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Centre aims to make three crore women ‘Lakhpati Didi’: Modi

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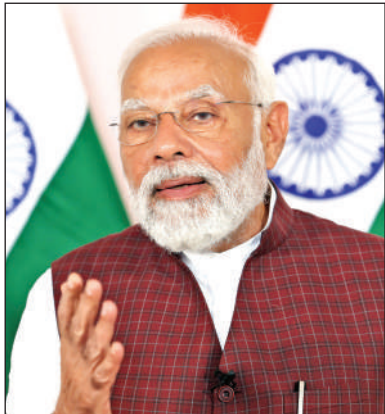
RAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said his government has resolved to make three crore women in the country "lakhpati didi" and asserted that women's welfare is their priority.

The PM was speaking after virtually inaugurating the 'Mahtari Vandan' scheme in Chhattisgarh to provide monetary assistance to women.

"It is fortunate that today I got an opportunity to dedicate the Mahtari Vandan scheme aimed at empowering 'nari shakti'. Under the scheme, we had promised to give Rs 1,000 per month to more than 70 lakh women and today, the BJP government has fulfilled it," Modi said addressing the function via video conference.

The first installment of Rs 655 crore was deposited into the bank accounts of beneficiaries (married women) under the scheme on Sunday, he said.

"I should have been among you today for this programme, but due to some other engagements I am in Uttar Pradesh. I am speaking from Kashi, the



land of Baba Vishwanath, who is also showering his blessings on you," he said. The PM said he offered prayers to Lord Vishwanath on Saturday night and prayed for the well being of the country's people.

"When mother and sisters are empowered, then the entire family gets empowered. Therefore, the priority of the double-engine government (of BJP at the Centre and in the state) is the welfare of mothers and sisters," he said.

"Today, families are getting pucca houses and that too in the name of women," the prime minister said.

Through the Ujjwala scheme, women have been getting cooking gas cylinders at cheaper rates. More than 50 per cent of the Jan Dhan accounts are in the name of women. More than 65 per cent of Mudra loans were taken by women, he said.

"In the last ten years, our government has changed the lives of more than 10 crore women through self-help groups," Modi said.

"The efforts of our government have resulted in making more than one crore women 'lakhpati didi'. We have now resolved that we will fulfill the target of making three crore sisters of the country lakhpati didi," he added.

The government is also working on the 'Namo Drone Didi Yojna', under which drones as well training as drone pilot training will be provided, he added.

The scheme by the Centre aims to provide drones to 15,000 select women self-help groups to provide rental services to farmers for

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KCCI delegation calls on LG



KCCI delegation calling on LG Manoj Sinha at Srinagar.

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry, led by its President Javid Ahmad Tenga on Sunday

called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, at Raj Bhawan.

The delegation apprised the Lt Governor of various

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12 Dental Surgeons, and 51 MOs transferred

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JAMMU: In two separate orders, Government on Sunday ordered transferred 12 Dental Surgeons and 51 Medical Officers (MOs) of Health Department.

As per order issued by Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department, Dr. Rekhia Uttama, Dental Surgeon has been transferred from PHC Karanwara and posted to PHC Rathana; Dr. Sandeep Rangroo, Dental Surgeon from School Health Samba to PHC Karanwara; Dr. Prince Ameet Singh, Dental Surgeon from JKMSCL to CHC Mahanpur; Dr. H.S. Bedi, Dental Surgeon from CHC Mahanpur to JKMSCL; Dr. Jyoti Mahotra, Dental Surgeon, awaiting orders of adjustment

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 24.4°C Min: 10.5°C

Humidity
Max : 80 Min : 54

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 6.8°C Min: 2.8°C

Humidity
Max : 94 Min: 83

Sunset : 18:34 Hours
Sunrise : 06:47 Hours

‘We converted difficulties into opportunities’: Rajnath

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LUCKNOW: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said it is the result of the "jan seva" (public service) being done by the double engine government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guidance that the entire country along with Lucknow is progressing by leaps and bounds.

Prime Minister Modi inaugurated and laid the founda-

tion stone of 782 development projects worth Rs



34,700 crore from Azamgarh that included inauguration of

release of funds allocated for the project.

Chugh said while Rs 33.56 crores have been released by the Centre

already, the Union Minister was requested that the rest of the amount be released soon .

Chugh said Prime

the airports of Azamgarh, Shrivasti, Moradabad, Chitrakoot and Aligarh, and the new terminal of Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow. Addressing the gathering at an event in his parliamentary constituency, Singh said, "Under the visionary leadership of

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Traffic suspended on Jammu-Srinagar NH for road widening work

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Traffic movement on the 270-km Jammu-Srinagar national highway remained suspended on Sunday morning as authorities were carrying out road widening work on several problematic stretches in Ramban district, officials said.

Vehicular movement on the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country was suspended late Saturday night to allow the widening of the carriageway to two lanes at Dalwas, Mehar-Cafeteria, Panthiyal and Nachlana between



Nashri and Banihal tunnels, they said.

The traffic department officials said the decision to sus-

pend traffic on the highway for 14 hours from 10 pm on Saturday was taken to ensure the safety of commuters as

It will be easier for people of J&K to elect Govt that will work for them: Azad

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SRINAGAR: It will be easier for the people of Jammu and Kashmir to elect a government that will work for them as all regional and national parties have had a chance to govern the region, DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad said on Sunday.

"Every party -- be it a national or a regional party - - has had a chance to govern Jammu and Kashmir. That makes it easier now for the people to elect a government



DPAP Chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad addressing public rally at Kokernag on Sunday.

that will work for them," Azad, a former Chief

Minister of the erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir State,

the authorities to restrict the traffic to one-way on the highway since February 26.

With traffic plying alternatively from Srinagar and Jammu for the past fortnight, travellers have been facing massive snarls, especially in Dalwas, Mehar and Nachlana.

"The road widening work is in progress at many places on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. People are advised not to undertake journeys between Nashri and Navyng (Banihal) Tunnel till the restoration work is completed," a spokesperson of the department said.

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NEW DELHI: Former Supreme Court judge Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar was administered the oath of office as the chairperson of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal by President Droupadi Murmu here on Sunday, nearly two years after the post fell vacant.

The swearing-in ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan was attended by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

President Murmu administered the oath of office of chairperson, Lokpal to Khanwilkar at a ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan

Former SC judge A M Khanwilkar sworn in as Lokpal chairperson

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Sunday evening, according to an official statement. Justice (retired) Khanwilkar was appointed as the Lokpal chairperson in the last week of February.

The Lokpal was functioning without its regular chief since Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term on May 27, 2022.

Chairperson of the Law Commission of India and former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court Ritu Raj Awasthi, former Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court Lingappa Narayana Swamy and former Chief Justice of Allahabad High

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Terror hideout busted in Poonch, 7 IEDs seized

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JAMMU: Security forces on Sunday busted a terror hide-

Surankote area.

Blankets and some other materials were also found in



the hideout, the officials said.

A case has been registered and further investigation is on, they said, adding that no arrests have been made

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