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Won't spare any...

citizens." Modi also mentioned Manoj Sinha, a native of Ghazipur who is presently Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, in his Ghazipur rally.

"Talking about poverty in Purvanchal, Modi said, "Whenever I come to Ghazipur I remember former MP Vishwanath Singh Gahmari. When the government was led by Jawaharlal Nehru, Vishwanath Gahmari told parliament that people in Purvanchal are forced to remove wheat grains from cattle dung to eat due to poverty."

Meanwhile, Union Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said in Pune the Indian government had issued advisory to Indian nationals before February 24, asking them to leave Ukraine if it wasn't essential for them to stay on.

Urging the parents not to panic, he said of 20,000 Indians stranded in Ukraine following the Russian invasion, 6,000 have been brought back safely, and the government is making all efforts to ensure safe return of the rest.

The minister, who met the parents of some students who are stuck in Ukraine here, was speaking to the reporters on the sidelines of an event.

"There were around 20,000 students and other citizens who were stranded in Ukraine. Of them, 4,000 were brought back to India before February 24. Additional 2,000 students were brought back to India till Tuesday and efforts are on to evacuate the remaining Indians stuck there," he said.

"Earlier, through an advisory, we had advised the students in Kyiv to leave the city and proceed to the western borders. As per the latest information we are receiving in Kharkiv, from time to time advisories are being issued to the students assessing the seriousness of the ground situation," he added.

Around 1,200 students have already left Kharkiv and reached train stations or are already in transit, the minister said.

"Before February 24, when the conflict situation started in Ukraine, around 4,000 students had already returned to India. Till yesterday, around 9,000 students have either reached India or already crossed the Ukrainian border," he said.

The minister denied allegations that there was a delay in starting the evacuation process.

"I talked to some parents and they told me that their children were not in the position to leave Ukraine before February 24 as the universities and colleges were conducting off-line classes," he said.

The Indian government had issued an advisory before February 24 asking those for whom it was not necessary to stay in Ukraine to leave the country, he said.

"On that basis, around 4,000 people returned to India before February 24," Muraleedharan added.

With the help of Ukraine's neighbouring countries Romania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia, the students were being evacuated to India, he said.

The Union government has launched 'Operation Ganga' to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine. Asked about Shiv Sena's allegation that the name 'Ganga' was being used keeping Uttar Pradesh elections in mind, he said, "It is not a political issue. It is a national issue. It is pertaining to the safety of Indian citizens. There should not be any objection to the name." Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken with Russian President Vladimir Putin as well as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Muraleedharan said. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has spoken to the countries which share border with Ukraine, and the foreign secretary has held two rounds of discussions with the Ukrainian and Russian ambassadors in Delhi and requested them to facilitate the evacuation of Indian students, he said.

"I would like to request Indian parents not to panic. The Indian government is committed to bringing all the students and citizens of India back safely," the minister said.

Asked about allegations that Indian students were being harassed by Ukrainians while crossing the borders, he said no such incidents were happening at present, but there might have been such occurrences earlier.

The Indian mission in Kyiv is constantly assessing the situation and issuing advisories to Indian nationals in the country, Muraleedharan said.

Four senior ministers are currently camping in countries adjacent to Ukraine and coordinating Operation Ganga, he said.

case in this regard under relevant sections of law. Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the circumstances which lead to this terror crime. Area has been cordoned off and search in the area is going on, a police spokesperson said.

J&K RC, New...

Commission J&K assisted them by all possible means on their arrival. Boarding and lodging arrangements have also been made for those staying over in New Delhi.

Moreover, Air Tickets were provided to the evacuees as per their requirements for their onward journey to Jammu and Srinagar by the J&K Government.

Centre defends PMLA...

any attempt, with the knowledge to launder proceeds of crime, constituted an offence under this law.

The apex court is hearing arguments on a batch of pleas concerning the interpretation of certain provisions of the PMLA.

During the day-long arguments, the law officer also gave the illustration of prosecution of certain bank officials in the Punjab National Bank scam, involving jeweller and designer Nirav Modi and others.

In the Nirav Modi case, certain bank officials were made accused as they were hand-in-glove with the accused in issuing the letters of credit, he said while explaining the schemes of PMLA provisions.

So long as a person knowingly, becomes a party or is actually involved in any process or activity connected with proceeds of crime, such person is guilty of money laundering, Mehta told the bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar.

The bench referred to the international efforts, including that of FATF, to tackle the menace of money laundering from proceeds of crime of serious offences and said that it had led the Centre to enact the legislation as per the need of the country.

Money-laundering poses a serious threat not only to the financial systems of countries but also to their integrity and sovereignty. To obviate such threats international community has taken some initiatives. It has been felt that to prevent money-laundering and connected activities comprehensive legislation is urgently needed.

To achieve this objective the Prevention of Money-laundering Bill, 1998 was introduced in Parliament. The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, which presented its report on 4th March 1999 to the Lok Sabha. The Central Government broadly accepted the recommendation of the Standing Committee and incorporated them in the said Bill along with some other desired changes, Mehta said in his written submissions.

The law officer said the amendments in the PMLA were enacted by Parliament on December 17, 2012, and came into force on February 15, next year.

He said section 3 of the PMLA, which provides the definition of money laundering offence, has been amended and said if a person directly or indirectly attempts to indulge or knowingly assists or knowingly is a party or is actually involved in any process or activity connected with the proceeds of crime including its concealment, possession, acquisition or use and projecting or claiming it as untainted property shall be guilty of the offence of money laundering.

Even in an act of mere concealment, possession, or use of proceeds of crime or activity connected with the proceeds of crime, per se, is an offence, he added.

If a person conceals the proceeds of crime, keeps it in his possession or uses it, he is guilty of money laundering irrespective of as to whether he is projecting it as untainted or not, Mehta said.

He said the non-denarcation of the offence of money laundering either as cognizable or non-cognizable in the PMLA and authorising the authorities to arrest under section 19 of the Act has a purpose to achieve.

As stated above, the offence of money laundering, by its very nature is different and distinct from the offence mentioned in the Indian Penal Code. The offence of money laundering needs very intricate and complicated layering of money through a maze of dummy companies. Money laundering offences are more often than not taking place within and beyond the territories of India, Mehta said.

For these reasons, the laundering takes place through either Hawala transactions or electronic banking and other advanced technological methods, he said.

Mehta said because of the very nature of the offence of money laundering and the potential of the accused to remove even the traces of offence with a view to frustrate the investigation, the legislature has consciously avoided either provision of registering FIR, supply the FIR to the magistrate and requiring the authorities to obtain a warrant before effecting the arrest.

He said any form of intimation or notice will enable the accused to wipe off the evidence in a matter of literally few minutes .

The arguments in the matter would continue on Thursday.

The Centre had last week told the apex court that 4,850 cases have been taken up for investigation under the PMLA in the last 17 years and proceeds of crime of Rs 98,368 crore were identified and attached under the provision of the law.

The government had told the bench that investigation in these offences was carried out under the PMLA, including 2,883 searches.

The solicitor general had said that out of the Rs 98,368 crore which were identified and attached, proceeds of crime of Rs 55,899 crore have been confirmed by the adjudicating authority.

In addition to this, proceeds of crime of Rs 853.16 crore has already been confiscat-

ed to the Central government under the orders of the competent court, the Centre had said.

MHA gives nod...

be made effective only after apprising the High Court.

"In case of vacancy, the decision to fill up the same will be taken later," the communication reads underlining that competent authority has approved it.

Govt Deptts befool...

the lacuna which discourages intending information seekers to seek the details of his or her queries. Thus, this handicap turns out as harassment to the information seekers, which is why it has failed in becoming a public movement in Jammu and Kashmir.

The RTI Act has been kept alive to some extent by some activists, who too are critical of the administrative machinery for their casual approach, resulting into denial of information. The common person is be-fooled by the department, he or she approaches, for information. How can any information seeker know where and whom to contact while approaching any office? The applicant gets bewildered over the response.

STATE TIMES is in possession of a reply to information sought under Section 6 of the Jammu and Kashmir Act 2009. Three of the five components of the information sought have been responded by the officer concerned by ticking 'Does not pertain to this section'. The dilemma for the applicant now is how to get the information from the 'relevant section', if the officer concerned himself could not get it.

"Is it my responsibility to contact so and so section for response", the applicant told STATE TIMES, adding that the entire exercise is to withhold the information for 'obvious reasons'. He apprehended some sort of nexus with the organisation to conceal something which may hurt interests of someone. The only objective is providing a shield to the wrong committed, he added.

Relatives of students...

district was killed in intense shelling in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv the first Indian casualty in the war between Russia and Ukraine.

Carrying placards which read save our children , the worried parents claimed that no help was extended by the Indian Embassy to the students who are facing extremely difficult situations.

The government needs to act fast to help the students in their safe evacuation the students are running short of food and drinking water and they were told to cross the border into neighbouring countries on their own, one of the protesters, Rajinder Paul Singh, told reporters.

He said there is snow and they are fearful for the lives of their children who have been in a miserable condition for the past seven days.

Singh urged the government to play a positive role in stopping this war.

Another protester said he talked to his daughter who told him that there are 700 Indian students who have left their medical college this morning and are walking to cross the border.

Our children need prayers from the countrymen for their safety. We have no faith in this government, he said.

He said they are going through a nightmare in view of the ongoing crisis and the helplessness of their children who are caught in the war.

We are seeking the protection of our children from God. They have left their place on foot to reach the nearest Metro station which is about 10 kms from their location, a woman, who is eagerly awaiting the return of her son, said.

She was also highly critical of the government efforts for evacuation of the students and said it is only a propaganda to make people happy. Our children are weeping there and we have been crying here for the past one week.

Yesterday, a student lost his life now the government should get out of slumber and act quickly by having some compassion for the children and their parents , she said, adding the work on the ground speaks rather than the words.

The Divisional Administration Jammu has issued a list of district wise nodal officers and control room helpline numbers in all the 10 districts to provide any assistance to the families whose children are holed up in Ukraine.

The Indian embassy in Ukraine issued a series of advisories earlier last month requesting the people to consider leaving the country after its tensions with Russia increased. India launched the evacuation mission under which the Indians from Hungary, Romania, Poland and Slovakia are being brought back home after they exited Ukraine through its land border crossings.

Amid the Russian offensive against Ukraine, India started the evacuation of around 14,000 of its stranded citizens in the Eastern European country on February 26.

Six flights under India's evacuation mission 'Operation Ganga' have departed for India in the last 24 hours, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Wednesday.



Parents of students who are stuck in Ukraine staging protest in Jammu.

Govt re-constitutes...

shall comprise Arun Kumar Mehta, IAS, Chief Secretary as its Chairman; Atal Dulloo, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Finance Department; Raj Kumar Goyal, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary) Home Department; Virek Bhardwaj, IAS, Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Health and Medical Education Department; Nitishwar Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, J&K; Achal Sethi Administrative Secretary, Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs as members and Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, General Administration Department as Member Secretary.

"The Administrative Secretary of the department to which the case pertains shall be co-opted as a special invitee," it stated and added, "The terms of reference of the Establishment-cum-Selection, Committee and the procedure to be adopted by it, while making the selection for the posts within its purview, shall remain the same as contained in Government Order No 1488-GAD of 2011 dated December 26, 2011."

ACB nabs Govt...

(R&B), Ganderbal, red-handed, while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 4000.

"He was arrested and taken into custody by ACB while bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses," said official, adding that further investigation is going on.

Online misuse of...

all the registration authorities not to share passwords with any person, periodically change the password and update the credentials in the existing portal/software developed for online registration of birth and death.

It further reads that "it has come to the notice of that some unauthorized parsons, by misusing Login ID/Passwords have issued fake birth/death certificates in few cases through online portal/website. Also, few instances have been reported that existing portal/software developed for online registration of birth and death has come under phishing attack", it reads. Fake portals/websites have been designed with the aim to steal and misuse user/login IDs and passwords for the issuance of fake birth and death certificates. Consequently, some criminal cases have been registered by the concerned registration authorities.

The advisory further reads that in view of these facts, any such matter, if reported or otherwise may be taken up with the concerned authority to conduct a proper inquiry and take appropriate action required under the law.

Furthermore, all registrars have been asked to direct the registration authorities to exercise due diligence while accessing the existing portal/software and ensure that they enter the complete and correct Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website and portal. It has also stressed for sensitizing the general public at large about the URL of the official website of births & deaths registration through necessary publicity measures. The advisory has been shared with ADGP Jammu Zone and IGP Kashmir by PHQ for necessary action at the desired levels.

Kansal launches Learning...

The Principal Secretary congratulated the pioneering colleges and lauded the efforts of all the concerned colleges for timely implementation of the online system. The Islamia College of Science & Commerce was specially lauded for taking the lead and mentoring other colleges in this regard.

Rohit Kansal said that LMS intends to improve both, learning and teaching outcomes. He said that colleges would be progressively shifting of a complete suite of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions and the introduction of the LMS was only the first step in this direction. All modules would eventually be made digital through ERP solutions, he informed.

The Principal Secretary directed the colleges to streamline their LMS and consider both online as well as offline mode of education in implementation. He directed that the colleges ensure successful use of LMS and enable real time monitoring of all academic activities, staff and student attendance and other parameters. He directed that provision for feedback by students ne incorporated so that they could give feed-back on the quality of instruction on a on weekly basis. Similarly, the teachers should also be enabled to evaluate the students' learning through continuous evaluation

including quizzes and tests. Elucidating on the benefits of LMS, the Principal Secretary informed that it would evolve as a peer-to-peer system that would help colleges bring consonance among them and eliminate geographical barriers.

On implementation of the National Education Policy from the upcoming academic session, the Principal Secretary said that under the new policy all colleges would be transformed into centres of research and innovation. 'All our colleges would obtain NAAC accreditation. They would also progressively offer flexible learning under the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) system', he added.

He further said that with the new policy, colleges would start providing Bachelor of Skills (B.Voc.) degrees, 3-year degree courses would be transformed into 4-year ones, with option to enter either research or completing it with Honours in the last year, he added. Colleges would also be linked with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) for providing skill courses to its students, he informed.

The Principal Secretary expressed satisfaction with implementation of LMS by the colleges. He assured them financial support and urged them to strive for improving quality of education. He also informed them that all colleges of the UT would be evaluated and ranked, the best performers amongst them would be rewarded.

Those present at the event included Special Secretary, Rakesh Kumar Badyal; Director Finance, Abdul Majid Butt; Director Planning, Director Colleges, Dr Yasmeen Ashai and other senior officers of the Higher Education Department.

3,700 workers on...

Rehabilitation, Radiotherapy, Haematology, Rheumatology, Geriatric Medicine, revealed Dr Gupta while giving details of the medical facilities.

CEO and Director AIIMS Jammu Dr Shakti Gupta gave the credit for the facility to support from the central government in general and Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh in particular for making AIIMS Jammu better than AIIMS Delhi.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is a name synonymous with excellence and quality in healthcare delivery. It has become a global brand and leveraging on the existing AIIMS.

Government has stepped ahead to shape-up a group of premier public health medical institutions in India which will be forerunner in the field of quality medical education training besides providing robust patient care to millions of people. In a series of establishing 'AIIMS-like' organisations all over the country, the legacy has now reached at the doorsteps of people in Jammu & Kashmir with establishment of this prestigious institute in Vijaypur town of Samba district- a first of its kind and the first among two proposed for erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir including Ladakh region, said Dr Gupta, the first founder CEO and Director of the mega project AIIMS Jammu.

Dr Shakti Kumar Gupta headed the Department of Hospital Administration at AIIMS and mentored more than 45 Postgraduate & PhD students, conducted 112 research studies and published more than 71 research papers in several national and international journals of repute.

He has also been the Principal Investigator of WHO projects on Public Hospital Governance: AIIMS-A case study; National Consultation on PPP; and Electronic Medical Records.The Department of Hospital Administration, under his leadership, had the honour of being the first Department of AIIMS to receive ISO Certification.

Dr Gupta was honoured with prestigious 'PRATIBHASHI SAMMAN-2002', "CHIKITSA RATAN - 2010" and "SHIRAM SREE-2010". Bestowed with the International Partner of the Year Award by Institute of Rescue Engineering and Civil Protection, Cologne, University of Applied Science, Germany, Dr Gupta is the first Indian to be awarded with this prestigious award of International significance. Dr. Gupta was also conferred with the State Award for meritorious public service on the eve of Republic Day by J&K Government.

Two Pvt Secys...

Safety, J&K has been transferred and posted as Private Secretary with Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Health & Medical Education Department while Sanjay Ganjoo, Private Secretary (HoD Cadre) presently posted with Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Health & Medical Education Department has been transferred and posted as Private Secretary with Commissioner, Food Safety, J&K.

25 JKAS officers...

Magistrate, Ramsoo. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar; Ramsoo, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Kulraj Singh, JKAS, Collector, 220 KV, Power Development Department, Jammu, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Dudu. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar; Dudu, in addition to his own duties, till further orders, it said.

Pawan Kumar, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (North), holding additional charge of Sub Registrar, Jammu (North), has been transferred and posted as Administrative Officer in the office of Financial Commissioner, Revenue, J&K; Mazahir Hussain Shah, JKAS, Block Development Officer, Mandi, Poonch, has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mahore, against an available vacancy. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Mahore, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Abid Iqbal Malik, JKAS, Block Development Officer; Wavoor, Kupwara, has been transferred and posted as Deputy District Election Officer; Ganderbal; Rachna Sharma, JKAS, Assistant Transport Commissioner, J&K as Collector, 220 KV, Power Development Department, Jammu; Masood Ahmad Wani, JKAS, Block Development Officer, Kakapora, Pulwama, as Deputy Secretary, School Education Department; Primroze Bashir, JKAS, Block Development Officer; Manzzgam, Kulgam as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Srinagar (West). He has been asked to hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar; Srinagar (West), in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Sona Gupta, JKAS, Block Development Officer (Hgr), Jammu has been transferred and posted as Assistant Commissioner, State Taxes Department, Jammu, vice Ajeet Singh, JKAS, who has been asked to the General Administration Department for further posting.

Israr Ahmed, JKAS, Block Development Officer, Lassana, has been transferred and posted as Project Manager, IWMP; Poonch; Rafiq Ahmad, JKAS, Tehsildar HQA, Budgam as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Udhampur; Mohd. Farooq, JKAS, Tehsildar, Rohama, Baramulla as Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jammu (North); Sheetal Pandita, JKAS, Technical Officer in the Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj as Deputy Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj; Seema Parihar, JKAS, Stores and Supply Officer, Handicraft Department, Jammu as Deputy Director; Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Jammu; Tariq Aziz, JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Rajouri as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Dharmari. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub Registrar, Dharmari, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

Angeej Singh, JKAS, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Ramban has been transferred and posted as Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Katra. He shall also hold the charge of the post of Sub-Registrar, Katra, in addition to his own duties, till further orders..

Mustaq Ahmad, JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Rajouri, has been transferred and posted as Collector, J&K Housing Board, Jammu, vice Avleen Kour Bali, JKAS, has been asked to report to the General Administration Department for further posting.

Rajesh Kumar, JKAS, Block Development officer, Marheen, has been transferred and posted as Personnel officer in the Directorate of School Education, Jammu;

Savita Chauhan, JKAS, State Taxes Officer, Circle-K, Jammu, as Sub Registrar, Jammu (North); Imran Rashid, JKAS, Youth Information Officer, Jammu, as Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rajouri; Abdul Khabir, JKAS, OSD, Mission Youth as Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Jammu; Mirza Shahid Ali Beigh, Private Secretary with Administrative Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department as Deputy Director, Handicrafts, Kashmir; Kanwal Krishan Ganjoo, JKAS, Private Secretary in the Labour and Employment Department as Assistant Commissioner Panchayat, Samba; Dharam Paul, JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Samba as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Udhampur; vice Mushtaq Ahmad Chowdhary, JKAS, who has been asked to report to the General Administration Department for further posting.

Sunil Kumar, JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Ramban, has been transferred and posted as Project Manager, WMP, Samba; and Vijay Kumar, JKAS, Functional Manager, DIC, Doda, has been transferred and posted as Project Officer, Wage Employment (ACD), Rajouri, vice Sushil Kumar Khajuria, JKAS, who has been asked to report to the General Administration Department for further posting.

COVID: 36 new...

Kashmir division, officials said.

Srinagar district recorded the highest 13 cases followed by 11 in Jammu district.

There are 527 active cases while the overall recoveries has reached 4,47,813, officials said. There were 51 confirmed cases of Mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory. No fresh case was reported since last evening, officials added.

Meanwhile, Ladakh has reported 29 fresh Covid cases that took the infection tally to 28,045, officials said.

The number of active cases stands at 144, they said.

The Union Territory has recorded 228 Covid-related deaths -- 168 in Leh and 60 in Kargil, they said, adding no death was reported on Tuesday.

As many as 35 patients -- 32 in Leh and three in Kargil -- were cured and discharged from hospitals, taking the overall recoveries to 27,673, they said.

All the new cases were reported from Leh district, officials said.

A total of 623 sample reports were found negative in Ladakh, they said.

All the 144 active cases are from Leh district, they added.

