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Modi urges States...

with NITI Aayog so that the country can take a quantum leap towards achieving its vision for the Amrit Kaal.

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"PM @narendramodi urged States to take financially prudent decisions so as to become fiscally strong and capable of delivering programmes that meet the dreams of citizens," the Aayog said in another tweet.

According to an official statement, chief ministers/Lt. Governors gave various policy-level suggestions.

They mentioned specific issues pertaining to the states which require Centre-State cooperation, it added.

Some of the key suggestions and best practices highlighted by them included opting for green strategies, a need for zone wise planning, tourism, urban planning, agriculture, quality of workmanship, and logistics, among others.

The Prime Minister said NITI Aayog will study the states' concerns, challenges, and best practices and subsequently plan the way forward.

He said that NITI Aayog can play a critical role in helping States to develop their strategies for the next 25 years and align the same with the National Development Agenda

NITI Aayog's eighth Governing Council meeting deliberated on several issues including, health, skill development, women empowerment and infrastructure development, with an aim to make India a developed nation by 2047.

Union ministers Amit Shah, Niramala Sitharaman and Piyush Goyal and chief ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh, among others, attended the meeting.

AAP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, and announced boycotting the NITI Aayog meeting over the Centre's recent ordinance and charged that "cooperative federalism" in the country was being turned into a "joke".

The Chief Minister of the AAP-ruled Punjab, Bhagawant Mann, had also declared to boycott the Niti Aayog meeting.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in 2019 skipped the Niti Aayog meeting, saying that the think-tank had no power and the meetings were "fruitless".

Generally, the full council meeting happens every year and last year, it was held under the chairmanship of Modi on August 7. The council meeting was not convened in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The first meeting of the council took place on February 8, 2015.

LG greets people...

Temple to pay obeisance and the festivity symbolizes our rich spiritual and cultural heritage and an inspiration for living a virtuous life, the Lt Governor said. "May the blessings of Mata Kheer Bhawani continue to guide us in the path of righteousness and shower her blessings on all for years to come," the Lt Governor prayed.

Srinagar tops in...

marks under set parameters and indicators of JJS-2023 and by completing 10407 FHTCs in respect of targeted 10407 households in 29 villages of the District.

Jal Jeevan Survekshshan (JJS 2022) is an evaluation methodology introduced by MoJS, GoI on October 02, 2022 to assess the Districts/ States on the basis of performance in implementation of JJM and rank them accordingly at national level on a monthly basis.

Under this competition District Srinagar has done some remarkable work in Har Ghar Jal Certification, Water Quality Testing through labs & FTKs, Training of women for use of FTKs, Skill training for O&M Staff etc across India during the last few months and has been able to improve its rank from 46 to Rank 1 as on May 25, 2023.

Speaking about the achievement, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad has said that this is a pride moment for Srinagar District which has been achieved through collective efforts of the Team.

The DC has also congratulated the team of JJM and urged them to work with added zeal and dedication to maintain top rank in JJS.

Stage set for...

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru to represent transfer of power from the British and was kept in a museum in Allahabad, will be installed in the new Parliament building.

It will be placed near the chair of Lok Sabha Speaker in the House chamber.

But amid a boycott by 20 opposition parties of the inauguration ceremony, the Sengol too was dragged into the political row.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Friday claimed there was no documented evidence of Lord Mountbatten, C Rajagopalachari and Nehru describing the Sengol as a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India.

The Congress' stand on the Sengol evoked a strong reaction from Home Minister Amit Shah who said the party needs to "reflect" on its behaviour as he denounced its claim that there was no evidence of the Sengol being a symbol of transfer of power by the British to India in 1947.

To mark the event, the government will issue a commemorative Rs 75 coin. According to a gazette notification by Department of Economic Affairs under the finance ministry, the weight of this coin could be 34.65-35.35 gram.

One side of the coin will bear the image of Lion Capital of Ashoka Pillar in the centre flanked by the word 'Bharat' in Devnagri script and 'INDIA' in English, it said. Rupee symbol '₹' and denominational value '75' in international numeral will also be inscribed below the Lion Capital.

The other side of the coin shall bear the image of Parliament Complex, and the year '2023' in international numeral below the image.

The new Parliament building, constructed by Tata Projects Ltd, will have a grand constitution hall to showcase India's democratic heritage, a lounge for MPs, a

library, multiple committee rooms, dining areas and ample parking space.

The triangular-shaped four-storey building has a built-up area of 64,500 square metres.

The building has three main gates -- Gyan Dwar, Shakti Dwar, and Karma Dwar. It will have separate entrances for VIPs, MPs, and visitors.

The material used for the new building has been acquired from various parts of the country.

The teakwood used in the building was sourced from Nagpur in Maharashtra, while the red and white sandstone was procured from Sarmathura in Rajasthan. The sandstone for the Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb in the national capital was also known to have sourced from Sarmathura.

The Kesharia green stone has been procured from Udaipur, the red granite from Lakhna near Ajmer and the white marble has been sourced from Ambaji in Rajasthan.

"In a way, the entire country came together to construct the temple of democracy, thus reflecting the true spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," an official said.

The steel structure for the false ceilings in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha chambers have been sourced from the union territory of Daman and Diu, while the furniture in the new building was crafted in Mumbai.

The stone 'jaali' (lattice) works dotting the building were sourced from Rajnagar in Rajasthan and Noida in Uttar Pradesh.

The materials for the Ashoka Emblem were sourced from Aurangabad in Maharashtra and Jaipur in Rajasthan, while the Ashok Chakra donning the massive walls of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha chambers and the exteriors of the parliament building were procured from Indore in Madhya Pradesh.

The new parliament building used manufactured sand or M-sand from Charkhi Dadri in Haryana for creating concrete mix for the construction activities.

M-Sand is considered environment friendly as it is manufactured by crushing large hard stones or granite and not by dredging of river beds.

The fly ash bricks used in the construction were sourced from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, while brass works and pre-cast trenches were from Ahmedabad in Gujarat.

The new Parliament building can comfortably seat 888 members in the Lok Sabha chamber and 300 in the Rajya Sabha chamber.

In case of a joint sitting of both the Houses, a total of 1,280 members can be accommodated in the Lok Sabha chamber.

The prime minister had laid the foundation stone of the new parliament building on December 10, 2020.

The present Parliament building was completed in 1927, and is now 96 years old.

Over the years, the old building was found to be inadequate for present day requirements.

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha had passed resolutions urging the government to construct a new building for Parliament. The existing building served as independent India's first Parliament and witnessed the adoption of the Constitution. Originally called the Council House, the building housed the Imperial Legislative Council. The Parliament building witnessed the addition of two floors in 1956 to address the demand for more space. In 2006, the Parliament Museum was added to showcase the 2,500 years of rich democratic heritage of India. Officials said the present building was never designed to accommodate a bicameral legislature and the seating arrangements were cramped and cumbersome, with no desks beyond the second row. The Central Hall has seating capacity only for 440 people and the need for more space was acutely felt during joint sittings of both the houses.

**DPAP chief Ghulam Nabi Azad on Saturday said people are more concerned about problems like inflation and unemployment than whether the new Parliament building will be inaugurated by the President or the prime minister, accusing the opposition of making unnecessary noise over the issue.**

"I am surprised (over the decision of the opposition) as there are hundreds of issues which are linked to the public. But they do not raise such issues and what they are raising is not connected with people," Azad told PTI here.

The Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chief said the people are least concerned about who is going to inaugurate the new parliament building. "What impact it will have on the health of the people whether the new building is inaugurated by the President or the prime minister".

Azad, who left the Congress last year to float his own party, said his suggestion to the opposition leaders is not to raise issues that impact their personality.

"People do not have any interest in your personality as they are more concerned about their problems like inflation and unemployment. The opposition does not go for strike or boycott on such issues," he said.

He said the prime minister laid the foundation of the new parliament building and if he inaugurated it, "what we have to do with it".

"Rashtrapati or prime minister have to decide on this, rather than the opposition," he added.

Azad took a dig at the opposition for making it an issue and said chief ministers are doing inauguration in states instead of governors.

"All those who have joined hands see how they are treating the governors. Let them pass a law that henceforth all inaugurations will be done by the governors," he said.

Supporting Modi for the new Parliament building, Azad said it was the need of the hour and he fails to understand why the opposition is making so much noise over it.

"They should have been happy as they themselves have failed to do so over the years and if someone else has done it he should be welcomed," he said

"Our ideology did not match with Modi and BJP but if someone is doing good work we should acknowledge it. They have also done bad things like what they did to our state (Jammu and Kashmir). They abrogated Article 370, bifurcated the erstwhile state and are now taking away land from people," Azad said.

3 brothers killed...

Sajjan Kumar (28) all residents of Ajnna Puller Nagсени.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav has expressed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

The District administration took immediate steps to provide relief to the family and provided financial support of Rs. 25,000 to the family besides material relief under the Red Cross.

Furthermore, the Deputy Commissioner has announced ex-gratia relief up to Rs 4

Lakh for each deceased, besides compensation for the damaged house as per the SDRF norms. This additional relief fund has been provided to assist the family in coping with the long-term implications of this tragic incident.

The district administration has assured every possible support to the affected family. Concerned authorities have initiated enquiry into the incident to take appropriate measures to prevent such occurrences in the future.

I will priorities...

from national politics. "I was approached by many people in Delhi who assured me a seat in Rajya Sabha. But I refused since I want to serve my own people in Jammu Kashmir," he said.

Azad said that it is his commitment to take the people out of the prevailing chaos and he will fight for the rights and justice of people. He said his party has totally a different structure and understanding when it comes to the interests of common people.

"We are not here to hold rallies and leave but we are always here with you to hear your grievances and address them," he said.

He promised the people of Rajouri that he will do whatever possible to serve them and start developmental works in the region if he is voted to power.

Among others who were present on the occasion were, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Provincial Vice President & Working Committee Member Ashok Sharma, District President Sushil Sharma, Arun Sharma BDC Chairman, Rajinder Prasad Secretary, Vishal Chopra Spokesperson, Rishiv Sharma Youth leader and others.

Rusted landmine, two...

forward areas are dotted with landmines which sometimes get washed away by rains, the officials said.

They said two grenades were noticed by labourers working in a field in Mendhar town. The area was immediately cordoned off by the police and the army and both the grenades were safely destroyed, the officials said.

As part of an anti-infiltration obstacle system, the forward areas are dotted with landmines which sometimes get washed away by rains, they said.

India facing ‘very...

change the status quo in the border areas," he said.

The two countries will have to find some kind of equilibrium, and all the past governments in their own ways tried to find a balance, the External Affairs Minister said.

"But that balance cannot be on the terms of the other party. Then it is not a balance. There has to be something mutual," he said.

Mutual respect, sensitivity and interest have to be the basis of the relationship, Jaishankar said.

"How can we get along long term if you don't respect me, if you are not sensitive to my concerns, if you ignore my interest?" he said, adding that if India sees respect, sensitivity and recognition, it can think of a better relationship with China.

"But if we do not, I think we need to stand up for our rights, and we need to be firm in asserting opposition. And that, unfortunately, currently is the situation," he said.

Talking about India under Prime Minister Modi, Jaishankar emphasised the strengthening of relationship with immediate and extended neighbouring countries.

Neighbours like Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan, who have always been close to India, are today linked with us through roads, railway, waterways and electricity grid connections, he said.

"The linkage and perception today of India in the neighbourhood has changed, and nothing illustrated that more dramatically than what happened to Sri Lanka last year when it went through a very deep economic crisis," he said.

"And we have actually stepped forward in a way in which we ourselves never have before. What we have done for Sri Lanka is bigger than what the IMF has done for Sri Lanka," he said.

The Rajya Sabha MP from Gujarat also said that the Modi government is trying to expand the neighbourhood.

"When I speak of the neighbourhood, I think a big change of our Indo-Pacific...Strategically, what happens there concerns us very much. At the same time, there are other big changes happening, changes which include the rise of China, which includes, in a way, how the US has become much more cautious about its own commitments," he said.

The Quad countries are today discussing maritime collaboration, infrastructure connectivity, 5G and vaccines, among other issues. India is also interacting with a group of countries to its West, such as Israel, United States and United Arab Emirates, Jaishankar said.

"Under PM Modi, we are not thinking just of tomorrow, we are not even thinking of the next term. We are thinking really beyond. And in many ways, without exaggerations, we are today laying the foundation of what is the global footprint," he said. The rise of India has a very special significance in the world as the only comparable rise was that of China, Jaishankar said.

Under-transfer police...

and have not been relieved to their new places of postings to date, shall be relieved by or before May 29, 2023 failing which departmental action will be taken against the supervisory officers/relieving authorities," reads a message issued to all DDOs of Police department. "Their relieving orders along with departure reports be shared with PHQ," it added.

Three SHOs among...

from DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Gangyal, Inspector Ajaz Haider has been transferred from Police Station Gangyal and posted at DPL Jammu, Inspector Sandeep Singh Chib has been transferred DPL Jammu and posted as SHO Kanachak, Inspector Rahul Mahajan has been transferred from Police Station Kanachak and posted as SHO Khour, SI now Inspector Ram Rattan has been transferred from Police Post Pouni Chak and posted at DPL Jammu and PSI Nitish Khajuria from DPL Jammu and posted as Incharge Police Post Pouni Chak.

J&K HC directs to promote petitioner as Addl DIG from date his juniors promoted

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has directed to promote the petitioner Ashok Kumar Sharma the post of Additional DIG with effect from April 8, 2022 from the date his juniors have been promoted.

The petitioner Ashok Kumar Sharma sought his promotion to the post of the post of Additional DIG with reference to the DPC held on January 10, 2002 and March 27, 2003, respectively with a further direction seeking writ of mandamus to promote the petitioner to the post of Additional DIG with effect from., April 8, 2022 from the date his juniors have been promoted with further direction of seniority and consequential benefits besides seeking quashment of adverse entry of the year 1998-1999.

After hearing Advocates Ajay Sharma and Atul Verma for the petitioner Ashok Kumar Sharma and the CGSC L K Moza, for Union of India and others, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal observed that the petitioner shall be considered for promotion retrospectively by the DPC (Departmental Promotion Committee) within two months thereafter and if the petitioner gets selected for promotion retrospectively, he should be given higher pension with arrears of pay. With these observations, the writ petition of the petitioner is allowed while the registry is directed to handover the record to the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents, the Judge ordered.

In the light of the aforesaid settled legal position of law and the facts and circumstances of the case, The court observed that non-communication of the impugned ACR for the year 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 to the petitioner by the respondents is arbitrary, whimsical and in violation of the Policy framed by the respondents, besides being violative of Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution.

Since the petitioner has already retired from service and the private respondents have been promoted way back in 2002-2003 respectively, it would not be appropriate at this stage to upset/quash their promotion.

In the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, if the representation of the petitioner for upgrading of the "Good" entry is allowed, it may benefit in his pension and get some arrears. If the upgradation is allowed, the petitioner be considered forthwith for promotion as Additional DIG retrospectively from the date, the court has ordered.

The petitioner stated that the Departmental Promotion Committee was held on January 10, 2002 for the year 2002-2003 for promotion to the rank of Additional DIG. In the said meeting of DPC, the case of the petitioner along with others were considered for promotion to the post of Additional DIG in which the ACRs of the petitioner along with other officers for the year 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

were considered. The name of the petitioner was not included in the select panel for promotion from Commandant to Additional DIG on the premise that Departmental Promotion Committee did not recommend his name for empanelment, as he could not meet requisite bench mark, which ultimately resulted in supersession of the petitioner. In the aforesaid DPC the cases of the respondent Nos. 4 to 15 along with petitioner were considered and respondents 4 to 7 were empanelled for their promotion to the rank of Additional DIG during the vacancy year 2002-2003, leaving out the petitioner.

6. Further case of the petitioner is that the next DPC was convened on 27.3.2003 during the vacancy year 2003-2004 and in the said DPC the claim of the petitioner was again ignored and respondents 5, 6, 8 to 15 were promoted to the post of Additional DIG vide order dated 21.04.2003 and the petitioner was again superseded in the aforesaid DPC.

The ACRs of the petitioner along with other officers, for the year 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, were considered. The petitioner after undergoing the selection process and on the basis of his merit in the selection process was appointed as Assistant Commandant on 01.09.1973. The respondents on the basis of his seniority and eligibility promoted the petitioner to the post of Deputy Commandant and 2nd in Command in 1991 and 1990 respec-

tively. Pursuant thereto, the petitioner came to be promoted as Commandant on 19.12.1994. The petitioner had an excellent and unblemished record and, accordingly, was selected and deputed in SPG (Special Protection Group) for Prime Minister's Security in the year 1991 and joined the same in February, 1992. As per the stand of the petitioner he was posted in the Security of Late P. V. Narsinha Rao, the then Prime Minister and latter with Sonia Gandhi. The petitioner has earned 04 DG BSF Commendation in addition to number of IG's Commendation Certificates and resultantly the petitioner has got DG's Commendation Certificate in the year 2006 , which was given to the petitioner for his "unblemished meritorious service", which is based on the past performance of many years. Further, the petitioner was awarded with Police Medal for meritorious service in the year 2008, which was granted after consistent, outstanding / very good record work shown by him during the past ten years. It is worthwhile to mention that while serving in SPG (Prime Minister Security) from the year 1992-1998, the petitioner earned 14 Commendation Certificates-Commendation Rolls, of which 10 Commendation Certificates were given by Director SPG and 04 by Secretary Security. The last Commendation Role was given to the petitioner by Secretary Security in the year 1998 for "outstanding operational work for providing security to Prime Minister.

Two theft cases worked out; 4 arrested, stolen property worth lakhs recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Police on Saturday worked out two theft cases by arresting 4 thieves and recovered stolen property worth lakh at Bhaderwah and Gandoh.

While giving details, Doda Police said that a complaint was lodged in PS Bhaderwah by one Aqib Iqbal son of Javed Iqbal resident of Dandi Bhaderwah regarding theft of mobile phones by some unknown persons after break opening the locks of his shop on the intervening night of 21/22.05.2023. On the receipt of the complaint Case FIR No. 61/2023 under relevant section of law was registered at Police Station Bhaderwah.

Soon after the registration of the case, Police swung into action and a team of Police Bhaderwah led by PSI Ankush Sharma after getting clues /technical assistance apprehended two thieves and during investigation they confessed their involvement in the theft of mobile phones and on their disclosure (16) Mobile Phones alongwith accessories worth Rs, 2,17,234/- were recovered from their possession. Involvement of these thieves in other theft cases is also being investigated.

Another FIR No. 46/2023 was registered at PS Gandoh on the complaint of BDO Chilli Pingal regarding theft of motor of a shredder machine from Bus Stand Chilli Pingal which was allotted to Block Chilli Pingal and was to be transported for its installation. During course of investigation of the case, a team was constituted headed by SHO PS Gandoh Inspector Vikram Singh. After strenuous efforts the team rounded up two suspects namely Binyamein son of Mir Ali resident of Chillli Balla Gandoh and Shabir Ahmed son of Ali Hussain resident of Chillli Balla Gandoh and during questioning they admitted their involvement in the incident of theft. On their disclosure, the stolen motor worth Rs, 02.00 laes was recovered from their possession.



LeT terrorist associate arrested, grenade recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Saturday arrested a terrorist associate of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) in Baramulla district, police said.

On a specific information regarding movement of terrorists in village Nagbal Chandoosa, a joint MVCP was established by Police & Army (52RR) at Shranz Crossing Nagbal Chandoosa. During checking, one suspected person who was coming from Shrunz towards Nagbal Chandoosa tried to flee after noticing joint naka party but was apprehended tactfully.

During search, one grenade was recovered from his possession. He has been identified as Mohd Ashraf Mir son of Mohd Shafi Mir resident of Lariidoora Chandoosa, a terrorist associate linked with proscribed terror outfit LeT.

It is pertinent to mention here that the said terrorist associate is a surrendered terrorist.

Accordingly, a case under relevant sections law has been registered at Police Station Chandoosa and investigation has been initiated.

