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LG calls for...

the years, White Knight Corps has proved its mettle not only in combat, thwarting evil designs of adversaries, restoring normalcy and counter-terrorist operations in J&K but also made invaluable contribution in development of the region.

Making 21st Century, J&K's century is our resolve and nothing can hinder our progress. Our armed forces are working with one single aim, with one single intention to make J&K excel in every sphere of development, the Lt Governor added.

Expressing his gratitude, the Lt Governor lauded the unparalleled courage and valour of security forces and termed them as the living faces of sacrifice and bravery.

Outlining the impactful social work done by Indian Army in addition to their professional duties, the Lt Governor acknowledged the indispensable work done by 16 Corps in the field of education, health, housing, etc in the areas bordering Poonch, Rajouri, Kishtwar and Jammu, under Operation Sadbhavna.

The Lt Governor made a special mention of the medical camps being organized to raise awareness about health and fitness among the local people, besides sustained thrust on channelizing young energies towards productive engagement through a host of schemes including- reformative and motivational lectures in schools and colleges, scholarships for needy students, providing IT and computer education for skill development and promotion of sports amongst the youth.

Troubled by our renewed resolve towards development of Jammu and Kashmir, its aspirations and latest goals, our enemies are making desperate attempts to create unrest in J&K through drug trafficking, smuggling of arms through drones and through social media. Government's determination and the indomitable courage of our Police and Security forces will not let the enemies outside and within our borders succeed, the Lt Governor asserted.

The Lieutenant Governor also threw light on increasing self-reliance in various sectors, including defence, and said, "Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Indian Army is also moving towards self-reliance in terms of weapons and other military resources. It is due to the Government's persistent efforts that about 65 per cent of the military budget is now spent within the country itself."

Speaking on the occasion, 16 Corps Commander, Lt Gen Manjinder Singh welcomed the Lt Governor and other distinguished guests and assured them of the unflinching support by all ranks of White Knight Corps towards the National cause.

He also highlighted the major initiatives undertaken by the Indian Army for the Awaam in addition to guarding the borders.

Later, the Lt Governor along with Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C Northern Command Flagged In the 'Veer Smriti Motor Cycle rally' on occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations. The motorcycle rally had started from Lam, Rajouri on 08 Jun 2022 and reached Nagrota today.

Prominent among others, present on the occasion were ADGP Jammu, Mukesh Singh and Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, besides senior officers of Army and Civil Administration.

Armed infiltrators exchange....

BSF troops observed suspicious movement close to the IB, the spokesman said. He said BSF troops challenged the miscreants who fired on the troops and fled in the face of retaliation.

BSF retaliated by firing a few bursts (of gunfire) towards them due to which they ran back. Search of the area was carried out Monday morning but nothing (incriminating) was recovered, the spokesman said.

SI Recruitment: Probe...

the members of the committee include Principal Secretary General Administration Department and Secretary Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, according to an order by government.

The committee which has been given an option to co-opt as may be required has been asked to submit report/ recommendations within 15 days from the date of the issue of the order which is June 10, the order reads.

AC approves transfer...

The project will be completed in two years and will generate employment opportunities by new creation of posts for human resource requirement at the new office.

To streamline the construction of new office buildings in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the Administrative Council directed constitution of a Building Screening Committee, comprising Administrative Secretaries of Finance, Home and General Administration departments to evaluate and clear all such proposals.

Further, the Administrative Council also approved the construction of office complex for Service Selection Board at Srinagar at an estimated amount of Rs.26.40 crore. The project will be completed in two years.

The project will provide adequate official accommodation to the Service Selection Board and will facilitate the functioning of the Board for timely recruitment of candidates for different posts referred by various government departments. The availability of a modern, spacious and well furnished office building for JKSSB at Srinagar will enable delivery of better quality services and allow easy public access to one of the key institutions of the Government.

Centre allocated Rs...

Modi's eight years in government are unparalleled with historic achievements in the form of the abrogation of Article 370, implementation of GST, abolition of triple talaq and recognition of yoga at international level," Patel told a press conference in Udhampur.

He said the government provided free foodgrains to over 80 crore people during the COVID-19 pandemic under the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, which is the world's largest food security scheme launched to combat the pandemic-induced economic disruption.

The biggest achievement of this government was the made-in-India COVID-19 vaccine, he said.

Patel also said that the defence sector in the country, being important for border areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, has also been strengthened under PM Modi to the extent that India is now becoming an exporter of defence equipment, BrahMos

defence export deals being the best example of it.

The defence ecosystem that is being built by India through its joint ventures like that with Israel is the biggest achievement in itself in defence technology, the minister added.

He further said that this government has brought a lot of transparency in the system that is evident from the fact that the beneficiaries of different central schemes are receiving instalments directly into their bank accounts.

The minister said the budget of Food Processing Industries department has increased by 137 per cent.

The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme formulated for the food processing industry with an outlay of Rs 1,100 crore will help India to mark distinction in the world in food processing.

There are 24 lakh food processing units in the country, out of which two lakh units will be upgraded with an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore.

The minister also laid the foundation stone of a water supply scheme of Saddal and Panjal villages to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 415.68 lakh.

Internet restored in...

board exams," said Rana Arif, an official of the education department.

Arif, nominated as liaison officer to coordinate meetings between different communities and address students' issues, said almost all students and staff have reached the centres well in time and the examinations were conducted successfully.

An official spokesperson said restrictions under CrPC section 144, which were imposed on Thursday, have been lifted from the whole of the Doda district, except Bhaderwah town.

Deputy Commissioner of Doda Vikas Sharma along with Senior Superintendent of Police Abdul Qayoom reviewed the law-and-order situation across the district.

The deputy commissioner urged the locals to maintain communal harmony, and not to indulge in any activity that can have an adverse effect on the law-and-order situation.

Markets were opened in Doda, Thatri and Gandoh, the spokesperson said, adding the "situation in Bhaderwah was also normal and is continuously being monitored".

Officials said that in Kishtwar town curfew-like restrictions were relaxed for one-and-a-half hours from 6 pm.

"The situation is well under control and there was no untoward incident reported from anywhere," a police official said, adding the relaxation period is likely to be further extended in Kishtwar.

Meanwhile, Aadi Gafoor Ganai who was arrested on Sunday for allegedly delivering an inflammatory speech from Markazi Jamia Masjid Bhaderwah on June 9 was produced before a mobile magistrate who sent him to police remand for five days.

Another accused, a juvenile whose social media post triggered the protests by the Muslim community, had managed an anticipatory bail from a court in Jammu.

Son of a police woman head constable, the 17-year-old evaded detention after being booked by police as raids continued in the town to arrest other accused wanted for their alleged involvement in creating trouble.

Exodus of KPs...

range from discrimination to ostracism, ghettoization, deportation, and, even genocide. The methodology is not restricted to any religion or community in specific, the court said.

There have been and there continue to be instances of hate speeches in different parts of the country targeted against people of specific communities, based upon the demographic composition. There have even been instances of demographic shifts in the aftermath of such Hate/Inflammatory speeches, the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits from the Kashmir valley is a prime example, the court stated.

The court's observations were made while dismissing a petition by CPI(M) leaders Brinda Karat and KM Tiwari challenging the trial court's refusal to direct the registration of an FIR against Union Minister Anurag Thakur and his BJP colleague and MP Praveesh Verma for their alleged hate speeches concerning anti-CAA protest at Shaheen Bagh here.

The court emphasised in its order that hate speeches incite violence and feelings of resentment against members of specific communities and marginalize such individuals by using expressions that expose their group to hatred.

It asserted that the freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution comes with reasonable restrictions which include public order, decency or morality or concerning contempt of court, defamation, or incitement to an offence which includes hate speech.

Article 15 of the Constitution also prohibits discrimination against any citizen on grounds of only religion, race, caste or sex, etc, it added.

It noted that several international accords, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights, also condemn discrimination and hate speech.

Over 350 sanitation...

Flanked by deputy mayor Purnima Sharma and senior officers, including JMC commissioner Rahul Yadav, Gupta said as the civic body was assigned the task to supervise sanitation work across Jammu region - from Lakhampur to Banihal and also Mughal road, various initiatives were chalked out to achieve the target of Swachh Amarnath yatra' this year.

We welcome the yatris and request the cooperation of the people of Jammu, especially the NGOs to come forward like year after year to ensure nobody faces any difficulty and the pilgrims return with a good impression, he said.

Spelling out various initiatives planned by the JMC, the deputy mayor said a total



JMC Mayor Chander Mohan Gupta briefing media in Jammu.

of 369 sanitation workers will be deployed for waste collection and sweeping, cleaning of toilets, urinal and bathrooms, secondary transportation and wastewater management. A detailed sanitation plan has been prepared by health wing of JMC, including requirement of disinfectants, tools and tackles, during the yatra, she said, adding waste collection and sanitation activities will be taken care of at all the 27 locations (camps) and 18 langar (community kitchens) halls by the health and transport section of JMC.

Sharma said all safety gears will be provided to the sanitation workers.

The JMC will ensure installation of bins for dry and wet waste segregation at camps and langar halls, she said.

The deputy mayor said a detailed desludging plan has also been prepared by JMC for smooth conduction of the yatra focusing on all 27 lodgments.

100 terrorists killed...

in the counter terrorism operations last year in the first five months and 12 days," the officials said. While 63 of the slain terrorists belonged to banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, 24 others were affiliated with Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), they said.

Rahul appears before...

assembled outside party headquarters at Shaheedi Chowk in the heart of the city and staged a sit-in before starting a march which was, however, foiled by the police by barricading the main Residency Road, officials said.

They said when the protesters tried to break the police cordon, police swung into action and detained the protesters who were taken to police lines Gandhi Nagar in two buses.

Prominent among those taken into preventive custody include working Congress president Raman Bhalla, vice president Mula Ram, chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, former ministers Shabir Khan and Yogesh Sawhney, president Mahila Congress Indu Pawar and youth Congress president Uday Chib.

The entire Congress leadership is on the roads across the country and our aim is to march towards ED offices to lodge a protest against the BJP-led government which is misusing central agencies, Mir told reporters before being detained by police.

Amid anti-BJP and pro-Congress sloganeering by the protesters, Mir alleged that BJP is using the agencies like ED, National Investigation Agency and Central Bureau of Investigation to browbeat the opposition.

Anyone speaking against the wrong policies of this government becomes the target of the central agencies. We are protesting against this situation and the undemocratic actions, the Congress leader said.

He said Rahul Gandhi is bravely speaking against the wrong policies of the government and is being targeted deliberately by using the enforcement directorate.

Congress Chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said the party rank and file would not be cowed down by such measures.

We stand with our leader Rahul Gandhi and are ready to give any sacrifice, Sharma said.

Meanwhile, Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee led by its President & former Minister Nawang Rigzin Jora also staged a protest in Leh calling ED's summons to Rahul Gandhi as a political vendetta.

The protest was attended by Mahila President Ladakh Territorial Congress Committee Stanzin Dolker, DCC Leh President Rigzin Nangail, leader of Opposition in LAHDC Leh Teering Namgyal, MC Leh President Dr. Ishey Namgyal, former MLA Deldan Namgyal, Congress Councillors and other party leaders.

Prepare for full...

synergy between the armed forces and the civil administration, we can enhance our future readiness for a full-scale war," Singh said.

He said the armed forces alone cannot deal with the security challenges in the times now. "Better coordination between different organs of the administration and the armed forces is the need of the hour."

Citing the Ukraine conflict, he said security challenges of the day all over the world have become more complex and comprehensive with phenomena like cyber warfare, proxy and non-contact wars.

Through cyberattacks a country can paralyse the economy, banking system and electoral process of another country, he said.

In a scenario like this, jointness and integration of different organs of the government and the armed forces to face security challenges are a must, the Defence Minister added.

"An enemy country's machinations are not confined only to the borders but beyond them. It can inflict damage not only on the borders but inside them," he said.

He said full-scale wars are being avoided by countries today but considering the activities of its neighbours, India has to keep itself ready for a full-scale war.

"Waging war is not in our character, he said.

We never attacked any country nor usurp even an inch of its land. We are the first and the only country whose saints and seers gave the message of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (entire universe is one family) to the world. No other country in the world had as big a heart as us," he added.

J&K tops in...

Dr Jitendra Singh said, 28 Ministries/Departments have already adopted e-Office version 7.0 along with digitization of the central registration units enabled creation of paperless secretariats where receipts move online, files move online and correspondence moves online.

He said, the migration schedule of the remaining 56 Ministries/Departments has been drawn up and by February, 2023, all Ministries will have e-Office version 7.0. The limited file movement with 4 levels of submission and adoption of the desk officer system has ensured that non-performing officials can no longer hide files, the Minister added.

In conclusion, Dr Jitendra Singh expressed satisfaction that in assessment of State portals, Kerala became a front runner and the progress made by Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh in NeSDA 2021 was also commendable. In Service portals, Rajasthan, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and Meghalaya have topped the rankings.

Development & infrastructure upgradation priority of Modi Govt: Baru



JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru starting construction work of concrete slab at Durga Nagar cremation ground.

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JAMMU: BJP Senior Leader and JMC Councillor Sanjay Kumar Baru started construction work of concrete slab along with BJP district vice-president Jaideep Singh Samyal, District secretary Brijesh Gupta and ward President Ashok Wazir at Durga nagar Cremation ground in ward-41. Speaking on the occasion Sanjay Kumar Baru said that Bharatiya Janata Party led by the principles of Good Governance and people benefiting policies embedded by developmental vision is set to streamline all the primary requirements of the common masses and overall infrastructure upgradation. He said that whereas Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the campaign to establish Bharat as the

world leader by working dedicatedly, the ground level workers of BJP are equally participating in the campaign to develop their areas into model areas. "I am putting in all my efforts to live up to the expec-

tations of the residents of my ward whether the issue is related to new development projects, maintenance of PHE, PDD, FWD etc. or the repair of day to day essentials". Baru informed that pavers tiles, cremation platform, sitting shed and construction of room will completed by estimated cost of 37 lakhs at Durga Nagar Cremation ground by Jammu Municipal Corporation.

Chairman Wazir lane Mohan Gupta, Rajeev Badhwaj, Vijay Gupta, Rajesh Gupta, Sudanshu Bhardwaj, Sanjay Sharma, Naseeb Kumar, Farveen Kumar and Members of DSG committee were also present.

Rooftop solar scheme, killing two birds with one stone: Dr Parneesh

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JAMMU: Dr Parneesh Mahajan, Convener, Department of Training, BJP J&K today applauded the J&K Government for giving nod to the all benevolent Rooftop Solar Scheme by which two burning issues viz power dearth and unemployment will be addressed with extreme efficacy in one go. In a statement issued to media persons, the senior BJP leader asserted that the scheme on cards will kill two

birds with one stone and therefore will prove as a 'Ram Baan' for the UT of J&K which is struggling to cope up with joblessness and power outage since last many decades. Dr Parneesh said that after the implementation of the Government of India's Grid-connected Rooftop Solar Scheme, Phase-II for the residential sector in Jammu and Kashmir, all that the electricity needs shall be fulfilled from solar energy. He asserted that

the generation of solar energy through the Rooftop Solar Programme will not only help the energy-deficit UT of J&K in supplementing its energy needs but will also assist the DISCOMs in achieving the fixed Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) Targets of 10.5 percent. "Besides, this project will also provide employment opportunities to local youth by engaging highly skilled personnel for business development, design, sales, pro-

urement, and project management", Dr Parneesh maintained adding that some more job avenues are expected for installation of the panels and to carry out repairs, etc. Dr Parneesh said that this scheme will augur win-win situation for the people in Jammu region and is testimony to the fact that government is keen in ensuring Kayakalp of J&K by taking out of the box steps which many other states and UTs have not yet taken for their population.



IPS officer Kaumudi appointed Secy (security) in Cabinet Secretariat

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NEW DELHI: Senior IPS officer V S K Kaumudi has been appointed as secretary (security) in the Cabinet Secretariat, according to a Personnel Ministry order issued on Monday.

Kaumudi, a 1986-batch Indian Police Service officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, is currently special secretary (internal security) in the Union Home Ministry. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment as secretary (security), it said.

The secretary (security) is the administrative head of the Special Protection Group (SPG) and is responsible for

closely monitoring the security arrangements for Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The office of the secretary (security) is also the nodal authority in respect of policy relating to procurement of jammers by state governments and central police forces. All operational proposals of the SPG are approved and processed by the secretary (security) in the Cabinet Secretariat.

Beopar Mandal Udhampur announces election dates

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UDHAMPUR: Election Cell President, Beopar Mandal Udhampur (BMU) Advocate Shashi Arora on Monday announced dates of election process.

While addressing media persons, Arora said that after completion of procedure, election will be held on 1st August 2022. He further disclosed that nomination forms will be issued 1st July 2022 to 7th July 2022 expect Sunday office shall remain closed while nomination filing date will be 8th July 2022 to 13th July 2022 and date of withdrawal nomination will be 14th July 2022, date of scrutiny of nomination forms shall be 15th July 2022. Arora said final date to



Election Cell President, BMU Advocate Shashi Arora briefing media at Udhampur.

conduct election will be 1st Aug. 2022. He further added that venue and timing for each event will be intimated well before time of conduct it.

While in brief address Vikram Singh Slathia said that Beopar Mandal Udhampur is

committed to hold free and fair election for the post of president, Secy. Gen. and Treasure as per already set in constitution by Beopar Mandal Udhampur. Sunil Gupta also appealed to the shopkeepers to participate in election process.

Aadhar authentication made compulsory for Amarnath Yatra

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SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Monday said pilgrims intending to undertake the Amarnath Yatra will have to furnish their Aadhar card or submit to Aadhar authentication voluntarily. "In pursuance to Rule 5 of the Aadhar Authentication for Good Governance (Social welfare, innovation, Knowledge) Rules 2020, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir with the prior approval of the Central government hereby notifies that pilgrims desirous of undertaking pilgrimage to the Shri Amarnathji shrine shall furnish proof of possession of Aadhar or undergo Aadhar authentication on voluntary basis from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette," a notification issued by the General administration department reads. The yatra, which has been opened to general public after two years, will commence on June 30 and conclude on August 11. The yatra was cut short as a precautionary measure in 2019 after the Centre imposed severe restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir following the abrogation of Article 370. Only ritualistic aspects of the yatra were conducted in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than a million devotees are expected to take part in this year's pilgrimage.