 days of 'Chillai-Kalan', the chances of snow-fall are the highest, and the temperature drops considerably. 'Chillai-Kalan' ends on January 30, followed by a 20-day 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day 'Chillai-Bachha' (baby cold).

NIA chargesheets Bihar...

terrorist organisation LeT's goal to disrupt India's unity, integrity, security and sovereignty," read the statement issued by the NIA.

Kumar had come in contact with T Naseer, a life convict in a terror case, at the Bengaluru central prison.

Along with others, Kumar, who was in jail in a 2017-18 murder case, was radicalised by Naseer, the probe agency said. Following his release, Kumar remained in touch with Naseer and Junaid Ahmed, an absconder, it said.

In May 2023, acting on Ahmed's instructions, Kumar collected a parcel containing hand grenades and walkie-talkies from Ambala, Haryana, and delivered it to another accused in Bengaluru. The arms were intended to help Naseer's escape during a court transfer, the NIA said.

Ahmed also funded Kumar as part of the conspiracy to further LeT's activities, it said.

NIA had in January 2024 also chargesheeted eight people, including absconder Ahmed, in the case.

Investigation in the case, which originated in July 2023, and efforts to trace the absconding accused continue, the statement said.

Vishisht Swasthya Sewa Samman Puruskar 2024 held in GMC Jammu

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: To acknowledge the achievements of deserving doctors of the medical community, Peoples Hut Foundation in collaboration with Diva International Foundation organised the First Edition of Vishisht Swasthya Sewa Sammaan Puruskar 2024 in Jammu. Jammu and Kashmir's leading National NGO People's Hut Foundation announced the awardees of 'Vishisht Swasthya Sewa Sammaan Puruskar 2024' at GMC Jammu. An impressive gathering comprising who's who of the healthcare industry besides distinguished guests witnessed the Awards ceremony held in Jammu.

The People's Hut Foundation organised the star-studded award ceremony to celebrate the merit of deserving professionals as well as give due regard to the values and morals which these distinguished awardees exemplify, such as care, compassion and empathy for their patients and also showcased the commitment that the healthcare achievers. As awards are a great way to encourage excellence, People's Hut Foundation in collaboration with Diva International Foundation organised these prestigious awards to acknowledge the good work being done in the field of healthcare. The winners of the event have not only made their profession proud, but brought accolades to the nation at the global level.

The ceremony was graced by Dr. Ashotosh Gupta, Principal and Dean Government Medical College Jammu as the Chief Guest, Dr. A.S Bhatia, Principal Government College Rajouri and Controller of Examination, J&K Paramedical Council as the Guest of Honour.

The event began with a Welcome address by Dr. Rohit Koul Director and C.E.O of People's Hut Foundation where he welcomed all the dignitaries and awardees.

A session on "Importance of Values



and Ethics in Healthcare Profession" was taken by Dr. Priyanka Koushal who is a Registrar in the Department of Surgery, GMC Jammu. Another session was taken by Dr. Vikas Padha who is a Senior Joint Replacement Surgeon at SMVD Naryana Hospital Katra where he briefed about "How can Healthcare Professionals support Humanitarian Workers working in the domain of Healthcare".

This was followed by an immaculate award ceremony that honoured doctors for their dedicated services in social service and health sectors.

The awardees of "Vishisht Swasthya Sewa Sammaan Puruskar 2024" included Dr. Priyanka Koushal, Dr. Sreejan Sharma, Dr. Sawant Singh, Dr. Sanjogita Soodan, Dr. Smedha Mengi, Dr. Vikas Padha, Dr. Sandeep Singh, Dr. Harleen Kaur, Dr. Meena Sidhu and Dr. Ishan Koushal who were extremely happy and joyous at the recognition of their efforts and hard work at such a prestigious level.

Guest of Honour Dr. A.S Bhatia delivered an inspiring speech in which he praised the commitment and hard work of the medical community saying, "Dedicated doctors like today's winners are responsible for the continuous growth and development of India. I would like to extend special thanks to Team People's Hut Foundation and Diva International Foundation for celebrating the sheer hard work and perseverance of

Healthcare providers." Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest of the event Dr. Ashutosh Gupta said, "A huge congratulations to all the award recipients; you have definitely set a very admiring benchmark for excellence in the medical profession. I hope you will continue to achieve further brilliance in your respective spheres. I would like to use this wonderful opportunity to thank Dr. Rohit Koul and S. Amardeep Singh for inviting me to grace this momentous occasion."

The Vishisht Swasthya Sewa Sammaan Puruskar 2024 acknowledged the efforts of the shining stars of the J&K's healthcare sector for their outstanding achievements in providing the best medical care with a healing touch. In the vote of thanks Amardeep Singh expressed his gratitude to the Directors of Ideogram Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd namely Rahul Pandit and Bharath Nanda who contributed to making the event a huge success through sponsoring the event. "Living up to the promise of honouring the excellent contribution of the deserving medical professionals, we will organise this most coveted event every year. The immense participation and response of the industry has turned out to be a great inspiration for us. I thank you all for having come together and making this day special for all those who have the nerve to achieve something big in their lives," he added.

DC inspects progress of beautification works at Sports Stadium, Ganpat Bridge

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Doda Harvinder Singh on Friday conducted an extensive visit to the Sports Stadium Doda and Ganpat Bridge to inspect the progress of ongoing construction and beautification projects.

During the visit, the DC reviewed the facelift work at the Sports Stadium, emphasizing the importance of enhancing its aesthetic and functional appeal ahead of the Republic Day celebrations. He also assessed the development of the walkway, parking facilities, riverfront park, and the selfie point under construction near the bridge, aimed at promoting tourism and improving the town's infrastructure.

At the Sports Stadium, the DC directed the executing agency to expedite the pace of work while maintaining high-quality construction standards. He stressed the importance of installing the main gate of the stadium before Republic Day to ensure security and ease of access during the celebrations. Additionally, he instructed officials to renovate the main stage in the pavilion area and complete the railing work around the stage to enhance safety and aesthetics.

The DC also directed the concerned agency to accelerate the Kota stone work on the seating area of the stadium.

Furthermore, the DC emphasized repainting the stadium walls and interior areas with the tricolor to facelift premises for the Republic Day celebrations. He also instructed the timely installation of hoardings and banners related to the celebrations at prominent locations in the stadium.

Entrepreneurship awareness program held at ITI Gool

STATE TIMES NEWS

RAMBAN: The Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner, Baseer-Ul-Haq Chaudhary, organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program today at ITI Gool to encourage youth to take benefit of self-employment and entrepreneurial initiatives of the Government to set up their income generating units.

The event, presided over by Director RSETI Harvinder Singh, was conducted under the supervision of Marketing Officer KVIB Ramban, Sudhir Singh, and Field Officer DIC, Bansilal. Resource persons provided valuable insights into various government schemes and support mechanisms for budding entrepreneurs. Over 100 participants, including students, aspiring entrepreneurs, and locals attended the program.

Doda Police files chargesheets in two UAPA cases

STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Intensifying its Efforts to Curb Militancy and to have a heavy hand on the Over Ground Workers and to check the support base of ANEs in Doda and adjoining areas, Doda Police have filed chargesheets in two separate cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The chargesheets were presented before the Hon'ble NIA Court in Doda for judicial determination.

Giving details SSP Doda Sh. Sandeep Mehta said that all these accused persons have covertly or overtly supported the militant groups in Doda district by providing them food and other logistic things.

The first case, registered under FIR No. 70/2024 at Gandoh Police Station, involves one accused namely Shoket Ali S/O Ghulam Ali R/O Sharakhi (Katyara) Tehsil Bharderwah District Doda.

He has been charged under 19 Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 whereas against three killed foreign terrorists offences under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including 307/120-B/121/122/IPC as well as Sections 7 and 27 of the Arms Act and several provisions of the UAPA has been established. The case has been investigated by SP(PC), Doda

In the second case, registered under FIR No. 14/2024 at Police Station Dossa, the chargesheet names four individuals. The accused include Muneer Hussain S/O Ghulam Hussain R/O Malwas A/P Dabra Pranoo Tehsil & District Doda, Tanveer Ahmed S/O Abdul Samad R/O Nilsoo Kulhand Tehsil & District Doda, Noor Alam S/O Sayad Walie R/O Baggar Tehsil Assar District Doda and Kunj Lal S/O Tarloku

R/O Herani Assar Tehsil Assar District Doda. The case was investigated by DySP Hqrs Doda.

The police reiterated their commitment in addressing both active militancy and the networks of support that sustain such activities. This action forms part of a broader strategy to dismantle the logistical and financial systems enabling terrorism in the region.

SSP Doda has reaffirmed the resolve of J and K Police to maintain peace and security by taking decisive action against those involved in unlawful activities and ensuring that perpetrators face justice. Police is keeping a keen eye on the activities of all those who are either garnering support to the ANEs or providing them logistic support for sustaining in this hilly district and further efforts are underway to identify and book other individuals linked to militancy.

Nazia Bibi selected for Indian women's team for 1st Kho Kho World Cup

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Nazia Bibi, a student of Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Government Women's College, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, has been selected to represent the Indian Women's Team in the 1st Kho Kho World Cup, which is set to take place in New Delhi from 13th January 2024. The prestigious tournament will see participation from 24 nations across 6 continents.

Nazia Bibi, the daughter of Zulekha Bibi and Sabar Ali, has earned a place in



can't achievement not only for her but also for her college and the region.

The President of the Jammu and Kashmir Kho Kho Association, Dr. Baljinder Kour, along with General Secretary S. Amrinder Pal Singh, extended their heartfelt congratulations to Nazia Bibi for her inclusion in the Indian Women's Team. Both officials praised her hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship, wishing her success in the upcoming international competition.

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EAFZR-CTG25-2	24.01.25 at 11:00 Hours	Allotment of Catering stalls on contract at Hillar Shahabad, Kakapora, Anantnag, Nagrota Surian, Nurpur Road, Dinanagar, Bhogpur Sival, Guler, Nagrota, Palampur Himachal, Tanda Urmur and Samba Railway Stations.
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