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Randeep Singh Parihar Co
Convener SBA, JK-UT
while speaking stressed upon
the Government of India and
JK-UT Administration to
maintain and restore the
Pristine Glory of Utterbehni
& Purmandal with Concert
Plan as theses Scared and
Religious Sites of Jammu
Prominently known in the
Religious History of India as
the 2nd Kashi of Hindustan.
Dr Parihar also stressed
the need of Setting up
Indian Sanskrit University
at Purmandal - Utterbehni
and formation of Kandi
Development Board.

On the occasion, ADC
Bhadarwah Dil Mir



Vice-Chairperson DDC
Doda Sangeeta Bhagat, DC
Doda Vishesh Pal Mahajan
SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom

People of Banihal assembled at Markazi Jamia Masjid Banihal in large numbers to offer Eid prayer as the Nimaz was not offered in Eidgah due to water logging.

On the occasion people seek

DDC Chairperson
Kishtwar Pooja Thakur,
DC Kishtwar Dr Devansh
Yadav, SSP Kishtwar
Khalil Poswal, ASP
Kishtwar Rajinder Singh,
DySP Headquarters Sajad
Khan and other officers
were also present at Jamia
Masjid Kishtwar, where
they also greeted people.

The DDC Chairman asserted that road connectivity in rural areas has drastically improved within a short span of just eight

Besides Col Mahan, Sushma Jamwal BDC Chairperson, Sarpanch Rajinder Singh, Sarpanch Maya Devi, Capt Desai Ram, Ex BDO & senior local BJP leader Ram Chand, Capt Harnam Singh, Nek Ram, Prem Chand, Kishori Lal, Roop Singh and other residents were present in large number, especially female and youth.

Iron Minister Rajeev Chaudhary

Talking to reporters, the Minister of Commerce & Industry and Textiles also said that the contours of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the textile sector will soon be finalised and taken up for approval at the higher level. The ESG taskforce, which will look at environmental, social and governance issues in the textile sector as credibility is becoming more and more important and exporters shared that they were get-

Goyal was here to attend a 'Chintan Shibir', or brainstorming session on technical textiles and also attend-

"At the Chintan Shibir, I have exchanged views about how we can expand, promote and support the industry to grow further. One of the areas of discussion was the PLI scheme, and I am quite confident that very soon we will be able to finalise the contours of the scheme and take it up for approval at the higher level," he said. He said that reduction in Indian yarn export is a good sign for the country as this will provide more opportunities to Indian startups through value addition within the country. Talking about the seven PM MITRA (Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park sites announced recently, he said

that this will help realise PM Modi's conception of 5Fs -- farm to fibre, fibre to factory, factory to fashion, and fashion to foreign. He said the scheme will help resolve the problem of scattered approach of the sector by bringing together all the aspects of 5Fs at one place. Sites have been identified and MoUs will be signed with the beneficiary states and master developers selected through a transparent process for the same, he said. The seven PM Mitra Parks were selected in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

"We will try for fast development to provide 5Fs available at one place with all the facilities to reduce our logistics cost, increase

productivity and production in India at a large scale, and meet the demands for the country and the world," the Union minister said.

Goyal said that Indian demand for yarn and finished products is growing significantly, both for domestic and export markets. If producers get a better value in the Indian market, they will prefer to sell the yarn in India which will be processed right up to the garment stage, he said.

"And that value addition is good for India. So wherever possible, value addition will create jobs, and give opportunities to our entrepreneurs, our startups. And therefore, if at all yarn export reduces, it is a good sign for us," Goyal said.

"Readymade garments, and finished value-added products increasing is real-

He reviewed the progress of initiatives for cotton value chain, and advised to form a working group of experts, representatives from industry, respectively Ministries & other stakeholders to have detailed plan of action to boost organic cotton production on cluster based approach.

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JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Saturday exchanged Eid greetings with the people at Sidhra Eidgah and hoped this auspicious occasion would usher Jammu and Kashmir in a new era of peace, tranquility and harmony.

"Pray such festivals to be an opportunity to rededicate

ourselves to strengthen the bonds of inclusiveness, share our joys with others and serve the humanity", Rana said.

He met a cross section of people and hoped that such festivals are celebrated with fervor and gaiety in true traditions of the composite culture and high values the people of this part of the country are known for.

Earlier in the day, Fadnavis attended a meeting at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini at Uttan.

Rahul represents 'laziest type of politics', BJP is party for Karnataka's future: Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar

He also expressed confidence that the rebellion of some key BJP leaders in Karnataka will not come in the way of the incumbent party winning its first-ever majority in the coming assembly polls. He said state BJP leaders have accepted the generational change after the "brave" decision of fielding 74 first-time candidates in the May 10 elections. The BJP has come to be identified with the state's future, while the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) symbolise the "lazy, entitled and exploitative" politics of the past, Chandrasekhar, a Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka, told PTI in an interview. With Rahul Gandhi making a slew of promises, including allowances

"They did nothing for the OBC is when they were in government. Look at all of the work done for the community under the prime minister and the double-engine government in Karnataka. To make promises and disappear is the Congress style," the minister said. "They have gone and made promises in Punjab, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh that they never fulfilled,"

Asked about the Congress accusing the BJP of insulting Lingayat leaders, he said the opposition party has a history of creating divisions in the state's largest community, believed to be around 17 per cent of the total popula-

There's support for the BJP among various communities, be it Lingayats, Vokkaligas or Dalits, because of the work of its government in the state and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government at the Centre, and this is based on their deep belief in our governance", he said. Some tweets by Siddaramaiah or some other Congress leader will not affect one or another community's support for the BJP, he said. "It is not affected if you take away one or two leaders through inducement or whatever. The basic support of the community doesn't change because of that," he said. The Congress is fighting an existential crisis and is desperate as it knows that a loss in Karnataka will

Now the state's economy is not only back on track but it is one of the fastest growing and performing economies, with the government under Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai delivering on Modi's plank of "maximum governance", he said, citing a slew of schemes for the welfare of various segments of society.