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India revamps defence...

prevail along the IB and border residents and farmers are able to do their normal work uninterrupted and without fearing about flying mortar shells and indiscriminate gunfire undertaken by the other side regularly (before February 20, 2021), officials said.

Work is also being undertaken to level the 'kutteha' or mud tracks that are used by BSF troop carrier vehicles to reach border posts in Jammu region. At many places, the levelling work on these approach routes has been completed, officials said.

A similar work has been undertaken by the BSF along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir region where it is converting the bunkers for its troops at 115 forward defence locations (FDLs) from the present CGI (corrugated galvanised iron) to solar powered compartments made of steel.

The 772 kilometre-long LoC is guarded by the Army and the BSF is deployed in about 435 kms of this front under its operational command.

Terrorist OGW arrested...



He said the operation was launched in the general area of Salwa and Behra in Mendhar sector and Khan, who was coming from a forest area, was asked to stop.

The OGW tried to run away but he was apprehended by the security forces, the official said, adding his search led to the recovery of a pistol and eight rounds.

A case under the Arms Act, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Indian Penal Code was registered against him at police station Mendhar and further investigation is on, he said.

COVID cases rising...

Baat! I have received letters from many countrymen, in which they have expressed great inquisitiveness about the 100th episode. I would like it if you send me your suggestions for what we should talk about in the 100th episode and how to make it special."

PM also talked about a Karnataka couple who are making products from betelnut fiber. He said, "Friends, a couple from Karnataka is sending many unique products made from betelnut fiber to the international market. This is a couple from Shivamogga in Karnataka - Shriman Suresh and his wife Shrimati Maithili. These people are making many decorative things ranging from trays, plates and handbags from betel nut fiber. Chappals made of this fiber are also being liked a lot today. Today their products are being sold in London and other markets of Europe."

The Beats of...

& Public Relations, J&K to promote the local music and local artists of J&K by providing them a platform to exhibit their talent.

The show features singing performances of artists in Kashmiri, Dogri, Gojri, Pahari, Bhaderwali and other regional languages.

The object of the Show is to portray the cultural vibrancy and diversity of J&K where people belonging to different regions, faiths and ethno-linguistic groups have come together to present the composite culture and unique identity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Mahamana, Atal Ji...

nation, he added. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given concrete shape to Mahamana and Atalji's resolve for a progressive India. Today, inclusive development and consistent systemic reforms brought massive changes in all sections and sectors, making a positive impact in the lives of many, the Lt Governor observed.

"Prime Minister has ensured Good Governance translates into inclusive growth for all and socio-economic development raises people's living standard. Disparities across the sectors have been removed and the government is successfully fulfilling people's aspirations," said the Lt Governor.

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Closing ceremony of Taekwondo Championships held



Organisers presenting memento to the Chief Guest.

STATE TIMES NEWS
KISHTWAR: The two day District level Taekwondo Championship concluded on Sunday here at Al Hilal Educational Institute.

The Championship was held under the emblem of "My Youth My Pride" and was Supervised by Danish Manzoor (International Taekwondo Athlete/ Fit India Ambassador), who was appointed as Observer by J&K Taekwondo Association.

The championship was organised by District Kishtwar Taekwondo Association under the aegis of J&K Taekwondo Association (JKTA). The competition comprised all age divisions with inclusion of the youngest age division (Pee Wee).

The final day witnessed a massive combative skill show between the Senior and Junior Athletes in both male and female categories, wherein over 100 players participated in different weight categories out of them 30 Orphan athletes were sponsored by J&K Taekwondo Association.

The Championship was

closed with the demonstration of Taekwondo fights by young Boys and Girls of different Clubs. The Chief Guest of the closing ceremony was Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Devansh Yadav accompanied by David Iqbal Kripak (Chairman, Al-Hilal El-Bait-ul-Hilal Children's Home Kishtwar) as Guest of honour. He was received by Arsalan Ahmad (Secretary, District Kishtwar Taekwondo Association).

Speaking on the occasion, he congratulated all medalists and participants for taking part in the said championship and also ensured full support to the District Taekwondo Association.

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