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### Good governance now...

and Kashmir is marching ahead like any other part of India with nightlife and cinema halls making a comeback, Sinha said. He added that his administration has acted tough on supporters of Pakistan to restore the rule of law.

"There was no relation between good governance and J-K for a very long time since independence. In my 40 months of personal experience, J-K is now being counted among states having good governance which I am considering as a big achievement," Sinha said.

The credit for the change in the ground situation in Jammu and Kashmir goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has achieved targets that were considered impossible, he said, referring to the abrogation of Article 370.

"J-K has achieved what was considered unthinkable, fulfilling the long standing wishes and aspirations of the people. The discrimination has ended and so has terrorism. The change happened because of the sacrifice of (Jana Sangh founder) Syama Prasad Mookerjee, devotion of others and the strong political will of Modi who overcame a challenge as big as the Himalayas and made J-K a permanent part of India, which is historic," the Lt Governor said.

He also referred to a couple of speeches of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Parliament.

Vajpayee aptly highlighted the pain of the people by raising genuine points that it is a shame that even a prime minister has no power to buy a piece of land in Jammu and Kashmir or the Parliament has no mandate to seek accounts of the money pumped into Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said.

He said that parliament was also informed about the thousands of people going across the border for "guerilla training". "It was an irony that those helping Pakistan were being rewarded in J-K while pro-India people faced disrespect," Sinha said.

The Lt Governor said the time has changed as his administration restored the rule of law and ensured fast-paced development with money from the central government spent in a transparent manner.

"Now, we do not hear the sounds of gunfire and bombs in the (Kashmir) Valley, which has been replaced by the noise of development, which has registered 10 times increase compared to the past," he said.

Sinha said while stone pelting and strikes at the behest of Pakistan has become history, today's reality is that the youth are holding the tricolour with pride.

Cinema halls were reopened in the Valley after 30 years and markets no longer wear a deserted look, the Lt Governor said.

He said that as many as 154 government employees were removed from service after they were found involved in terror activities. Action against such people will continue, he asserted.

Holding Article 370 responsible for terrorism and separatism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Lt Governor took a dig at previous governments and accused them of pushing Jammu and Kashmir into turmoil.

"They are talking big about democracy and development but they are the ones who have snatched the rights of the youth," he said, without naming any group or party.

He said as many as 92,565 projects were completed during the last financial year compared to the highest of 9,229 projects in a financial year a few years back.

"Before formulation of a new industrial policy in 2021, an investment of just Rs 14,000 crore was made in the private sector in J-K. We have got Rs 90,000 crore investment proposals and we are making efforts to ensure that these proposals are implemented on the ground within a year," he said.

Home Minister Amit Shah's appeal to industrialists to invest in Jammu and Kashmir at a summit in Gujarat has also seen positive result as many businessmen have come forward with their proposals to invest in J-K which is basically an investment in integration of the UT with rest of the country, Sinha said.

UT in the area of e-governance service delivery, the Lt Governor said J-K has achieved a significant milestone by providing over 1,028 services in online mode surpassing Madhya Pradesh at the top of the list in the country.

The back to village programme of the government to reach out to people at their doorsteps is a grand success with over 92,000 youths provided necessary support, including finance for self-employment compared to 75,000 last year, he said.

In addition, seven lakh women were linked to self-help groups in J-K where Rs 20 lakh e-transactions are happening on a daily basis.

He also referred to Prime Minister Modi's vision of making the country future ready and said his administration has evolved its own version of good governance under the broad guiding principles and strategy called "future-ready governance".

"I like to sum up in just three terms of two words each making a total of six words - future driven, tech assisted and human centric - and we have developed powerful conceptual framework clearly specifying what each of these terms mean and how they are integrated creating a futuristic model for good governance," he said.

### LG underscores J&K's...

is future-driven, tech assisted and human-centric. We have developed a powerful conceptual framework, clearly specifying what each of these 3 terms means, and how they are intrinsically integrated for creating a holistic and futuristic model for Good Governance, he said.

He said the UT Administration has already initiated pilot projects, to work both as Proofs of Concept and also as models for communicating the novel and innovative ideas embedded in the framework.

We are concurrently setting up new adaptive and resilient systems, to develop organizational capacity to deliver precisely and effectively to each citizen, the Lt Governor further added.

The Lt Governor said the Human-Centric element of Future-Ready Governance will have two components.

The first will focus on all governmental employees, with a view to empower and energize them as the lead instrument of transformation. The second will focus on citizens as partners in developing our priorities and working modalities, in sync with their needs and aspirations, he observed.

Addressing the special session on UT of Jammu Kashmir, the Lt Governor shared the reforms and the vision of the Administration to improve policy performance and address future challenges.

Future Ready Governance is not a theoretical concept or a model. For us, this is the beginning of the journey to impact and improve the life of every person in Jammu & Kashmir, he observed.

"We intend to equip ourselves fully to develop "Future-Driven" strategies and will continue to blaze new pathways for this journey," the Lt Governor said.

He said the Administration is looking at scientific tools like Artificial Intelligence & Big Data based Strategic Foresight to be able to visualize evidence and data-based future scenarios.

We are considering the setting up of "Centre for New Age Governance" (CNAG), for providing necessary knowledge inputs and capacity building support, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor also paid homage to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Rambhau Mhalgi, and remembered their significant contributions to the nation building. Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, Vice-Chairman, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini; Harshvardhan Tripathi, senior Journalist; prominent personalities from diverse fields and members of Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini organization were present.

### CB charge-sheets...

being investigated by inspector Rajesh Kumar Verma I/O under overall supervision of Sandeep Kumar Mehta SSP, Spl Crime Wing Crime Branch Jammu, for their involvement in cheating and duping the innocent farmers.

As per Crime branch Jammu, a written complaint was lodged by the complainant, namely Tirath Singh, son of Sant Singh, resident of Karan Bagh Tehsil Gadi Garh District Jammu against the three accused persons for cheating and duping the innocent farmers of their harvest and hard earned money. The accused persons collected bulk of paddy and wheat from local farmers promising them of handsome profit but did not even pay the actual cost of the same, thereby swindling the money worth crores of rupees.

Upon this complaint, a case FIR No. 233/2019 U/S 420 IPC was registered in Police Station R.S Pura Jammu. Later on the investigation of the case was transferred to Crime Branch Jammu by PIHQ J&K Jammu.

During the course of investigation, it was found that the accused persons were running three firms jointly namely M/s Ashoka Traders at Chack Asram R.S Pura Jammu in the name of accused person Sonu Gupta, son of Niranjani Dass Gupta, resident of Chak Aslam Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu; M/s Rakesh Rice Mill, Pindi Sarocha, R.S Pura, Jammu, in the name of proprietor Sonu Gupta, son of Niranjani Dass Gupta and one Puran Chand, father of accused Gourav Gupta and M/s International Cattle Feed @ Sona Feed at Village Jindalehar; R.S Pura, Jammu, registered in the name of Sonu Gupta and Puran Chand.

Puran Chand was not actively involved in the business due to health reasons and due to prolonged illness, he died in 2018. The third accused namely Shashi Gupta was an employee of J&K Bank, thus no firm was registered in his name, but he was actively involved in the said business as evident from statements of witnesses and FSL report also confirms his handwritings on receipts issued to farmers, victims in lieu of food grains received from farmers. Gourav Gupta son of Late Puran Chand was also found actively involved in the business on behalf of his father as evident from statements of witnesses and FSL report confirming his handwritings on receipts issued to farmers/victims in lieu of food grains received from farmers.

"They also accepted cash deposits with the promise of high interest to be paid per month

and finally cheated them, thereby misappropriating their hard-earned money. Therefore, the offence u/s 420, 120-8 IPC are fully established proved against the three accused persons and charge-sheet has been filed before the Court of Law for Judicial determination", according to a handout issued by the Crime Branch.

### NIA carries out...

five years in February 2019.

The spokesperson said NIA teams swooped down on the premises of various suspects at five locations in Srinagar, three in Budgam, two in Kulgam, one in Anantnag, and four in Jammu.

"The investigations in the case, registered on February 5, 2021, have so far revealed that JeI and its members have continued to promote terrorist and secessionist activities in J&K even after the outfit was proscribed under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in February 2019," the spokesperson said.

The person added, "Operatives of the banned organisation had been collecting funds through donations from within India and abroad."

The NIA said the funds were collected mainly in the form of 'Zakat, Mowda and Bait-ul-Mal', purported to promote charity and other welfare activities, such as health and education, but were instead being used for carrying out violent and secessionist activities.

It was further found that the funds raised by JeI were also being channelled to other proscribed terrorist organisations, such as Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) through well organised networks of JeI cadres, the spokesperson said. The official said JeI was also engaged in inciting impressionable youth and recruiting new members (Rukams) in J&K to further its secessionist activities. NIA had earlier chargesheeted four accused in the case, in which investigation is still on, the spokesperson said.

### Ram temple issue...

run away from the battlefield. But for the future record, the speeches that were made today have sensitivity, resolve and sympathy... It also takes forward the mantra of 'sabka saath, sabka vikas'."

"The country has moved towards big changes at a fast pace and all members of the House made an important contribution. Such works were completed for which people had waited for centuries," he said.

The Lok Sabha also passed a resolution on "the construction of historic Shri Ram Temple and Pran Pratishtha of Shri Ram Lalla" after a nearly four-hour discussion, describing its construction as a historic achievement.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla moved the resolution and said it will give the values of hope and unity to future generations.

He said after centuries of wait, the Ram temple has ushered in a new era of good governance and public welfare. The speaker noted that the temple is symbolic of the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat".

He said through this resolution, the members of the House appreciate the historic work accomplished in Ayodhya.

Speaking in Lok Sabha, Home Minister Amit Shah asserted that Modi took all sections of the society along on the Ram temple issue and described the Supreme Court verdict on the matter as a reflection of India's secular character to the world.

He said in no other country has the majority community waited for so long for a matter related to its faith.

He said the Supreme Court verdict on the Ram temple showed India's secular character to the world.

In an apparent swipe at some opposition members, Shah said those who imagine India without Lord Ram do not know India, adding our culture cannot be separated from Ramayana.

"The date of January 22 marks the beginning of the journey of great India. This day paves the way for Maa Bharti (mother India) to take us on the path of becoming Vishwaguru (world leader)," Shah said, adding that the Ram mandir is a sign of cultural rejuvenation.

Birla recalled that ahead of the January 22 consecration ceremony at the temple, the prime minister visited various religious sites and gave a message of national unity.

In his valedictory address, Birla said, "The 17th Lok Sabha passed 222 bills. During this period 202 bills were introduced and 11 bills were withdrawn by the government."

He said the 17th Lok Sabha had a total of 274 sittings which lasted for 1,354 hours, 345 hours more than the scheduled time.

"A total of 387 hours were lost due to disruptions in this Lok Sabha. The total work productivity of the 17th Lok Sabha has been around 97 per cent which is the highest among the last five Lok Sabhas," Birla said as he adjourned the house sine die.

Speaking in Rajya Sabha, BJP chief J P Nadda said his party never tried to take any political advantage of the Ram temple though it had the commitment and conviction to complete it.

"This is an issue for the entire nation. We never attempted to get some score from this. We never attempted to take any political advantage from this," he said, adding that this was done for keeping in the dignity of the nation.

On temple issue, Leader of the House Piyush Goyal said the Ram Janmabhoomi movement brought the entire nation together and unified it, as he described January 22, 2024 as a "historic" day when the prime minister ended the second exile of Lord Ram, with construction of the temple.

Speaking on the discussion, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar hailed the inauguration day as a day of "national festival" and called the temple a symbol of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat".

While adjourning the house, he said during the short but important session, the House sat for nine days and the overall productivity during the Session stood at an impressive figure of 137 per cent.

In addition to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address and interim Union Budget, this House also passed seven bills, he said, adding that the House also bade farewell to 68 members.

Earlier, the upper house also concluded the discussion on the white paper on economy. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman accused the UPA government of mismanaging the price situation after taking charge from the Vajpayee government in 2004. "Through their ill-targeted, reckless fiscal policy, ill-targeted subsidies and wasteful expenditure, all done for political gains, inflation went high during the UPA rule," she said while replying to the discussion.

### CAA rules before...

back on their word," Shah said.

The home minister said he wanted to make it clear that the CAA is not a law to snatch anyone's citizenship.

"Our Muslim brothers are being instigated on the issue of CAA.

"CAA can't snatch anyone's citizenship as the law does not have that provision. CAA has been enacted to give citizenship to those people who have come from Bangladesh and Pakistan after facing religious persecution. No one should oppose this law," he said.

There were massive protests in some parts of the country after the CAA was passed by Parliament in December 2019 and got the presidential assent.

Delayed by over four years, rules for the CAA are a must for its implementation.

Officials said rules are ready and the online portal is also in place as the entire process will be online.

The applicants will have to declare the year when they entered India without travel documents. No document will be sought from the applicants.

According to the law, the benefits under the CAA will be given to the undocumented minorities from the three countries.

The promise of implementing the controversial CAA was a major poll plank of the BJP in the last Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in West Bengal.

The saffron party's leaders consider it a plausible factor that led to the rise of the BJP in Bengal.

According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, the rules for any legislation should have been framed within six months of presidential assent or seek an extension from the Committees on Subordinate Legislation in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Since 2020, the home ministry has been taking extensions at regular intervals from the parliamentary committee for framing the rules.

Over a hundred people lost their lives during the protests or in police action after the parliament passed CAA.

Meanwhile, in the last two years, over 30 District Magistrates and Home Secretaries of nine states have been given powers to grant Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

According to the annual report of the Ministry of Home Affairs for 2021-22, from April 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, a total of 1,414 foreigners belonging to these non-Muslim minority communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan were given Indian citizenship by registration or naturalization under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

The nine states where Indian citizenship by registration or naturalization is given under the Citizenship Act, 1955 to non-Muslim minorities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan are Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra.

Interestingly, authorities in none of the districts of Assam and West Bengal, where the issue is politically very sensitive, have been given the powers so far.

### DM Jammu cancels...

not fall under the provision of the said order. Moreover, the land under Khasra No. 210-Min was under the Forest Department Land.

Pertinently, the parties who were accorded the ownership rights were summoned by the

DM for a hearing, but they failed to appear.

After careful scrutiny of the revenue records and examination of the report submitted by the Tehsildar, the DM concluded that the impugned mutations were illegal and fraudulent, and thus cancelled. Tehsildar Nagrota was directed to correct the relevant records and submit an action taken report within two days. He is also required to share the names of the delinquent officials who entered the impugned mutations in an illegal manner for further necessary action.

### Art 370 abrogation...

legislations, which allowed farmers to sell produce at markets of their choice and negotiate price of their produce, and scrapped the Centre's powers to impose stock limits on traders.

After the outbreak of the Covid pandemic, special arrangements, including those to ensure social distancing, were made in Parliament for the 2020 Monsoon session and first part of the 2021 budget session for transacting essential legislative and other businesses.

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The 17th Lok Sabha also passed three bills in last year to replace colonial-era criminal justice laws and the House witnessed rare unanimity in the approval of the women's reservation bill.

However, in 2019, when it came to the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, the House saw protest by opposition members, leading to disruption of proceedings.

On the bills to overhaul the criminal justice system, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said, "We can proudly say that this country might have lived under the Penal Code for 75 years but now we live under the Nyay Samithi."

It was during the 17th Lok Sabha that proceedings last year moved to the new Parliament building from the adjacent old building, which is now a heritage structure named 'Samvidhan Sadan'.

"We laid the foundation stone for the new Parliament building and we inaugurated it...the members of the 17th Lok Sabha are fortunate as they functioned in the old Parliament as well as the new Parliament building. The people who come next will be in the new Parliament building," Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi told reporters here. The shift to the new parliament building was marked with a special session which saw the passage of the women's reservation bill that grants 33 per cent reservation to women in Parliament and legislative assemblies.

"The government has signed the cheque, but has not put a date on it. We hope it will be implemented soon," NCP-SCP leader and Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule said, referring to the women's reservation bill. The 17th Lok Sabha also witnessed suspension of 100 members over a period of four days for unruly conduct in the House while demanding a statement from Home Minister Amit Shah on the security breach in Parliament. On the last day of the session, the House discussed the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, following which a resolution was passed.

### Chugh receives massive...

BJP Government for fulfilling this enduring demand.

Speaking to news agency representatives, Ehsan Mirza, a senior leader of the Pahari ST Tribe Forum, underscored the arduous three-decade-long struggle and reiterated that previous governments failed to adequately address this demand.

Mirza highlighted the BJP government's unwavering commitment to inclusive development and welfare, stating that "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" is not merely a slogan but a guiding principle. Tarun Chugh underscored that these Bills will restore the rights of people belonging to the Pahari and other newly added communities to the SC and ST lists. He also highlighted the elevation of the status of Gujjar and Bakerwal communities under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi.

Chugh further urged political parties to refrain from politicizing the issue and instead focus on collective efforts for societal betterment.

Those present on the occasion included Adv Ahsan Mirza, Adv Aftab Ganai, Adv Gurdev Singh Thakur, Bharat Bhushan Vaid, Adv Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Nadeem Ahmed Mir, and Shafait Yaseen Shah, all executive members of the Pahari Tribe ST Forum Jammu and Kashmir.

### J&K Police announces...

information about persons who are talking to or communicating with terrorist handlers across the border or with their agents within J&K and branding citizens as Mukhbir and passing on their personal details like photo, address, movements of off-duty policemen and other security personnel or government servants for their targeting and the information gets corroborated during investigations/ enquiries that are initiated on receipt of the information. Rs 1 lakh will be rewarded to whoever gives information about persons in Masjid or Madrassas or schools or colleges who are encouraging, inducing and inciting people to join terrorist ranks or to pick up gun and the information gets corroborated during investigation/ enquiries that are initiated on receipt of the information.

### If BJP crosses...

to Rao and Singh. "Rao brought Mamohan Singh as his Finance minister when I was Tourism minister in his cabinet. His liberalization policies revolutionized the economy to keep pace with the outside world which was moving ahead of us. I also advocated liberalization policy to end monopoly in air service," he said, adding that the liberalization policy introduced by the Rao government is being followed by the Modi government as well.

"Singh was the tallest farmer leader and we have not seen anyone among the farming community to come closer to his stature. Recognizing his contribution for the country will boost the morale of the farming community," he said.

Azad said he is thankful to the prime minister for acknowledging the work of the two leaders in the interest of the nation. "If any work was done for the benefit of the country, it should be appreciated and if the present government is doing this, we should appreciate it."

On the prevailing situation in Pakistan, the DPAP leader said the free and fair elections in neighbouring countries are a far cry due to the interference of the Army in the electoral process.

"Since the formation of Pakistan, we (India) have had differences with it and Pakistan is responsible for the tension between the two countries. Immediately after independence, Pakistan launched an attack and separated our part which is known as Pakistan occupied Kashmir. Our brothers there are not happy," he said.

He said while India got democracy and saw a change of Prime Ministers through electoral exercise, they got dictatorship and the army is running the governments there. The public representatives are living at the mercy of the Army which decides who wins or loses.

"We are blessed that our army or anyone else is not interfering in our elections and that is democracy. We pray that such an atmosphere prevails there as well for the benefit of the public," he said.

On Parliament passing the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Bill, 2024, adding four communities – Gadda Brahmin, Koli, Paddari Tribe, and Pahari Ethnic Group – to the list of Scheduled Tribes in Jammu and Kashmir, Azad said it was a longstanding demand of the people and "we have always supported them on the condition that the reservation enjoyed by Gujjars and Bakerwals remains untouched."

Earlier, addressing a public gathering at Akhnoor, Azad underscored the unparalleled progress achieved across various sectors, setting a benchmark for governance excellence. He said, thousands of villages were connected with towns and cities, a feat unprecedented in the history of the region.

Several medical colleges, super-specialty hospitals, district and sub-district hospitals were constructed, significantly improving healthcare accessibility for the citizens.

This monumental achievement stands unmatched by any previous or subsequent administrations. The establishment of numerous colleges, high and higher secondary schools, middle, and primary schools during his tenure reflects a steadfast commitment to education reform, unparalleled in the state's history. State and central resources were distributed evenly across the state, ensuring equitable development and prosperity for all regions. Stringent measures were implemented to eradicate corruption, fostering a culture of transparency and accountability in governance. Introduction of double and triple shifts in various sectors created a plethora of employment opportunities, bolstering economic growth and prosperity. He said, my tenure witnessed the maintenance of total communal harmony, fostering unity and inclusivity among diverse communities. Proactive steps were taken to promote tourism, showcasing the state's rich cultural heritage and scenic beauty to the world.

Azad reiterated his commitment to the agenda of development and progress in the 'state'. He emphasized that his decision to return to state politics and form his own party stems from a dedicated focus on uplifting the poor people and advancing the cause of development. Azad stressed the importance of working for the welfare of the poor and highlighting the need to reject politics driven by hate and communalism. He emphasized the significance of fostering inclusivity and unity to build a stronger and more prosperous society.

The rally was organised by Senior DPAP leader, Er Rattan Lal Dist Gen Secretary. Among others who were present on the occasion included G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, R.S.Chib Gen Secretary, Jugal Kishore Sharma Provincial President, Gen Secretary Anita Thakur, Vinod Mishra Gen Secretary, Ch Gharu Ram Zonal President, Sunita Arora, Kirtan Singh and others.