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to the potential threats generated by digital frauds, cybercrimes and AI technology, the prime minister called on the police leadership to convert the challenge into an opportunity by harnessing India's double AI power of artificial intelligence and Aspirational India.

Appreciating the steps taken in urban policing, Modi suggested that each initiative be collated and implemented entirely in 100 cities.

He expanded the mantra of SMART policing and called on the police to become strategic, meticulous, adaptable, reliable and transparent.

The SMART policing idea was introduced by the prime minister at the 2014 conference in Guwahati.

It envisaged systemic changes to transform the Indian police to be Strict and Sensitive, Modern and Mobile, Alert and Accountable, Reliable and Responsive, Techno-savvy and Trained (SMART).

Further, a review of the implementation of the newly-enacted major criminal laws, initiatives and best practices in policing, and the security situation in the neighbourhood was undertaken.

Discussing the success of hackathons in solving some key problems, the prime minister suggested deliberating on holding a national police hackathon.

He also highlighted the need for expanding the focus on port security and preparing a future plan of action for the purpose.

Recalling the contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the Union home ministry, Modi exhorted the entire security establishment -- from the ministry to the police station level -- to pay homage on his 150th birth anniversary next year by resolving to set and achieve a goal on any aspect that would improve police image, professionalism and capabilities.

He urged the police to modernise and realign itself with the vision of Viksit Bharat. Modi also offered insight and laid a roadmap for the future.

About 250 officers in the rank of director general and inspector general of police physically attended the three-day conference while more than 750 others participated virtually. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, among others, attended the meeting.

Since 2014, the prime minister has taken a keen interest in the conference. Free flowing thematic discussions over breakfast, lunch and dinner are held at the conference.

This provides an opportunity for senior police officers to share their views and recommendations on key policing and internal security issues affecting the country to the prime minister.

Till 2013, the annual meet was held in New Delhi. In 2014, after the Modi government assumed power, it was decided to hold the event, organised by the home ministry and the Intelligence Bureau, outside the national capital.

Accordingly, the conference was organised in Guwahati in 2014; Dhordo, Rann of Kutch, in 2015; National Police Academy, Hyderabad, in 2016; BSF Academy, Tekanpur, in 2017; Kevadiya in 2018; IISER, Pune, in 2019; Police Headquarters, Lucknow, in 2021; the National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, Delhi, in 2023, and Jaipur in January 2024.

Continuing with this tradition, the conference was organised in Bhubaneswar this time.

The number of business sessions and topics have also increased, with a focus on improving policing in the service of the people.

Before 2014, the deliberations largely focused on national security. Since 2014, the conferences have a twin focus on national security and core policing issues, including prevention and detection of crime, community policing, law and order and improving the police's image, among others.

Earlier, the conference was Delhi-centric with officers coming together only for the meet. Residing on the same premises over two to three days has served to build a heightened sense of unity among officers of all cadres and organisations since 2014, officials said.

Direct interaction of the police's top brass with the head of government has resulted in a convergence of views on crucial challenges and the emergence of doable recommendations.

In the past few years, the topics have been selected after detailed discussions with the highest echelons of the police service.

Once selected, several interactions on the presentations are held before committees of directors general of police to encourage participation and incorporate ideas from the field and from younger officers.

As a result, all presentations are now broad-based, content-intensive and carry a set of cogent, actionable recommendations, the officials said.

Since 2015, detailed follow-up of the recommendations of past conferences has become the norm and is the topic of the first business session, attended by the prime minister and the home minister.

The recommendations are tracked by the conference secretariat, led by the Intelligence Bureau, with the help of nodal officers in the states.

Decisions made in the past few conferences brought significant policy changes, leading to improved policing, including setting higher standards for effective policing in rural and urban areas and improved methods of modern policing based on smart parameters, the officials added.

### All India DGP...

November 29, Prime Minister Modi chaired the meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

After spending three days in the Odisha capital, both the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister departed for Delhi from Biju Patnaik International Airport.

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and DGPs of all the states and Union territories attended the conference.

Sources said that the conference deliberated on several security-related issues apart from chalking out roadmaps to counter existing and emerging national security challenges such as left-wing extremism, coastal security, narcotics, cybercrime and economic security.

The conference also discussed the implementation of the new criminal laws and initiatives and best practices in policing.

Odisha Police had made elaborate security arrangement amid threats from extremist groups.

### Top seers to...

Dharma Sansad will be held during the Maha Kumbh on January 26, the UP government said in a statement.

"Prominent seers and sages from across the country, including Shankaracharyas from all four Peeths and heads of 13 Akharas, will gather at the Sangam.

"The Sansad will propose the formation of a Sanatan Board which will be submitted to the central government for approval. The goal is to establish a well-structured, government-recognised board that upholds the principles of Sanatan Dharma without any shortcomings," he said.

Showering praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for "enhancing the stature of Hindutva", he noted that while the 2019 Kumbh was a grand, divine spectacle, the upcoming 2025 Maha Kumbh under Adityanath's leadership is set to surpass it - in both scale and splendour.

The Akhara Parishad begins preparations for the Maha Kumbh several years in advance.

For this year's Maha Kumbh, planning commenced three years ago, including gathering essential resources to provide prasad for devotees from across India and abroad. Arrangements have been made to serve prasad to 5,000 devotees at a time, he said. The Maha Kumbh 2025 will be held in Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26.

### Search continues for...

in Kandhote-Shiva Pul area to oversee the joint rescue operation, the officials said. The vehicle plunged into the river on Saturday morning, resulting in one fatality while two individuals are still missing.

Rescue teams, including personnel from NDRF, SDRF and Quick Response Team of police, and local volunteers are working tirelessly to locate the missing individuals, the officials said.

During the visit, the deputy commissioner and SSP inspected the roadside conditions at Kandhote-Shiva Pul to assess safety measures and identify potential improvements to prevent such incidents in the future.

The district administration has assured all necessary support to the rescue teams and has expressed its condolences to the bereaved family, the officials said.

### North Zone-I...

and technological infrastructure, issues related to bandwidth and connectivity, and varying levels of proficiency and familiarity with technology so that the delivery of justice is equitable in the true sense of the term.

Justice Mustaque through a Power point presentation discussed bridging the digital divide and role of e-services. He underscored the importance of inclusivity and accessibility in leveraging technology for a robust justice delivery system. He further

stressed that the amalgamation of technology with the judicial processes promises to enhance efficiency, capability, accessibility, and transparency in the journey of justice.

Digital Courts can fasten up the backlog of cases, thereby, reinforcing public trust in the legal system. Justice Mustaque also highlighted the four principles of digital accessibility i.e. Perceivable, Operable, Understandable & Robust.

The second technical session of the day was chaired by Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Judge, Supreme Court of India. Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, Judge, High Court of Kerala and Justice M. Sundar, Judge, High Court of Madaras were the resource persons for the session.

Justice N. Kotiswar Singh reiterated that case management provides the immediate need for preventing futile backlogs, providing swift justice, dealing with backlogs with a more determined effort and creating an atmosphere of joint venture between judges, lawyers, litigants and administrative officers. He emphasized that the judges must keep track of the case by adhering to the schedules and see that no unreasonable time should be allowed to be wasted for service of the process and filing of the written statements.

Justice Sundar in the concluding session discussed the role of Artificial Intelligence(AI) in judicial decision making. He explained that the emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain, are revolutionizing judicial processes. He further stated that by adopting these advancements, the judiciary can strengthen governance, security, and efficiency, laying the foundation for future innovations.

Justice Mustaque through the PowerPoint presentation explained ON-courts portal service successfully launched at High Court of Kerala for ensuring transparency and efficient Justice delivery system. He also introduced the concept of digital courts which creates a system in which judicial and administrative processes are simplified.

Director J&K Judicial Academy, Sonia Gupta compared all the technical sessions of second day of the conference.

All the sessions remained very interactive during which all the participants actively participated and shared their experiences, difficulties and also discussed various aspects of the subject topics. They also raised a number of queries which were answered satisfactorily by the worthy resource persons.

### Pakistan trying to...

people -- which include 227 Indians, 43 Pakistani and 5 Bangladeshi nationals -- while six infiltrator/miscreants were killed on the border, the officer said.

"We are taking certain initiatives, new measures to strengthen our border security on Indo-Pakistan border. Like, I said drone is a major concern, so we are deploying anti-drone systems to neutralise illicit drones," Khandare said, adding that a new design fence is being constructed to strengthen the anti-infiltration grid.

"The fence has become quite old, so a new design fence is being constructed to strengthen the anti-infiltration grid. We are using technology, especially all vulnerable patches are being manned by PTZ (Pan-tilt-zoom) cameras, CCTV cameras and there is command and control centre where all these vulnerable patches are monitored 24x7 by our people," he said.

He said the BSF's Western Command is responsible for guarding the International Border with Pakistan.

"We (BSF's Western Command) have five frontiers, that is Kashmir, Jammu, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat. Along with that, there are three subsidiary training centres which are being supervised by the Western Command," Khandare said.

"We are manning approximately 390 km of Line of Control and approximately 2,300 km of International Border. The primary role of the BSF is to guard the International Border," he said, adding that the BSF is also called by various state governments to maintain law and order during parliamentary and assembly elections.

"In the recent past, BSF has proved its mettle in counter-insurgency operation of Jammu and Kashmir," Khandare said, adding the force is also involved in the anti-Naxal operations that are conducted.

On challenges faced by the border force, Khandare said, "BSF troops are manning hilly and cold and icy patches of Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir where temperatures dip to minus 30 degrees. We also man the international border in Gujarat and Rajasthan where in summer temperature rises up to 50 degrees Celsius. These are certain climatic difficulties which BSF has to face every day-in and day-out while doing their duty," the senior officer said.

To neutralise drone threats, especially along the IB in Punjab, Khandare said the BSF is able "to jam the drone and recover the drone".

"Apart from that, we have observed that drone activity happens in certain depth areas, behind the International Border, behind the fence. So, we have started deployment of BSF in the depth area along with the police.

"So, there are 'nakas', there is patrolling in the depth area so that all the movement (of people) going towards the border is monitored. The people who are coming to collect this contraband are intercepted, they are arrested. A lot of work has been done in this regard by BSF with the help of Punjab police," he said, adding that the BSF is coordinating with the Army and other agencies for better technological solutions.

"The drone dropping area, depth area or dropping patch, to identify that and to mount surveillance, setting up 'nakas' and patrolling and better coordination with sister agencies, especially with intelligence agencies, and to conduct information-based operations, we are taking such steps," he said.

Asked about the use of artificial Intelligence by BSF, he said, "We have used in some areas, like I said there are some vulnerable patches, at some places there is land, there are some riverine gaps, jungles, mountains, we have started the use of AI-based technology.

"All vulnerable patches are being monitored by a command centre, which is AI-enabled, it is 24x7. It is a work in progress. Some pilot projects are being run," he said.

Om Prakash Upadhyay, IG, BSF (Operations) and Manoj Karki, DIG rank officer of the BSF were also present at the event.

### CS reviews disaster...

volunteers for enhancing their ability to play their role during relief activities.

The Principal Secretary, DMRR&R, Chandraker Bharti informed the meeting about different activities and achievements including strengthening of UT, Divisional and District level disaster management authorities by deploying necessary manpower there.

He also revealed that DDMPs for the year 2024-25 of all 20 districts had been updated. Other hazards specific plans like Heat Wave Action Plan, Flood Management Action Plan prepared, Cold wave Action Plan had been prepared with Development of Landslide Management Plan under process.

It was added that an EOC has temporarily been established at Srinagar with its permanent campus coming up at Ompura, Budgam.

Further the Department has also launched Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) with a toll free number of 112 for receiving the disaster response calls over it.

Other initiatives and activities of the Department that were discussed here includes Common Alert Protocol (CAP) by integrating alert generating agencies IMD, CWC, INCOIS, DGRE, FSI and disseminating these alerts about disasters through TSPs, TV, Radio, Cable TV, Social media, Indian Railways, Coastal Sirens etc. A Total of 118 alerts have been disseminated till date, the meeting was apprised.

Earlier a presentation was also made about the benefits and plans devised for welfare of different categories of migrants from Kashmir and Jammu divisions.

The location wise status of 6000 transit accommodations for Kashmiri Pandit (PM Package) employees were discussed threadbare along with that of the recruitment of rest of the designated posts.

In addition it was revealed that these migrants are being covered under NFSA to extend different social security benefits like old age, widow pensions to them as well as covering the eligible under PM Kisan, Ayushman Bharat and other self employment and skilling opportunities.

The meeting also took note of the progress made on outreach campaigns made to cover PoJK and other West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) under the Rehabilitation Package meant for them.

Other developmental activities like establishment of 'PoJK Bhawan' at Suketar, Community Hall at Jagti and other relief activities carried out for the displaced persons were taken appraisal of by the Chief Secretary for obtaining desired results out of them.

### ISRO to launch...

reinforcing PSLV's reliability for complex orbital deliveries," ISRO said in a post on 'X'. According to ISRO, the satellite will take off at 4.08 pm on Wednesday.

The ESA said Proba-3 is the world's first precision formation flying mission. It will study the solar corona, the outermost and hottest layer of Sun's atmosphere.

### No change in...

It is also reasonable to presume that because of the exodus, not every migrant woman would be in a position to find a match who himself was a migrant, it said.

The court said in such a situation, to hold that the woman would lose her status as a migrant only because she, out of the natural urge of forming a family, had to

marry a non-migrant on account of existing circumstances, would be grossly "discriminatory and militates" against the very concept of justice.

"This discrimination becomes even more brazen where a male migrant continues to remain a migrant notwithstanding the fact that he has married a non-migrant. Such a situation has arisen only on account of patriarchy that prevails in the human race. However, in matters relating to employment under the State/UT, such discrimination cannot be countenanced," the court said, dismissing a writ petition filed by the Union Territory against the May 16 CAT order.

Nearly 4,000 Kashmiri migrant Pandits are working in different departments in Kashmir after their selection under PM employment package, announced in 2008, having two major components - one pertaining to the provision of 6,000 jobs for the community youth and another pertaining to the provision of 6,000 accommodation units for the recruited employees.

Describing the tribunal order as "just and proper", the court said the contention put forth by counsel for the appellant that there was non-disclosure of the fact that the respondents were married, is of no consequence.

"Undisputedly, the advertisement notice does not provide for cancellation of the candidature on account of non-disclosure or improper disclosure of facts/marital status. Further, the appellants have not been able to show how material injustice has taken place to those who could not get selected otherwise on account of such non-disclosure. Therefore, this argument is also rejected," the bench said.

### Dense fog envelops...

be partly cloudy with light rain or snow at isolated places in the higher reaches later in the day, the Met Department said.

From December 2, there are chances of light rain or snow at scattered places in the higher reaches over two days, the department said.

The weather is likely to stay generally dry from December 4 to 7, after which light rain or snow is possible at isolated places in the higher reaches on December 8, the weather office said.

### Nominations invited for...

granting "J&K Government Awards" can be made by social organizations; sports bodies; NGOs; universities; J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages; and Administrative Secretaries about awards for 'Meritorious Public Service'; Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

All those concerned have been asked to send suitable nominations or recommendations in respect of eligible persons or organizations, along with citations and supporting documents by or before December 15, 2024.

### JK Divyang Women's Cricket team flagged off

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SRINAGAR: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat on Sunday flagged-off JK Divyang Women's Cricket Team for their participation in the Umang Cricket Tournament organized by Gauravdeep Welfare Society under the Divyang Cricket Control Board of India (DCCBI) in Bhopal from December 4 to 6, 2024.



DC Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat flagging-off team.

Speaking on the flagging-off ceremony, the DC lauded the efforts of the Chotay Taray Foundation for organising the event symbolizing their dedication to fostering opportunities for Divyang women in sports.

While interacting with the players, the DC extended his best wishes to the team for their success in the tournament. He said that such events provide an opportunity to the participant players to showcase their talent, determination and sportsmanship.

The JK Divyang Women's Cricket Team has been sponsored by Chotay Taray Foundation to empowering persons with special abilities through sports and inclusivity. Arjuman Makhdoomi Founder of the Chotay Taray Foundation and other concerned were present on the occasion.

### 23 cyclists represent J&K in Road Championship

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Cycling Association of J&K has sponsored 23 cyclists, 18 men and five women for the 29th National Road Cycling Championship being held from 7th to 10 December 2024 at Puri Orissa.



Earlier, the team was screened by the J&K Sports Council (JKSC) at MA Stadium, here in the presence of office bearers of the Association, including general secretary, S S Gill.

The Team:

Senior Men (Elite): Waheed Ahmad, Adil Teli, Bilal Ahmad, Dr. Mohd Akbar. Under-23: Adnan Bashir, Adil Altaf, Sunil Kumar. Under-18: Tajmal Rashid, Parnav Sharma and Jehangir. Under-16: Sahil Sofi, Inayat Rayaz, Arfat Bashir and Manik Mangotra. Under-16: Ajmal Ashif, Anish Noor, Mohd Amaan and Arindam.

WOMEN ELITE: Ulfat Mushtaq. Under-18: Souha Zahoor. Under-16: Y Parvaiz and Farah Ahad. Under-14: Firdos Khan. Managers: Mashooq Maqbool, Dr Akbar Khan (coach) and Parvaiz Ahmad (technical).

### Shemrock Elites School celebrates Annual Day at Ramakrishna Mission

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Shemrock Elites New Plot celebrated its 4th Annual Day Function on Sunday with enthusiasm and fervour at Ramakrishna Mission at Udhaywala Jammu. Surinder Bhagat, BJP MLA from Marh Block Jammu adorned the occasion as the chief guest, while Swami Vijayeshananda was the guest of honour and Arti Raina Coordinator of KC International was the Special Guest.

Rajneesh Gupta Director, Neerja Koul, Principal of the school along with parents of the students graced the occasion. Earlier, the programme commenced with the



lighting of the lamp and divine invocation of Mata Saraswati. Tiny tots of the school presented colourful cultural programmes. The dance items of tiny tots were acclaimed by the audience. The students staged an Orchestra followed with various colourful and mesmerizing performances such as Ramp Walk, Dogri Dance (Kala Coat), Punjabi dance, and Parents game to mark the occasion. School Principal, Neerja Koul, presented the Annual Report. Special prize distribution was organized for the stars of the school. The chief guest presented trophies to the students & teachers and complimented the school for putting up a good show. The chief guest appreciated the spirit and confidence of the students and the efforts of the school management and the staff. He said that proper pre-schooling of a child is a very important aspect and needs to be nurtured for a strong foundation. Shruti Gupta presented a vote of thanks.