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After over 7...

Medhavi Sharma; Saras Bharti; Baramulla's Nazish Rashid, Mehbooba Akhtar of Ganderbal and Lakshmi, a resident of Samba also received a special mention from Lt Governor for their inspirational journeys in fields like entrepreneurship, promotion of Dogri Folk, Basohli art & painting; mushroom cultivation and establishment of Polygreen house unit.

The Lt Governor shared the valuable suggestions received from Dr. Syed Saileem from Srinagar, Priya Varma from Reasi and Insha Manzoor from Pulwama on women's health, well-being and safety and issued necessary directions to the concerned departments for appropriate action.

He also voiced the inspiring thoughts of Rishu Gupta from Samba, Kupwara's Neelofar Bukhari, Chanchal Kumari from Udhampur and Arifa Ara from Budgam pertaining to financial literacy among women, entrepreneurship and leadership roles for women.

In this month's episode, the Lt Governor paid homage to Thakur Raghunath Singh, a nationalist thinker-writer and recalled his significant contribution to the promotion of Dogri language and culture.

He also congratulated and commended Padma Shri recipients Dogri folk singer Romalo Ram and master craftsman Ghulam Nabi Dar of Srinagar for preserving and promoting the rich art and heritage of Jammu Kashmir.

Opposition lacks...

few decades to visit the UAE. The Congress government used to look at West Asia through the prism of Pakistan, he said.

Five Arab countries have bestowed their highest honours on him.

Modi said the nation no longer thinks and dreams small. It now has big dreams and has taken big resolutions to make India a developed country by 2047, he added.

"The next five years are going to be crucial. We have to take a big leap towards 'Viksit Bharat'. The first condition for realising the big goals for the country is to ensure the return of the B-JP to power with a strong mandate," he said.

He said the Congress is riven by internal divisions not due to ideological differences but over its stand on him as one section believes in tarnishing his image by all means, including personal attacks, while another wants to avoid this approach.

How confused the Congress is, he said. "Abusing Modi and levelling false allegations against me have become the single-point agenda of its leaders," he said, claiming that the party is the mother of politics of nepotism, appeasement and corruption.

He also accused the Congress of seeking to divide the nation along regional and language lines.

Addressing the delegates who repeatedly raised slogans cheering him, Modi asserted that the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya has ended the centuries-long wait and mentioned the matter among some of the achievements of his government, including the opening of Kartarpur Sahib corridor; repeal of Article 370 and women's reservation.

He spoke at length about his government's numerous initiatives to empower women and asserted that he is the only prime minister who raised from the Red Fort the issues of toilets and use of derogatory words for women.

The prime minister said that even opposition leaders are now raising slogans in favour of more than 400 Lok Sabha seats for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), in an apparent reference to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge. Congress leaders have, however, described Kharge's remarks as a swipe at the BJP's claim.

"But, for NDA to cross 400, the BJP will have to cross the milestone of 370," Modi said.

The prime minister said fulfilling the dreams of crores of women, poor and youth is his mission.

"We rid the country of mega scams and terror attacks, and made efforts to improve the living standards of the poor and the middle class," he said.

He said 10 years of unblemished governance and pulling 25 crore people out of poverty were no ordinary feats. "If I had thought of my home, it would not have been possible to build homes for crores of people," he said.

"A senior leader once told me 'I have done enough as PM and CM, I should take it easy now'. But I am working for 'rashtraniti', not 'rajneeti'," he said.

The prime minister said he lives by the ideals of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and takes inspiration from him.

"My efforts are dedicated to the people of India. The dreams of Indians are my commitments," Modi said.

In the times to come, there will be plenty of opportunities for "our mothers, sisters and daughters", the prime minister said.

The Northeast was completely ignored by earlier governments, he said, "but we do not work for votes and seats."

He said his Council of Ministers had a record representation of leaders from the Northeast and Other Backward Classes as well.

"For the first time, a woman has become a member of the Rajya Sabha from Nagaland. We are proud that for the first time we have given a place to a person from Tripura in the Council of Ministers," he said. "For the first time in our government, Arunachal Pradesh has got a cabinet minister," Modi said.

Selfie point near...

The INDIA selfie point provides visitors with an engaging environment symbolising a sense of nationalism in the region, they said.

The army had last year opened 'Kaman Setu', zero-point at the LoC here, for tourists. The selfie point was opened for the public around the Republic Day this year.

The selfie point is the brainchild of artist and RNAF founder Rouble Nagi. It has been positioned strategically along the National Highway-44 and the structure offers a panoramic view of the picturesque Jhelum river, enhancing the pride of the locals as well as the tourists, the officials said.

The army thanked Nagi's foundation which is known for its women empowerment projects. "Her gesture of gifting the structure stands as a testimony to rising nationalism in the valley. The selfie point was conceptualised with an aim to provide a unique engaging environment for individuals and groups alike," the army said.

Nagi said sculpting the name of the nation through her art installation is a tribute to the sacrifices made by various sections of society for the country's freedom.

"Nothing feels better than sculpting the name of my nation through my art. Proud to install my sculpture #INDIA at Uri, a remote border region," Nagi, daughter of a retired army officer, said.

"How blessed we are to be free. Our children need to know the sacrifices that were made by so many to protect the freedom we enjoy today; she said, urging people to include Uri as their tourist destination. Nagi has been instrumental in making selfie points in Kashmir which included one at the revamped Polo view market, Rajbagh and Dal Lake.

Security stepped up...

Kashmir Zone, V K Birdi, reviewed the security in the valley in a meeting at PCR Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by senior officers of various security agencies including police, Army, BSF, CRPF, SSB, CISF and state and central intelligence agencies, a police spokesman said.

He said the objective of the meeting was to undertake a comprehensive review and strengthening of the security arrangements "in anticipation of visits by VVIPs to the Union Territory of J&K, as well as other events in offing".

Stressing the need for maintaining a balance between security needs and the smooth conduct of events, the IGP Kashmir directed officers to ensure heightened vigilance, particularly during night hours, to mitigate the risk of terrorist threats.

Birdi underlined the need to bolster intelligence gathering and anti-terror operations and urged officers to minimize the risk of untoward incidents by strengthening security at vulnerable points, especially during significant events.

"Special attention was given to enhancing security along the National Highway, tunnels, minority pickets and other critical pockets," the spokesman said.

The IGP issued specific directives to intensify security and surprise naka measures in both uptown and downtown areas of Srinagar, with round-the-clock patrolling and increased presence at entry and exit points of the district.

The IGP also underscored the importance of following the SOPs, considering the heightened security concerns during events.

"Special instructions were given to border district heads to maintain strict vigilance along the LoC and hinterland to prevent the potential terror activities," he added.

Among the participants were IG CRPF (SOS) Srinagar, IG BSF Ftr, DD IB Kmr, DIsG of CKR, SSB, BSF, Armed, IIR, CRPF, ITBP, SSSp Srinagar, PCR Kashmir, CID CIK, Traffic, Security & PC & Telecom, DC SB Sgr, and CSO (I) 15 corps whereas those who joined virtually were DIsG NKR, SKR Baramulla, CRPF Bla and South and all SSSp/SP's of Districts and PDs.

Historic, will transform...

and address a public rally. The start of the rail service is "a historic occasion for

us and is going to transform our lives completely," Choudhary Mohammad Ashraf, former sarpanch of Sumber, told PTI.

"We will have a dependable transport facility at a minimum cost. It will not only provide us a major relief but will also open new vistas, especially for our younger generations," he said.

He said the enthusiasm among men, women and children can be gauged by their turnout in huge numbers on both sides of the railway track and the hill tops to witness the first train chugging along the track during the inspection by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) on Friday.

Qamar Din of the same village said the joy of having a train service after seven decades of the country's independence is very difficult to describe.

"Our village is located 40 km from Ramban district headquarters and considered as backward in every sphere, be it health, education or road network. We have to spend a lot of money to take a patient to hospital while our students lack basic facilities," he said, citing the very low pass percentage of students of the government high school in the class 10 board exam.

With the start of the train service and a station in the village, he said, they can travel easily to outside their village, including Banihal and Srinagar, for educational and healthcare purposes and return on the same day.

Ramban Deputy Commissioner Baseer-ul-Haq Chaudhary said, "This railway line brings immense joy to not only the people of Ramban but to the entire Chenab Valley, fulfilling a decades-old dream."

District Development Council (DDC) chairperson and National Conference leader Shamshad Shan termed the proposed inauguration of the railway line a "historic moment" and said the start of the service will transform the lives of the people, especially the downtrodden sections of society.

She said the round-the-year mobility will facilitate easy access to markets, promote business and help employment generation.

DDC member Khari Fayaz Naik, who is associated with the Democratic Progressive Azad Party led by former chief minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, said it is a welcome development for the remote area.

He also highlighted the demand of the people for a flyover at the Khari railway station and improvement of the road, which is not in a good condition.

Dozens of villages in Banihal, Ramban, Khari, Gool, Mahore, Sangaldan, Pogal Paristan (Ukhral) and Ramsoo tehsils will be directly benefited by the start of the train service.

"The train will also boost the government's efforts to bring virgin valleys like Mohu Mangant and Pogal Paristan into the tourism map. The launch of the train service is expected to improve the footfall of visitors in the breathtaking spots," Tanvir Bin Ahad, a tourist guide, said.

He said the country's longest transportation tunnel, T-50, having a length of 12.77 km also falls between Khari and Sumber railway stations, which will attract visitors as well.

Railway officials said the Banihal-Khari-Sumber-Sangaldan section features a total of 16 bridges -- 11 major and four minor bridges and one road over bridge.

More than 90 per cent of this section runs through tunnels, with a total of 11 tunnels covering 43.37 km, including the country's longest transportation tunnel, T-50, they said.

They said the work on the remaining Katra-Sangaldan section of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project is going at a high pace, and it is hoped that Kashmir will be connected with the rest of the country by train within the next few months.

Out of the total 272 km USBRL project, 161 km was commissioned in phases.

The first phase 118-km Qazigund-Baramulla section commissioned in October 2009, followed by 18-km Banihal-Qazigund in June 2013 and 25-km Udhampur-Katra in July 2014.

The work on the project, which is the most challenging railway infrastructure project being undertaken post-independence, was started in 1997 and has missed several deadlines amid huge cost escalations.

The officials said the railways will further stimulate infrastructure development in the area, improving living standards and quality of life of the local population.

Azad promises land...

and colour. I never discriminated based on religion," he said.

Azad highlighted his track record of initiating projects in both the Jammu and the Kashmir regions, underscoring his commitment to equitable development.

The DPAP leader also asserted that after experiencing the performance of various other parties, people should now shift to the DPAP on the basis of his track record.

He also reiterated his commitment to prioritising development and employment generation to bring relief to the people.

Among others present on the occasion included, Vice Chairman GM Saroori, General Secretary RS Chib, Anita Thakur, Provincial President Jugal Kishore Sharma, General Secretary Vinod Mishra, Chief, Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Adv Maheshwar Singh Provincial General Secretary, State Secretary Sumita Arora, Zonal President Choudhary Gharu Ram, Secretary Hira Lal Abrol, Zonal President PR Manhas, Subash Gupta Provincial VP, Ashok Sharma Provincial VP, District President Gourav Chopra, Ashok Bhagat, Sobat Ali, Prabha Salathia, Anoop Khajuria, Vishal Chopra, Prabha Salathia, Kirtan Singh, Fatima Farooq, Sheikh Zafarullah, Kulwant Singh Chib, Rajinder Singh Pinky, Ashutosh Raina, Kamalpreet Singh and Sanjay Manhas.

Pak increases telecom...

Union (ITU), a body under the United Nations.

Article 45 of the ITU's constitution requires all 193-member countries to take the steps required to prevent the transmission or circulation of identification signals, "and to collaborate in locating and identifying stations under their jurisdiction transmitting such signals".

The officials said, the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) under the ITU has reiterated that all stations are "forbidden to carry out unnecessary transmissions, or the transmission of superfluous signals, or the transmission of false or misleading signals, or the transmission of signals without identification".

The matter is being discussed at the ministerial level for taking it up at the international forum concerned, they said.

The new telecom towers are operating on the Code-Division Multiple Access (CDMA) technology and the encryption has been done by a Chinese firm mainly for catering to YSMS operations, the officials said.

This rouge telecom infrastructure supports infiltrating terrorists and their contacts in the Jammu and the Kashmir regions.

The deployment of CDMA technology along the LoC has been done with the aim to complicate monitoring efforts as the technology allows multiple signals on a single transmission channel, posing challenges in controlling illegal communications.

Past instances of use of such technology in 2019 and 2020 were thwarted by security agencies by breaking the encryption. The officials said the present attempt of terror groups aided by state actors of Pakistan would meet a similar fate.

Despite the towering presence of the SCO in PoK, including in Gilgit and Baltistan, telecom towers offer minimal advantages in the Kashmir Valley due to its elevated terrain. But, their signals extend into the Jammu plains, with traces even reaching sensitive places like the Kot Balwal jail area.

Conventional measures such as jammers and managed access systems have fallen short in deterring mobile-phone usage, prompting the development of advanced detection capabilities aimed at locating and neutralising active phones within defined areas.

The officials said new technology is likely to be tested nationwide, particularly in prisons, by security agencies to combat security threats effectively.

The smuggling of cell phones in prisons presents a significant public safety hazard, empowering criminals to orchestrate terror activities from within the confines of a prison, the officials said.

This comes after several security agencies indicated that telecom signals from PoK have been penetrating into Indian territories, affecting regions from Baramulla and Kupwara in Kashmir to Jammu, Kathua, Rajouri, and Poonch Districts in the Jammu division.

Of particular concern is the communication between terrorists on Indian soil and their handlers in Pakistan, facilitated by various technologies like LoRa, YSMS, Baidu and Thuraya Satellite Communication.

The utilisation of LoRa technology, known for its long-range capabilities, is being used by terror groups and their handlers so that the communication remains undetected between terrorists and underground workers (OGW).

Country has made...

as he lauded his dedication, hardwork and commitment to the country's

progress.

While PM Modi thinks of the poor and the country's development, INDIA bloc leaders think of making their children prime minister and chief ministers, Shah said, referring to Sonia Gandhi, Sharad Pawar, Lahu Prasad and M K Stalin among others.

"The Congress is the mother of corruption and its nurturer in this country," he said as he listed the alleged scams during the Congress regime and that of its allies.

All the family "princes" have come together against Modi as they think only someone from a powerful family can occupy the top position, he said amid slogans in support of Modi at the meeting.

"On the one hand there are family-run parties and on the other is the son of a poor mother," he said.

The government has worked to lift the living standards of 60 crore poor who earlier felt left out of the development process, he said.

Opposition parties, he said, are in denial mode and oppose everything for the sake of it, be it the repeal of Article 370, ban on triple talaq, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act or the construction of the new Parliament building.

He also lashed out at the Congress for turning down the invite for the Ram temple consecration ceremony, saying they did so due to appeasement politics.

If family-run politics existed in the B-JP, then son of a tea seller would not have become the country's prime minister, he asserted.

Union ministers, farmer...

The Union ministers and farmer leaders had met earlier on February 8, 12 and 15 but the talks remained inconclusive.

Protesting farmers from Punjab have been camping at Shambhu and Khanauri points on the state's border with Haryana since February 13 when their 'Delhi Chalo' march was halted by police.

The call for the march was given by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha to press their demands.

Besides a legal guarantee of MSP, the farmers are demanding the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations, pension for farmers and farm labourers, farm debt waiver, no hike in electricity tariff, withdrawal of police cases and "justice" for the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence, reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and compensation to the families of the farmers who died during a previous agitation in 2020-21.

Ahead of the fourth round of talks, the SKM announced that it will gherao the residences of B-JP leaders in Punjab for three days from Tuesday to press the Centre into accepting their demands.

Balbir Singh Rajewal, a leader of the SKM, an umbrella body of various farmer unions, said they will stage protests in front of the residences of Punjab B-JP leaders, including MPs, MLAs and district presidents, from Tuesday to Thursday. Interacting with reporters after a meeting of SKM leaders in Ludhiana, Rajewal said it has also been decided that they would protest at all toll barriers in the state and make them free for all commuters from February 20 to 22. The SKM will not accept anything less than the C-2 plus 50 per cent formula for MSP as recommended in the Swaminathan Commission report, he said after the meeting which was also attended by farmer leaders Balkaran Singh Brar and Boota Singh, among others.


Earlier, farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal said the central government should not dilly-dally and accept farmers' demands before the Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha elections comes into force.

"We want to tell the government that it should avoid the policy of dilly-dallying," Dallewal told reporters at the Shambhu border point.

If the government thinks it will continue to hold meetings till the Model Code of Conduct is imposed and then say it cannot do anything as the code is in force... the farmers are not going to return, he said.

"The government should find a solution to our demands before the Model Code of Conduct comes into force," he added.

The farmers' agitation, Dallewal clarified, has not been sponsored by any political party.



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For and on behalf of the Managing Director J&K Power Development Corporation Limited, e-Tender (2 Cover System) valid for 180 days is hereby invited from reputed, experienced and financially sound contractors/firms fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents for the work detailed below:

S. No.	Scope of Work	Qty	Adv. Cost (in Lacs)	Cost of Tender (in Rs.)	Cost of EMD @ 2% of Adv cost (in Rs)	Time of Delivery
1.	Supply of 2 No. complete set of aluminum based re-usable ERS (Emergency Restoration system.) tension Tower for 400 KV D/C Baglihar-Kishanpur transmission line.	As per BOQ	595.90	20000.00	1191800.00	8 months

1. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below:

A	Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document.	The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 16 th Feb 2024, 10:00 AM
B	Sale of Bid Document (Start)	16 th Feb 2024, 10:00 AM
C	Sale of Bid Document (End)	06 th March 2024, 10:00 AM
D	Pre Bid meeting in the office of Ex Engineer 400KV TLD BHEP Chanderkote	22 th Feb 2024, 11:00 AM
E	e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	16 th Feb 2024,10:00 AM
F	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)	06 th March 2024, 4:00 PM
G	Online e-Bid opening date & Time	07 th March, 2:00 PM
H	Officer Inviting Bid	Executive Engineer 400KV TLD BHEP Chanderkote
I	Venue of opening of technical & financial e-Bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer (E) BHEP, Chanderkote
J	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs. 20000.00 (Rupees Twenty thousand only)(Non-refundable)
K	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.1191800.00 (Rupees Eleven Lacs Ninety One Thousands Eight hundred only)

2. There is no need of furnishing of hard copies of bids after submission of e-tenders. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bid as per the instructions of Finance Department issued vide O.M No. A/24(2017)-651; Dated: 07-06-2018.

3. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of cost of tender document. The cost of tender document should be paid through net banking/ any other electronic mode in official account of the Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP, Chanderkote.

4. All the e-Bids must be accompanied by the scanned copy of EMD in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only, pledged to the Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP Chanderkote. No Interest would be payable on Earnest Money deposited with the Department. However the bidder who is declared L1 after opening of financial bid has to submit the original EMD to the office of the Executive Engineer 400 KV TLD BHEP Chanderkote through speed post, Courier or by hand.

5. The e-Bids will be electronically opened in the presence of bidder's representatives, who choose to attend at the venue, date and time mentioned in the above table or any subsequent day to the convenience of the Tender Opening Committee. An authority letter of bidder's/OEM representative will be required to be produced.

6. The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.

7. In the event of date specified for e-Bids opening being declared a holiday for department's office then the due date for opening of e-Bids shall be the following working day at the appointed time and place.

8. All the required documents excluding Price Schedule/ BOQ should be uploaded by the e-Bidder electronically in the PDF format, whereas Price Schedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet.

9. To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III (b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

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