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because of which India is shining on the global stage in the fields of fintech and digital payments.

Technology is proving to be a key disruptor, be it positive or negative, he said.

"Terrorism in various forms is bringing new challenges before humanity every day. Today, climate challenges are becoming widespread with time. On the one hand, there are domestic concerns, on the other hand, the international system seems in disarray," Modi said.

Elaborating on India's steadfast commitment to climate change action, he called on people to join Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) to create a sustainable world.

Launched by Modi at the Glasgow edition of the annual climate change talks, LiFE encourages adopting a lifestyle that will cut down on carbon emissions.

In his remarks, Modi also said, "The way Dubai is emerging is an epicentre of global economy, commerce and technology; it represents a splendid example before the globe."

The World Government Summit has become a great medium to bring together thought leaders from across the world on a common platform, he said and hailed the UAE President Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed as "a leader with vision and resolve."

The Prime Minister elaborated on the leadership role played by India as the chair of G-20 last year, on a wide range of issues and challenges facing the world.

In this context, he highlighted the efforts made by India to bring development concerns facing the Global South to the centre stage of global discourse.

Calling for reform of multilateral institutions, he pushed for a greater voice for the Global South in its decision-making. "India will continue to contribute to global progress based on its role as a Vishva Bandhu."

Earlier, the Prime Minister had attended the World Governments Summit in 2018, also as a Guest of Honour.

Prime Minister Modi, who began his two-day visit to the Arab nation on Tuesday, was welcomed by UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on his arrival.

On Tuesday night, the Burj Khalifa was lit up with the words Guest of Honor-the Republic of India ahead of Modi's address.

Modi inaugurates first...

The prime minister also offered water in the virtual Ganga and Yamuna rivers at the temple before proceeding to inaugurate the temple built on a 27-acre site in Abu Mreikhah, near Al Rahba off the Dubai-Abu Dhabi Sheikh Zayed Highway, at a cost of around Rs 700 crore.

According to the temple authorities, the grand temple has been built as per an ancient style of construction and creation mentioned in the Shilpa and Sthapathya Shastras, Hindu scriptures which describe the art for mandir design and construction.

"The architectural methods have been clubbed with scientific techniques here. Over 300 high-tech sensors have been installed at every level of the temple to measure temperature, pressure and movement (seismic activity). The sensors will provide live data for research. If there is any earthquake in the region, the temple will detect it, and we will be able to study," Swami Brahmaviharidas, head of international relations for BAPS, told PTT.

No metal has been used in the construction of the temple and fly ash has been used to fill up the foundation, replacing 55 per cent of cement in the concrete mix, reducing the carbon footprint of the temple.

Madhusudan Patel, the temple's construction manager, told PTT, "We have used heat-resistant nano tiles and heavy glass panels, merging both traditional aesthetic stone structures with modern-day functionality. Considering the extreme temperatures in the UAE, the tiles will be comfortable for visitors to walk even in hot weather. Non-ferrous material has also been used in the temple."

Constructed with 18 lakh bricks, seven lakh man hours and 1.8 lakh cubic metres of sandstone sourced directly from Rajasthan Abu Dhabi's first Hindu temple has been made in the Nagara style of architecture, just like the recently inaugurated Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

According to Umesh Raja, a volunteer at the temple, 20,000 tonnes of sandstone pieces were carved in Rajasthan and then shipped to Abu Dhabi in 700 containers.

"Not just the stone, many labourers who helped construct the temple over five years belong to Gujarat and Rajasthan. Even the marble mined from Italy was first shipped to India for carving and then back to the UAE to be used in the interiors," he said.

The work for the structure has been going on since 2019. The land for the temple was donated by the UAE government. The UAE has three other Hindu temples that are located in Dubai. The BAPS temple, spread over a large area with stone architecture, will be the largest of all in the Gulf region.

Prime Minister Modi is in the UAE on a two-day visit, his seventh visit to the Emirates since 2015 and his third in the last eight months.

ED formally arrests...

in MIBBS and other professional courses in colleges, institutions and universities in Pakistan.

"The ED had initiated the money laundering investigation on the basis of the FIR registered by the J-K Police for offences under various sections of the Unlawful Activity (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against Bhat, Shah, Sheikh, Qazi Yasir, Syed Khalid Geelani alias 'Khalid Andrabi' and others involved in terrorist activity in Jammu and Kashmir," the spokesperson said.

The ED said the arrested persons had received money in their personal accounts and in the bank accounts of the "Al-Jabar Trust".

The "Al-Jabar Trust", the agency said was a charitable trust but it was being used for receiving funds from students, which were further being ploughed into terrorist activities in India in various ways such as giving money to stone pelters, providing money to persons or terrorists based in J-K, according to the instructions of the Pakistani handlers. Earlier, the ED had provisionally attached properties worth Rs 5 crore under the provisions of the PMLA in the form of various bank accounts and immovable properties.

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FCS&CA, Bandipora. Mohd Yousuf Ganai, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Srinagar (North) holding additional charge of Assistant Director; Stores, Srinagar has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Budgam; Shohab Latif, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director FCS&CA, Srinagar (South) shall also hold charge of the post of Assistant Director, Stores, Srinagar in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Mohd Sagir, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director; FCS&CA, (Trade & Store) Jammu has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Kathua; Rohit Kumar, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Rural-II, Jammu as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Rajouri. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Assistant Director; Poonch in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Nasir Ahmed Butt, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Udhampur holding additional charge of Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Reasi has been transferred and posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, (Trade & Store) Jammu; Haroon Rashid Naik, Jr. Scale JKAS, Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Kathua as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, City Circle-I, Jammu. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Assistant Director; FCS&CA Rural-I, Jammu in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Santosh Kumar, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Department has been posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Rural-II Jammu. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Assistant Director; FCS&CA, City Circle-II, Jammu in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Zeba Suleman, Jr. Scale JKAS, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Department has been posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Samba; Niamatuliah Sheikh, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Department has been posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Ramban; Vishal Angurana, Jr. Scale JKAS, awaiting orders of adjustment in the Department has been posted as Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Reasi. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Assistant Director; Udhampur in addition to his own duties till further orders.

Ifrikhar Ahmad Khan, I/C Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Budgam has been transferred and posted as I/C Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Baramulla vice Mr. Tariq Ahmad Sheikh.

Fayaz Ahmad Shah, I/C Assistant Director; FCS&CA, (Mills) Srinagar holding additional charge of Assistant Director; Supplies, Srinagar has been transferred and posted as I/C Assistant Director; FCS&CA, Supplies, Kashmir.

Pak Rangers violated...

25, 2021, when a renewed ceasefire was agreed upon by the two countries.

Earlier on October 26, two BSF personnel and a woman were injured in cross-border firing in Arnia sector of Jammu, while another BSF jawan was injured in a similar incident on October 17.

Officials said senior officers are monitoring the situation and the security personnel deployed all along the IB have been asked to remain on high alert.

The ceasefire violation comes at a time when Jammu and Kashmir administration is preparing for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the Union Territory on February 20. Modi is scheduled to address a public rally in Jammu during his visit.

Murder accused undertrial...

in Morechapur village of Bishnah on the outskirts of Jammu on October 31 last year. He was arrested the next day and was lodged at the district jail, the officials said. A judi-

cial inquiry has been ordered into the incident.

Azad vows to...

words. Azad reiterated the importance of maintaining solidarity as a singular community, urging people not to succumb to the influences of divisive politics propagated by certain parties. He reaffirmed his mission to uplift the underprivileged, outlining plans to establish more schools, colleges, roads, and districts to enhance the overall socio-economic landscape of the region.

He vehemently condemned the recent acts of violence perpetrated by Pakistan, resulting in the loss of innocent lives in Jammu and Kashmir.

In a resolute stance against such heinous acts, Azad emphasized the need for concerted efforts to counter terrorism and maintain peace in the region.

Azad urged the youth of Jammu and Kashmir to channelise their energies into positive endeavors that contribute to the betterment of society.

He stressed the importance of constructive engagement and community involvement as vital components in fostering a culture of peace, harmony, and progress.

He underscored the party's unwavering commitment to defending the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, particularly in the context of Article 370 and land eviction orders. Azad lamented the lack of vocal opposition from other party leaders on the issue of Article 370 and highlighted DPAP's efforts in fighting against land eviction orders and securing the land rights of the people.

He reassured the public that the DPAP will continue to prioritize the protection of land rights and the implementation of job rights, if elected to power.

Azad promised that his government, if elected, will work tirelessly to uphold the rights of the people, particularly in terms of land ownership and employment opportunities, besides bring back the Roshni Scheme. Azad emphasized the importance of the Roshni Scheme in addressing land ownership issues and promoting socio-economic development in the region. Among others present in the meeting included Vice chairman GM Saroori, General Secretaries RS Chib, Anita Thakur and Sunita Arora, Chief spokesperson Salman Nizami, State Secretary, Provincial Vice President Adv. Ashok Sharma, State Secretary Riyaz Bashir Naz, Zonal President Zahid Malik, District President, General Secretary ST Cell Choudhary Sobat Ali, Ishfaq Mirza, Farooq Khan and others.

Yasin Malik examined...

the statement made by the counsel and disposed of Malik's petition in which he sought a direction to authorities to produce the record of his treatment and refer him to AIIMS or any private super-specialty hospital here or in Jammu and Kashmir for proper and necessary treatment as he was suffering from serious cardiac and kidney ailments.

Rajat Nair, representing the Centre and DG (Prisons), submitted that Malik was taken to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), examined by doctors and discharged. He said necessary medical treatment has been accorded to the inmate.

He said the status report has been filed in pursuance to the court order and added that authorities are duty bound to provide necessary treatment to inmates.

The high court also said that the copy of the order be sent to the jail superintendent concerned for intimation and compliance.

The high court had on February 2 directed the Superintendent of the Tihar Jail to ensure proper medical treatment to Malik.

The counsel for the authorities had earlier submitted before the court that the petition suffered from serious suppression of facts and that Malik was refusing treatment being given to him by authorities.

The petition was filed on behalf of Malik through his mother Aatika Malik.

Nair had contended that Malik was a "very high risk security prisoner", and therefore, the medical team can be brought in the jail itself.

He had contended that a medical board was constituted by AIIMS. However, Malik refused to be examined by them through video-conferencing in jail as the inmate wanted to go to the hospital physically.

The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front chief was awarded life imprisonment by a trial court here on May 24, 2022, that held him guilty for various offences under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed an appeal in the Delhi High Court seeking enhancement of the sentence from life term to death penalty, which is the maximum punishment for the offence.

The life term was awarded for two offences - section 121 (waging war against government of India) of the IPC and section 17 (raising funds for terrorist act) of the UAPA.

The court had awarded Malik a 10-year jail term each under sections 120 B (criminal conspiracy), 121-A (conspiracy to wage war against the government of India) of the IPC and sections 15 (terrorism), 18 (conspiracy for terrorism) and 20 (being a member of terror organisation) of the UAPA.

Won't allow proxy...

The bench refused to hear Ahmadi any further in the matter and asked him to assist the court on the issue at a later stage.

It asked the counsel for the petitioners, who are directly aggrieved by the UAPA provisions, to come forward and argue their case.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for three civil society members, including a journalist, said they were booked under the anti-terror law by the Tripura Police in 2021 over their social media posts on riots in the state.

The counsel appearing for the Tripura government told the bench that the petitioners being represented by Bhushan had already been granted protection from arrest by the top court on November 17, 2021.

He submitted that the top court had given them liberty to approach the Tripura High Court for quashing of the FIR in the case but they chose to pursue their petition here.

"Please see, their main prayer is for the quashing of the FIR. The second prayer is with respect to the vires of the law," he said.

Justice Trivedi, after perusing the earlier orders of the court and the counter affidavit of the Tripura government, asked Bhushan whether he wanted to move the high court or pursue their petition challenging the vires of law in the apex court.

Bhushan said he needs to take instructions from his clients and cannot make any statement without consulting them. Justice Trivedi told Bhushan, "Shall we take it that you don't want to go to the high court (for quashing of FIR)?" Bhushan said if the court feels they should approach the high court, then they need to seek instructions.

"We don't feel anything. It's your call. If you want to proceed, we will not prevent you. This goes for other petitioners as well. You will have to take a call on whether you would like to continue with these proceedings or go back to the high court," Justice Trivedi said.

Bhushan then requested the court to grant some time to seek instructions after which the bench posted the matter for hearing on Thursday.

"We wanted to demonstrate how the UAPA is being abused by various police authorities across the country. Just see how the Act was invoked against these people. In this petition, we have challenged the FIR as being a gross abuse of process of law. A case under the UAPA was registered. For what? For tweeting 'Tripura is burning'," Bhushan said during the arguments. The counsel for Tripura said not a single life was lost in the incident which was referred to in the tweet. The top court is hearing a batch of 11 petitions including one file by former JNU student Umar Khalid challenging the constitutional validity of various provisions of the UAPA.

EC seeks 3.4...

phased manner to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections, the communication said. A CAPF company comprises around 100 personnel. A maximum of 920 companies of CAPFs are expected to be deployed in West Bengal in a phased manner, followed by 635 companies in Jammu and Kashmir; 360 companies in Chhattisgarh, 295 companies in Bihar; 252 companies in Uttar Pradesh and 250 companies each in Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Punjab. The CAPFs are the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and National Security Guard (NSG).

Former PDP leader...

party's J&K president Ravinder Raina and other senior leaders, including former deputy chief minister Kavinder Gupta and MP Jugal Kishore. The former PDP leader had unsuccessfully contested the 2008 assembly elections from the Nowshera constituency of Rajouri district Addressing a press conference after the joining, Raina said the BJP was ready for elections in the Union territory. "Announcing polls in Jammu and Kashmir is the prerogative of the Election Commission but we are ready for any election," he said. Raina said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a massive rally in Jammu during his visit to the Union territory on February 20.

Man gets 10...

Ahmad Seer and imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on him.

While sentencing the convict, the judge observed that the convict, who at the time of the crime was 18 years old, shattered the dignity of the girl she has to bear the burden of the act committed by the convict throughout her life. "The physical scar may have healed up, but the mental/emotional scar will always remain. When a woman is ravished, what is inflicted is not merely physical injury but the deep sense of some deathless shame. Child sexual abuse is a serious and heinous offence against the society and humanity," the court said. While refusing the defence plea for leniency, the court said, "To show mercy in a child sexual abuse case would be a travesty of justice. The socio-economic status of the convict in child sexual abuse case is not a relevant consideration in awarding punishment."

CRIME REPORT

Over Rs 8 lakh penalty imposed on perpetrators of illegal mining

STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: The Geology and Mining Department Kathua has imposed Over Rs. 8 lakh penalty on an excavator and 4 vehicles for unauthorized mining and massive digging in Ujh River.

On receiving complaint of illegal mining in Ujh River, District Mineral Officer Kathua along with officials of revenue department and police rushed to the spot and seized the machinery involved in illegal mining.



Meanwhile, the dugout area was measured by the officials of mining department and the perpetrators were subjected to penalty as per the MM (DR) Act of 1957 and SRO-105 of 2016.

The DMO Kathua informed that the material was excavated from private land by crusher owner after making a deal with the Owner and dumped in the premises of crusher unit for processing and selling the same in Punjab area.

The DMO further informed that there are four mineral leases in the Ujh River for supplying material at fixed rates but instead of purchasing material from the lease, the violators lift mineral from unidentified locations where mining is strictly banned or prohibited.

The action has been initiated under overall supervision of Deputy Commissioner Kathua, Dr. Rakesh Minhas.

Three absconders nabbed

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: A drive against underground criminals & absconders continue in district Reasi. In round of chase, raids and searches 3 absconding criminals evading arrests since years traced and arrested by teams of district police Reasi.

Absconding Criminal Jamat Ali, son of Siraj Din, resident of Maralian, Jammu absconding in case FIR No 51/2022 US 307/353/34 IPC of Police Station Pouni was arrested by team of Police Station Pouni after 02 years of commission of crime in a case proven against him during the investigation. A general warrant of arrest was issued against him by Court of CJM Reasi under section 299 Cr.PC.

Absconder Mohd Mukeem, son of Jamil Ahmed, resident Khawas Keri, Teh-Kotranka, Dist.-Rajouri at present Migrant Camp Talwara Age-21 Years evaded trial proceedings in 04 cases, FIR No. 261/17 under section 457/380 R.P.C, FIR No.121/2020 under section 457/380 IPC, FIR No. 69/2021 under section 379 IPC, FIR No. 138/2021 under section 457/380 IPC has been arrested by team of P/S Reasi after 05 years of commission of crime. A general warrant of arrest was issued against him by Court of CJM Reasi under section 299 Cr.PC in 02 cases. The whole operation was led by SHO Reasi Ranjeet Rao and SHO Pouni Purab Singh under the supervision of DySP headquarter Reasi Neeraj Padyar.

Absconding Criminal Pawan Kumar, son of Kuldeep Kumar, resident of Purana Daroor, Banganga Teh. Katra Distt. Reasi absconding in case FIR no. 116/2022 under section 376, 506 IPC, 3/4 POSCO Act Police Station Katra of Police Station Katra got arrested by team of Police Post Banganga after developing a specific information.

Notorious drug peddler arrested; Contraband substance recovered

STATE TIMES NEWS

KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested notorious drug peddler in Kulgam and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A police party headed by Incharge Police Post Mirbazar during patrolling at Furrah near Railway bridge intercepted a suspicious person who on seeing the Police party tried to flee from the spot, however he was apprehended tactfully by the alert Police party.

He has been identified as Ansar Ahmad Mir son of Ghulam Nabi Mir resident of Peath Bugh Dialgam, Anantnag. During search, 05 grams of Heroin like contraband were recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to Police Station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 41/2024 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Qazigund and investigation has been initiated.

We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

Police reunites missing girl with family

STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Wednesday reunited a missing girl with her parents whose missing report was lodged at Police Post Mansar falling in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba.

On Feb 5, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Post Mansar by the father of missing girl, a resident of Rayour, tehsil and district Samba stating therein that his daughter went missing from her sister's residence at Mansar on Feb 4, 2024.

All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing girl could not be ascertained.

Acting on complaint, a missing report was entered at Police Post Mansar and search started to trace out the said missing girl.

With continuous strenuous efforts, a police team of Police Post Mansar has traced out the said missing girl and handed over to her legal heirs after completing all legal formalities.

Bus seized, driver arrested for endangering human life by overloading vehicle

STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing drive against overloading in passenger Vehicles Traffic Police National Highway under the supervision of SSP NIHW Sh Rohit Baskotra registered case FIR for overloading and endangering human lives at Udhampur.

Traffic Police team of Traffic sub division Udhampur lead by DySP Arun Janwal while traffic checking at Roun Domain, intercepted a bus bearing registration number JK02BN5277 on way from Ramnagar and found that the bus was overloaded with passengers and was carrying 72 passengers instead a seating capacity of 41 Passengers.

On this, a case FIR 76/2022 US 279,336 IPC registered at Police station Udhampur and driver namely Sunil Kumar S/O Bishan Dass R/O Kagote, Ramnagar arrested in case FIR for rash driving, negligence and endangering human lives.

While sharing the detail SSP Traffic Rohit conveyed that acting tough against overloading and endangering human lives Traffic Police National Highway is registering cases for overloading and endangering human lives.

He further added that traffic Police is working relentlessly to make roads safer for the passengers by taking stringent action against MV Act Violators. SSP Traffic NIHW further added that Traffic Police has already circulated advisory for drivers, passengers and parents by conducting awareness programmes in every nook and corner of the districts.

He directed drivers to refrain from overloading and at the same time commuters should also not board overloaded passenger vehicles.

He appealed commuters to follow Traffic rules and join hands to make our roads safe for all type of users right from pedestrian to vehicle owners. People should come forward to complain against visible traffic violations on traffic helpline numbers -9419993745-9906023617.1800-180-7043.