

Terrorism waning in J&K: Rana

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JAMMU: Exuding confidence that the scourge of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir will be rooted out in the foreseeable future, Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Tuesday said this has been possible due to relentless, decisive, strong and visionary National leadership.

"Terrorism is on the last leg and the indebted nation salutes the valour and supreme sacrifices of the security forces and the police for maintaining edge over terrorists", Devender Rana said while paying tributes to Martyr L/Nk Ranjeet Singh of 3 JAK Rifles on his fifth death anniversary at Barn in the Nagrota Assembly Constituency.

He referred to the zero tolerance policy of the Union Government against terrorism and said the forces were enforcing it in letter and spirit on the ground by ensuring no collateral damage. This policy has instilled a sense of



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana and others paying tributes to Martyr L/Nk Ranjeet Singh of 3 JAK Rifles on his fifth death anniversary.

security among the people and forced terrorists to run for their lives. He said terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes a major threat to peace and tranquility and this menace has to be fought with iron fists.

Rana saluted the brave soldiers and officers of the country's forces in making the nation proud by standing like rock on the frontiers to meet challenging situations. Not only have they been defending the sovereignty

and integrity of the nation at the borders but also maintaining 360 degree security grid against the terror regime sponsored and supported by enemies of the country. Observance of the martyrdom of the valiant soldiers therefore depicts the gratitude of the people for the national heroes who give their today for our safe tomorrow, he observed.

He also complimented the security forces for their heroic role in meeting the challenges unfolded by natural

calamities and referred to the ongoing rescue operations near the holy cave shrine of Shri Amarnathji. Day in and day out they are moving the pilgrims to safer places while maintaining vigil against the inimical elements, He also seized the opportunity to convey condolences to the families who have lost their near and dear ones in the cloud burst tragedy. He wished safe recovery of the injured and expeditions tracing of the missing persons.

Rana paid glowing tributes to Martyr Ranjeet Singh for his valour and bravery, saying his supreme sacrifice has made the land of warriors proud. He said his martyrdom will inspire the people to keep themselves devoted to national security and the progress.

Those who paid floral tributes to Martyr Ranjeet Singh included BDC Bhalwal, Kuldeep Raj Bhagat, Rajinder Singh Chib, District President Rural, Ashok Kerni, Mandal President, Babu Ram Bhagat, Baba Chanchal Singh, Rajan Singh Happy, Sarpanch Rajdev Singh, Sarpanch Naseem Singh, Sarpanch Rajni Devi, Sarpanch Partap Singh, Sarpanch Sanjeev Singh, Sarpanch Sonu Singh, Numbardar Swarn Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Rekha Langeh, Tejpal Singh, Surinder Singh, Ajay Soodan, Dev Raj Shastri, Surinder Singh Gilli and others.



Eight years of Modi Government has transformed India: Sukhnandan



Former Minister, Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar during a public meeting at Jammu.

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JAMMU: As the nation recently battled with Covid-19 wave, the Modi government's most stellar achievement would be to change its role from ruling to service, said senior BJP leader and former minister Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar on Tuesday.

He said the PM Narendra Modi's second government has just completed three years in office. Through the list of his achievements, most of which are quantifiable. As an example, the numbers reached in flagship schemes are quite extraordinary. Banking the unbanked through the Jan Dhan Yojana - 42 crore bank accounts - and thus taking financial inclusion to every home in India. Funding the unfunded through Mudra Yojana - 29 crore loan

sanctions and Rs 15 lakh crore disbursements - and thus seeding an entrepreneurial revolution. Digitising the undigitised through UPI - 25 billion real-time transactions in 2020 - and thus making India the largest digital payments ecosystem in the world, said Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar.

In J&K, many projects, which were lying defunct, have been started by the Modi government. In Jammu, the work of lake project, on the pattern of Sabarmati lake, will be completed in prescribe time, said the former minister Sukhnandan Kumar.

However, beyond these remarkable works, there is one other way to assess the success of Modi - the changes in our national character. First, Modi has fundamentally altered the

way central governments used to understand economic policy-making.

While stating their issues with the former minister Sukhnandan Kumar, the villagers of Garhi, constituency Bhalwal Jammu North said, they want new cabling of electric wires and water pipes in their area.

Choudhary Sukhnandan Kumar assured the villagers that their demands will be fulfilled.

Those who attended the meeting include DDC Balbir Lal Sarpanch Hari Saran, Sarpanch Jaswant Singh. Ex Sarpanch Jagdish Raj, Ex Sarpanch Sham Lal, District President BJYM Deepak Pandey, Amrik Singh, Jaswant Singh, Naib S Munshi Ram, Vijay Kumar and prominent citizens of the area.

‘Nidhi Aapke Nikat’ for July 2022 conducted by EPFO Regional Office Jammu

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JAMMU: "Nidhi Aapke Nikat" for the month of July, 2022 was on Tuesday conducted by EPFO Regional Office, Jammu here for the stakeholders of Jammu & Kashmir.

The EPFO is servicing the entire area of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with regard to settlement of claims, redressal of grievances, and facilitating stakeholders and so on.

Considering the large number of grievances and to ensure service delivery at doorstep, various online initiatives of EPFO such as balance enquiry, filing of online claims including transfer and advance claims and members' basic details were explained with hands-on demonstration.

Gurucharan Singh, from M/s. K C Food Products Pvt. Ltd, was unable to submit the claim as his "Date of Exit" in his UAN was not marked. His employer was asked to "mark exit" and report. Aman from K C Food



Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I listening to employees' issues.

Products Pvt Ltd responded quickly and apprised RO, Jammu over telephone about completing the action. Accordingly "claim form 19" was submitted.

Navdeep Singh from M/S Navdeep Singh Contractor informed that his data was not migrated from JKEPFO to Central EPFO.

Rizwan Uddin, RPFC-I called Ashwani from JKEPFO, who confirmed that partial data has already been migrated. For the majority of employees, who had left the job way back, the issue of interest was resolved through their Consultant. Their

amounts will be reflected in the UAN within one week. Parshotam Kumar, employee of JKSFJ Jammu, was unable to merge his two member ids. He was advised to submit form 13 through the "one member one EPP" option available at online services tab in member e-sewa portal.

Romesh Singh had submitted form 13, the Regional PF Commissioner, Rizwan Uddin directed concerned dealing hand to process the claim.

Hoshank Singh's claim was rejected as he applied for form 31 and had only transferred the amount present in his

UAN. The member was advised to submit form 19. Sangram Singh from M/S Life Style Institute Pvt Ltd was unable to submit form 19. His employer was directed to "mark exit" and the member was advised to submit form 19. Shri Darshan Kumar Sharma from M/S Dharmarth Trust appeared with the appeal to settle his claim. RPFC-I directed the DA to settle the claim. Puran Chand, employee of M/s Hotel Rani Maa, had filed a joint declaration request for correction in his name from Puran Singh To Puran Chand, which were updated immediately and accordingly.

Raj Kumar, an employee of M/S Dawa Bazar was unable to update his Bank KYC as his employer was untraceable. He was advised to open a bank account in SBI and as the bank KYC approved the bank, he would be able to submit the claim.

Nishant Gupta, an employee of M/S Future Retail Limited, was not having his UAN details, using the IT tools of

EPFO, the UAN of the member was traced out and provided to him. Nishant Gupta was further advised to submit Joint Declaration form. After completion of missing details Nishant Gupta would be able to activate his UAN and would update KYC.

Death claim pertaining to late Jia Lal was submitted by his son, Ravi Kumar, who was advised to submit a joint declaration to correct the deceased employee's father's name. Claim would be processed accordingly.

Two employees from M/s Dogra Brahman Sabha appeared with an issue that they were unable to file Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR) with an error - "validation failed". They were advised to link Aadhaar of all their employees with respective Universal Account Numbers (UANs), thereafter ECR would be filed smoothly.

The endeavor of 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme has always been to redress the maximum number of cases/grievances the same day or at the earliest.

Kavinder calls on Eknath Shinde, Fadnavis; appeals to bring investors in J&K

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MUMBAI: Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister, Kavinder Gupta on Tuesday called on Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his Deputy Devendra Fadnavis at their residences and discussed the present political scenario in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kavinder, who visited Mumbai held exclusive meetings with the Maharashtra Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister and appealed to them to bring investment in J&K as the avenues have been established by the government by scrapping the biggest hurdle in the path of Union Territory's development viz Article 370.

He said that the scenario has totally changed in J&K with



Senior J&K BJP leader, Kavinder Gupta calling on Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde and his Deputy Devendra Fadnavis at their residences.

vistas of opportunities waiting for the business giants to establish their ventures in the most beautiful region of the world.

The senior BJP leader said Maharashtra, especially Mumbai being the financial capital of the country should come forward in uplifting the economy of J&K through sub-

stantial efforts by big investors and industrial giants.

He said that unlike the successive governments the incumbent dispensation is offering all the benefits under its ease of doing business initiative therefore business giants should encourage those having potential to invest in J&K.

After listening to Kavinder

Gupta, the Maharashtra CM assured to convince and convey the message to the leading investors in Mumbai and other parts of Maharashtra to take steps in the aforesaid direction. The Deputy CM also gave a similar response to Kavinder Gupta in the matter and assured to visit J&K in the coming time.

Several developmental projects still incomplete despite numerous extensions

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SRIANGAR: Development in Kashmir is a story of missing deadlines and work in progress, as many projects are under-construction for last s many years, with numerous extensions issued to them year after year; thereby expressing lack of capability of successive Governments to execute mega projects. Noor Jahan Bridge in Srinagar is one such example. Being constructed at a cost of Rs 957 lakh, the bridge is in Qamarwar, Srinagar with allotment cost for approach roads as Rs 398 lakh. This bridge has jumped many deadlines since start of works with latest as December 2021. Although, work on bridge and approach road from Noorbagh side began in 2021, but it has stopped abruptly. For city dwellers and people from other towns thronging the city, the ride on the 'cement bridge' proves as a 'bumpy ride' as it is full of potholes. Another ambitious project, undertaken by Government for easing traffic woes of people in J&K and to improve connectivity between two regions Kashmir and Jammu, is four-laning of Jammu-Srinagar national highway and work on project in Kashmir region is almost over. This prestigious project started in 2011 and fixed deadline was June 2014. The project executing agency not only missed the deadline but sought extension after extension. Even after getting numerous extensions, the project is yet to be completed. "Work on project is going on. There are weather constraints and it is difficult to work in winter. About 80 per cent of the work has been completed, bridges, railway over-bridges are in final phase of completion

while two tunnels Chenani-Nashri and Qazigund-Banihal have been made operational for traffic, but the most vulnerable stretch Ramban-Banihal will take some more time to complete," an official of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) informed. Another such example is community centre, work on which was started at Kraltang area of Sopore in 2017 but left midway. The empty building has now turned into a haven for drug addicts. Economic Alliance Sopore said that it speaks a lot about Government's indifference, adding that several times they had approached authorities for completing work but nothing was done on ground level. Last year a parliamentary standing committee has expressed dissatisfaction over the fact that only 15 per cent of construction work of transit accommodations for Kashmiri Pandits in Kashmir has been completed. The committee stated that process of construction of transit accommodation units needs to be expedited and it should be regularly monitored. Accordingly, directions were also passed for the completion of construction work at Shopian by March 2022 and at Baramulla and Bandipora by November 2022, but even then Shopian projected jumped first deadline. The government and executing agencies blame situation in valley or weather conditions for not meeting deadlines - taking refuge in excuses - which often leads to an escalation in project costs. Not only mega projects like AIIMS Avantipora Kashmir; the UT has even missed several deadlines for small developmental works like construction of bridges and hospitals, school buildings in the Valley.

CS inaugurates five-days orientation programme of IIM Jammu

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JAMMU: Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday inaugurated the five day Orientation Program of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu for the 7th Batch of MBA (2022-24), 3rd Batch of Ph.D. (2022-25), 2nd Batch of EMBA (2022-24) and for the 1st Batch of MBA (IIA&IIM) (2022-24).

The first day of the five-day orientation program was started with a calming yoga session focusing on the theme of 'Maximize happiness and mindfulness' by Yoga and meditation trainer.

ADGP, Jammu, Mukesh Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu, Dr. Milind Kamble, Director, IIM Jammu, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, AIIMS, Jammu, Dr. Shakti Gupta, Dean Faculty, IIT Jammu, Prof. Kannan Iyer, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, Prof. Jabir Ali;

Chairperson, Admissions, IIM Jammu, Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Parida, members of Governing Body of IIM Jammu, faculty and large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Speaking during the inaugural session, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta welcomed the students and reminded them that learning shouldn't be confined to books and courses but should also be used in the real world. He also proposed to make Jammu and Kashmir 'Aatmanirbhar' in the upcoming years with the rapid transformation going on in different sectors.

Dr. Mehta highlighted that the interdisciplinary and holistic education is the need of the hour as per the NEP-2020.

Dr. Milind Kamble, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIM Jammu praised the institute for its academic excellence, high-quality research, corporate exposure,



Chief Secretary, Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta addressing Orientation Programme of IIM Jammu.

executive education, and international exposure. With his diverse experience, he mentioned that survival in this data-driven, changing, and competitive world is possible only through knowledge and emphasized that students must strive to empower themselves with information, develop social awareness, and contribute to society and mankind.

In his welcome address, Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu encouraged the new batch to be self-reliant, strive for excellence, and to learn to

work and perform in a cross-cultural environment. He emphasized that to be a successful human being, one must socialize, and be part of a world of collaboration. He motivated the students to become "job creators and not just job seekers" and serve humanity, society, and the nation to move towards economic growth and prosperity.

Speaking on the occasion, ADGP Jammu gave the students insights into building a successful future. He left the students with many life teach-

ings and wished that the new batches reach new heights.

In his address, Director, AIIMS Jammu enlightened the students by asking them to move forward and progress in life and think beyond the sky as nothing is impossible in this world. He laid impetus on training and research.

While speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Admissions, IIM Jammu, gave an extensively detailed profile about all the new and upcoming batches. He also went into detail about the diverse profiles of the

upcoming batches.

Dean Faculty, IIT Jammu, speaking on the occasion, emphasized on how the new program of B.Tech + MBA will act as an adhesive to strengthen the association between IIT Jammu and IIM Jammu.

During the inaugural session, the participants paid homage to the pilgrims of the Amarnath Yatra tragedy.

After the inaugural session, IIM Jammu signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the J&K Bank, in the presence of Baldev Prakash, MD and CEO J&K Bank, and Prof. BS Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu.

The main objective of this MoU is to develop collaboration between the IIM Jammu and J&K Bank in contributing to the growth and development of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Later in the afternoon session, Additional Chief

Secretary, I&C, Vivek Bhardwaj and Principal Secretary Higher Education Department, Rohit Kansal also addressed the participants of orientation program.

In his address, Vivek Bhardwaj, congratulated the students and presented the current state of the industry ecosystem in Jammu and Kashmir. He highlighted the immense potential of Jammu and Kashmir in the industrial sector. He also emphasized the lack of supply chain infrastructure in Jammu.

The ACS encouraged the students to impart their knowledge to this cause in the future. He gave insights on business demographics of Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the gathering, Rohit Kansal mentioned about the life lessons that the students can learn during their study and also make the best use of it during their journey ahead. He highlighted the

importance of being a good human to the students and said, "Life is a journey and there are no stoppages here. Don't wait to get to your prime to seize the day."

Ashish Bhalla, Head - Campus Relations, HCL Technologies while interacting with the student, explained the importance of HR Analytics. He asked the students to reflect on the reason why they chose MBA and discussed careers and the scope of analytics.

Manoj K Prasad, Vice President-Talent Development & Digital Transformation, Reliance Industries Limited provided an overview of Data Analytics in the corporate world. He focused on the need of Data analytics in current times, as it is a powerful tool in the realm of business planning.

Question and answer sessions as well as industry panel discussion was also held as part of the orientation program.