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Army won't let...

much attention was given to the MSME sector and building supply chains as well after India opened up its economy in 1991.

"When somebody says why imports are coming out of China, there are imports coming out of China because for 30 years, you did not give your industry the kind of support and protection you should have," Jaishankar said.

"It is only now in recent years that you have started to do it. Now you cannot reverse in five or 10 years what you have done in 30 years," he said.

Speaking at the conclave, Jaishankar made 12 points about India-Japan ties and said the two countries have a "positive history" that will be an asset in the coming times.

He said Japan is perceived in India as a model of harmonising modernity and tradition, adding there is a strong national consensus in India on developing ties with that country.

"Traditionally, this was an economic relationship. In the past, global strategy had little impact on India-Japan ties," he said.

"Businesses have long had a footprint in each other's economy. But, this did not become a deep one. Japan started approaching India with a strategic outlook under former PM Shinzo Abe," he said.

Jaishankar said Japan has been a catalyst of "change" and referred to Maruti bringing a lifestyle shift and Metro networks, an urbanization experience. "Bullet Train will have major consequences," he said.

Japan has been significantly supporting the Delhi Metro network.

"Our strategic compulsions are much stronger today as we are united to secure a multipolar Asia. And to ensure that Asian diversity is reflected in its power structure," the minister said.

He noted that the maritime convergence between India and Japan is particularly strong and will grow in the years ahead.

"The energy of the Quad will charge up our bilateral ties and reinforce them for mutual benefit," he said, adding the big question is whether Japan will see India's growth as a strategic goal.

India-China border..

sectors like road, telecommunications, and water, among others.

Asked about the increase of India-China bilateral trade in favour of Beijing, Union minister Karad said scores of steps have been taken for the higher production of 'Made in India' products so that there is a major boost to exports of Indian goods.

Giving examples, the minister said production has been increased in goods like mobile phones, toys, and (medical) ventilators, among others.

"In mobile phone production, we are the new hub of the world. We are also producing more toys now," he said.

Karad said the government has also imposed additional import duty on umbrellas which India used to import in large quantities, and also imposed tax on cryptocurrency. Referring to the government's zero tolerance policy towards terrorism, Karad said under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has become more secured and India is also contributing towards world peace.

He said in the recently held 90th Interpol General Assembly in Delhi, all visiting dignitaries have pledged to take the action of 'trace, target or terminate' against terrorism and India has been actively pursuing this policy.

Nine J&K students...

and training support was extended by Kalam Centre, Delhi," the release said.

It said a total of 105 participants from nine countries were selected across the globe through a rigorous screening process and were later trained to analyse data and spot potential asteroids close to the earth.

"At the end of the campaign, young minds made path-breaking contributions to

Dr Jitendra inaugurates countrywide 'Good Governance Week', 'Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore' campaign



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh speaking after inaugurating "Good Governance Week" celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on Monday.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh today inaugurated the countrywide "Good Governance Week" celebrations from December 19-25, 2022, with a nationwide launch of "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" campaign.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, the ultimate litmus test of good governance is that its benefits should reach the remotest citizen living in the remotest village of India.

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outcome-based approach to assess real development on the ground.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, for sustainable development of rural India, Schemes must take into account the needs and wishes of the people in the true bottom-up approach and should be implemented through latest technological tools in a transparent, effective and accountable manner.

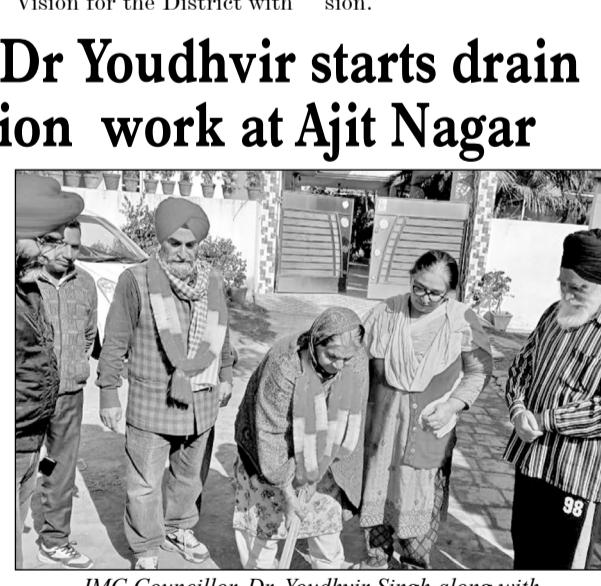
As a part of the campaign, District Collectors will organise a workshop on "Good Governance Practices/Initiatives" and make efforts to outline a Vision for the District with

inputs of a retired IAS, who has served as DC/DM in the District but has since retired as well as from academicians and think-tanks of leading educational institutions. Under the Vision Document District@100, the Districts will be defining Vision/ goals for the District for the year 2047. It is expected that the administrative experience of the retired DC/DM, academicians, think-tanks combined with the energy of the current DC/DM will define and produce a Visionary document for the District for its path ahead in the journey of development.

The Minister inaugurated an Exhibition on Good Governance Practices and launched the dedicated campaign portal for "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur" 2022 (www.pgportal.gov.in/GGW22) for online updation of progress by District Collectors and State Governments. A film on "Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur" was screened on this occasion.

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commenced the work through an elderly women of locality Sdn. Gureharn Kour W/O S. Ishpal Singh and Sdn. Harjeet Kour W/O S. Rashpal Singh in presence of large number of people assembled.

Prominent persons present were Harpiyas Singh (Raja), Raghbir Singh, Karanjeet Kour and Amandeep Singh.

Construction Div-5 was represented by dedicated team of engineers Rajat Bhau.

NASA's Near-Earth Object (NEO) Programme and discovered three preliminary asteroids. Preliminary discoveries are the first observations of asteroids found in the main belt located between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter which need further confirmation to go to provisional status," the release said.

It said this usually takes up to five years after which the asteroid can be officially catalogued by the Minor Planet Center, International Astronomical Union (IAU).

The release said selected participants were provided highly specialised training in order to operate the advanced astronomical software, Astrometrica.

This software is used to analyse images from the Pan Starrs' (The Panoramic Survey Telescope and Rapid Response System) telescope, located in Hawaii, USA. It uses a 1.8 m (60 inch) telescope to survey the sky to look for asteroids, comets, and Near-Earth Objects (NEO).

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Homi Lab, Srijan Pal Singh, congratulated the students and said "these discoveries are crucial contributions to our knowledge of the cosmos around us.

"Knowing the asteroids around and mapping them is an important element in our bid to understand and monitor these travelling rocks from distant worlds around our planet," he said.

Strong security grid...

Nengroo's house in the Pulwama district of south Kashmir, Singh said the enemies of peace in Jammu and Kashmir and their supporters have raised properties in the name of terrorism.

"These properties include institutions and buildings that are being used to keep terrorism alive. One by one all such structures are being identified and stern action will be taken against such properties as per the law," he said.

According to officials, Nengroo's house was allegedly built on a piece of encroached government land at New Colony, Rajpora, and was demolished as part of an anti-encroachment drive.

The DGP said a drive is on to seize or seal such properties and in a case where there is also a violation of government rules or norms, such structures will be demolished following the law.

Over a series of hit lists of Kashmiri migrant pandit employees issued by The Resistance Front (TRF) -- an offshoot of terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Singh said it is aimed at creating panic and confusion among the people.

"The TRF is on our radar and we have dealt a severe blow to the group in the past and our actions will continue to finish it off. TRF is a mouthpiece of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and is working on behalf of various terror groups," he said.

He claimed that Pakistan has ruined the lives of the people of Jammu and Kashmir over the past 30 years by sponsoring terrorism from its soil and has now added one more dimension in the form of smuggling narcotics to ruin the youth and society.

"Drugs are coming in large numbers (from Pakistan) which is evident from the recovery done by the police."

Asserting that the campaign against the drug menace will continue, the DGP said police are also playing a major role in helping the drug addicts who are being rehabilitated in the de-addiction centres.

"We are here to support the public who are demanding more such facilities. Many drug de-addiction centres are operational in Jammu, Srinagar and at zonal levels. Another major drug de-addiction centre is coming up in Jammu," he said.

Jammu Admin retrieves...

to mention that Anti Corruption Bureau had also raised the matter with District Administration regarding illegal transactions by the Private Housing Society. Taking cognizance of the complaint and perusing the matter, the case was heard in the Court of the District Collector and violation of various land laws and encroachment of Kaheharai land was found. Moreover no permission had been taken by said society for establishing the said colony.

NSF tribute to Ram Prasad Bismil

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: National Secular Forum (NSF) University Unit paid tributes to Shaheed Ram Prasad Bismil on his 95th Death Anniversary at University Campus.

Dr. Vikas Sharma, Coordinator Jammu District Urban, and



Members of NSF University Unit paying tributes to Shaheed Ram Prasad Bismil.

Zonal Secretary, JKNC was the Chief Guest and T.R Sharma (Rtd KAS) presided over the function.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vikas Sharma said that the right tribute to Ram Prasad Bismil would be to launch the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State.

On this occasion, he said that we all should take oath not to sit silent and continue our endeavor to regain Jammu and Kashmir State.

TR Sharma addressing on this occasion said that Many freedom fighters laid down their life for the sake of the independence of this country. One of the youngest people to walk to the gallows fighting for India's independence was Ram Prasad Bismil. Vikash Vashist district President delivered the welcome address; Roshan Sharma University President was delivering the vote of thanks. Among those who were present on the occasion included, Summit Giri, Rahul Thakur, Akshay Kumar, Puneet Bakshi, Tufail Reyaz Khan, Navdeep, Pankaj Sharma and others.

Medical Employees Federation seeks reconsideration of order related HRM portal

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A meeting of the J&K Medical Employees Federation was held in Jammu on Monday leadership of its President, Sushil Sudan. In the meeting, problems of employees were discussed in depth particularly the problem originated from the recently launched HRM portals. "The employees who were appointed 38 years back when there was no digitalization and a single orders was issued for entire selection list. After the lapse of such a long period and migration of most of the employees to the urban areas due to political disturbance in the state. Now, employees after rendering 38 years in service, feel difficult while tracing the orders of back date. Most of the employees have not kept the documents because there were no such techniques except cyclostyling available at that time. Service Book of

the employees which is more authentic document which is lying with the Government should be considered for updating of HRM portal. Salaries of the most of the employees are kept withheld due to any reason and their families are near to starvation," they added. The Federation urged the Government to reconsider their order of HRM portal and find appropriate way which is more suitable to the employees as well as to the Government.

Those who attended the meeting included Parfulat Singh, Kamal Jit Sawhney, R P Singh, Dharminder Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Bharat Bhushan Bhagat, Madan Sharma, Mohd Nadeem, Choudary Aslam, Mohd Saleem, Neelam Kumari, Surya Akhter, Sapna, Anita Bhagat, Mohd Saleem, Daleep Chodhary, Pawan Singh Jamwal and Tajinder Singh.

The administration urges citizens to work within the ambit of legal framework in their activities.

India's development will...

high. Earlier, hardly anyone took notice, but now have been asked to host G20 presidency," he said. "We are telling Russia not to continue the war (with Ukraine) and it says India is a good country. Had we said so in the past, Russia would have shut us up. This shows India is growing and the reputation of Indians is growing," Bhagwat said.

Newly appointed DAP's...

Provincial secretary DAP Jammu with immediate effect," Singh said in a communication to the party chairman. Singh along with eight other leaders were appointed as provincial secretary, Jammu on Sunday.

DB dismisses Govt...

as such we are not inclined to entertain the present petition. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed along with connected miscellaneous application, if any. However, DB directed Registrar of CAT to prepon the date in O.A. No.1550/2022 and list the same on 28.12.2022, instead of 13.03.2023.

Admn proposes 'Shukpa'...

and north-western Himalayas between 2,800 to 3,800 meters above sea level, is declining in its population due to low germination of seeds and over-exploitation, they said. Similarly, Tsersnong belongs to the "Papaveraceae" family and is commonly known as "The Himalayan blue poppy". Both the plant and flower are used as medicine in the Sow-Rigpa system, they said.

FSL holds workshop...

and Criminal justice' by Rouf Anjum, 'Biological Evidence and Criminal justice' by Dr Nadeem Mubarik, and 'Forensic chemistry and toxicology serving Criminal Justice by Tahir ul Ganj'. All the experts/ scientists addressed the issues faced by investigating agencies in dealing with crimes, particularly with respect to the collection and preservation of the pieces of evidence for maintaining integrity before the court of law for the delivery of justice.

Director, Forensic Sciences, J&K Shahid Saleem while briefing the participants mentioned that the Forensic Science Laboratory, J&K has seen tremendous progress in its abilities to analyze and report on pieces of evidence for quick disposal of criminal cases since October 2022. As of date no NDPS case is pending and it is ensured that the pieces of evidence are analyzed and reported back on the same day or the next day. The backlog of almost all UAPA and DNA-related cases has been cleared, he added.

Deputy Director Forensic Science Laboratory Jammu /Srinagar, Shahul Ahmad Kant shared his scientific knowledge with the technical unit of the Organization during his deliberation on forensic science from a general perspective. The participant (Associate Professor from Forensic Medicine & toxicology GMC Srinagar Dr Arsalan F Rashid) also shared his valuable comments and stressed the need to conduct such events on a frequent basis in order to further augment the investigation of cases of heinous nature. At the end certificates of appreciation and mementos were distributed amongst scientists for clearing NDPS, UAPA, and DNA cases in a record time at FSL Srinagar.

Heavy investments in...

prohibited people from the rest of India to buy properties in the erstwhile state. Both provisions were abrogated on August 5, 2019, and the state was divided into two Union Territories -- Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

CRIME REPORT

LeT operative arrested in Baramulla; arms & ammunition recovered

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BARAMULLA: Security forces on Monday arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative in Baramulla district along with arms and ammunition averted attacks on forces and targeted killings, police officials said. They further said Baramulla police and Army's 32 RR arrested operative of LeT outfit from Chakloo village of Baramulla, a resident of Nadial village in Sopore.

"Based on a specific input, an operation was carried out on Dec 18 by joint parties of police and 32 RR, leading to arrest of a terrorist associate," a police spokesman said. He said on disclosure of terrorist, security forces recovered a canister IED, a pistol along with a magazine and 18 pistol rounds from village near Chakloo Ziyarat. "In this regard, FIR under sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), Explosive Substances Act and Arms Act was registered at police station, Baramulla and investigation started," he added. "The timely arrest with arms, ammunitions and explosive material has averted terrorist attacks and targeted killings in Baramulla and adjoining areas, targeted attacks on convoy vehicles of forces saving lives of innocent civilians," he said.

Drug-peddler nabbed, brown sugar recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KHOUR: Continuing drive against drug trafficking and substance abuse, Jammu Police achieved major success by arresting a drug-peddler and recovered 7 gm brown sugar from his possession. As per details, a team of Police Station Khour constituted under the supervision of SDPO Akhnoor Mohan Lal and led by SHO Khour Insp Rattan Singh assisted by SI Brij Paul and PSI Akhil Sen rounded up a suspect namely Manzoor Ahmed, son of Mohd Shafi, resident of Troti, Tehsil Khour. During search, 7 gm brown sugar was recovered from his possession. He was arrested and FIR 94/2022 under sections 8/21/22 of NDPS Act was registered against him at Police Station Khour. It is pertinent to mention that accused was a notorious drug peddler who was earlier active in Chaehwa area of Ramban District but was presently staying in Troti area of Tehsil Khour and involved in supplying and selling drugs to youth of Khour area.

15 bovines rescued; 2 vehicles seized, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: Police on Monday rescued 15 animals from clutches of smugglers while foiling bovine smuggling bids in Thannamandi area. Police said that a team of Thannamandi police under supervision of SHO Thannamandi Mohd Shok