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Udhampur for according them rousing reception and cooperation.

District Administration Ramban along with PRIs warmly welcomed the Yatra at Chanderkote where the Deputy Commissioner, Mussarat Islam, Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohita Sharma, and a large number of PRIs including Sarpanches and Panches formally welcomed the devotees and interacted with them.

Chairperson BDC, Batote, Rajeshwar Kumar, DDC Councilors, Renuka Katoch, ADC, Harbans Sharma, various senior officers of civil administration, security forces, religious leaders and prominent citizens were also present on the occasion.

The pilgrims and PRIs also expressed their gratitude to Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, District Administration and Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board for providing foolproof security, boarding and lodging and other facilities to pilgrims coming from different parts of the country for holy Darshan of Shri Amarnath ji.

The Deputy Commissioner along with officers also interacted with the pilgrims to have first hand information regarding the facilities at the Langar. The DC said that the District Administration in coordination with Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, Social and Religious Langer Originations have made adequate arrangements with regard to their boarding and lodging besides other essential services for the Yatries.

After taking breakfast at Chanderkote and lunch at Lamber Banihal both the conveys left for Baltal and Pahalgam respectively under security cover to reach their holy destination. Earlier spiritual yatra langers were started with the Kanya Pooja by the SSP.

Meanwhile, in major breakthrough, approximately 300 fake registration permits of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra for the year 2023 has been detected by the District Administration Jammu along with district police.

Giving more information regarding the issues, the Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa said that FIR has already been launched in this matter and police investigation is also underway.

She also advised to the pilgrims to register only from the official website of Shri Amarnath Shrine Boards or the designated registration counters installed for the purpose.

The Deputy Commissioner further urged the pilgrims to verify their registration permits in order to avoid any kind of inconvenience during the holy Yatra.

Similarly, District Administration Kathua also came to the help of Amarnath Yatris who have been issued fake Yatra permits by some travel agency outside the UT, the status of which was unearthed at Lakhanpur Facilitation Centre.

On reaching Lakhanpur entry-point, the credentials of 65 Amarnath Yatris mismatched with the Shri Amarnath ji Shrine Portal during e-KYC verification and issuance of RFID cards.

Acting swiftly over the matter, the Kathua Administration swung into action and enquired about the fraudulent registration details and unmasked the deception to the yatris by some travel agency. The matter was handed over to the Police administration for strictly taking action against the fraudsters to thwart such incidents.

The Yatris were then facilitated by the administration to undertake hassle free and smooth yatra.

Kathua Administration has advised all prospective pilgrims to remain conscious and only register through authorised channels/ registration counters. It is essential to follow the guidelines and provide accurate and genuine information during the registration process. Any attempt to engage in fraudulent activities or circumvent the established protocols will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law, the officials said.

First batch of...

Commissioner Ganderbal were also present on the occasion.

The District Administration, Police, Shrine board and other stakeholders have made all arrangements for smooth conduct of the yatra this year.

After Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch in Jammu, the pilgrims were warmly received by the concerned Deputy Commissioners in Kulgam, Anantnag, Srinagar besides other elected representatives and general public.

To ensure a hassle-free 62-day yatra, coordinated efforts have been made by the SASB and the UT Administration with unflinching support of locals and PRI members of J&K.

A group of yatris who arrived at Lakhanpur, the gateway of J&K expressed great satisfaction over the arrangements made by the Kathua district admin. The pilgrims said that they are quite hopeful that they will have a comfortable and safe yatra this time too.

The Selfie Point' created by administration at Lakhanpur (Kathua) as part of its face-lifting has become a major attraction for Yatris. Beautiful Wall Art showcasing Basohli Art and Dogra Folk culture is another attraction for devotees coming for Yatra. Pilgrims were seen taking selfies and photographing there to save it as their cherished memories.

Suraj, a first time yatri from Jaipur, Rajasthan said the arrangements made by J&K administration are outstanding, be it langar facility, stay or other logistical support. The registration process is easy too for the yatris.

At Navyug tunnel Qazigund the first jatha of yatris got a rousing welcome by District Admin led by DC Kulgam and PRI members besides the locals.

On reaching Anantnag, the DDC Chairman and DC along with other district welcomed the yatries and showered them with flower petals.Also, a special welcome was offered by the members of Municipal Council Anantnag led by itsPresident.

The most beautiful visuals were seen at KP road Anantnag where people stood in queue with garlands on both sides of road to welcome Shri Amarnath ji pilgrims .Similarly, President MC Phalgham wholeheartedly welcomed the yatris wishing

them a happy journey ahead.

While reaching Srinagar, DC Srinagar along with other officers received them and presented them flower bouquets. In the same way District Administration Bandipora led by DC alongwith PRIs, locals and other officers welcomed Yatris at Yatra Transit Camp Shadipora.

While sharing their feelings, Yatries from Panipat, Haryana were excited about their journey to the holy cave. They also expressed satisfaction over the security and other arrangements made by the UT Administration.

Azad welcomes Amarnath...

commences immediately after Eid ul-Adha reflecting upon the spiritual aspect that makes it incumbent upon us as stakeholders to host yatris in a memorable manner so that they remember it forever that Kashmiris are the most hospitable people as hosts who love to welcome guests as pilgrims or tourists," Azad said.

Stressing upon the government to provide all requisite facilities to Yatris in smooth conduct of Amarnath yatra, Azad directed his party leadership and workers to act as volunteers during the yatra.

"The administration should regulate the pilgrimage in a disciplined format as the number of yatris and tourists to the destinations en route yatra is expected to swell and surge during these two months of yatra," Azad said.

If Rahul becomes...

Yaday prime minister, Mamata Banerjee's goal is to make her nephew Abhishek chief minister and similarly Ashok Gehlot wants to make his son Vaibhav Gehlot chief minister:

"If Rahul Gandhi becomes prime minister, scams and corruption will become the destiny of India and if Narendra Modi becomes the PM again, fraudsters will go behind bars," he said.

Further targeting the Gehlot government, he alleged that it was doing vote bank policies and was responsible for the delay in the punishment to culprits of the Kanhaiya Lal murder case.

Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor in Udaipur, was murdered on June 28 last year by two cleaver-wielding men, who had accused him of insulting Islam after he allegedly posted content in support of suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma.

Alleging that the government did not provide security to Kanhaiya Lal, Shah said it should be "ashamed".

"Who did not give security to Kanhaiya? Whose police remained silent till he died. You didn't even want to catch (the accused), the NIA had caught them. And don't lie Gehlot ji that the charge sheet has not been filed, I say with authority that the charge sheet was filed on December 22, 2022. The task of setting up a special court is yours (state government), so that the accused are punished soon," he said.

"The Rajasthan government, taking the High Court into confidence, did not constitute a special court otherwise the culprits of Kanhaiya Lal would have been hanged by now. Shame on them (Congress), they do vote bank policies," he said.

Shah alleged that majority community members were being exploited under the Congress rule in Rajasthan.

"Modi banned PFI but in Gehlot's rule, a rally of PFI was held in Kota, Hindu festival was stopped in Karauli, Sangh's path sanchalan stopped, 300-year-old Shiva temple was demolished in Alwar," he alleged.

"Even after so many years of independence, keeping the Constitution aside in the greed of vote bank, injustice is being done to the majority here. Only those who do vote bank policies can do this. BJP does not do vote bank policies," he said.

He also said that due to weak prosecution, the accused of the Jaipur bomb blast case of 2008 were acquitted by the Rajasthan High Court.

Shah said that on the completion of Modi's nine years, BJP has started thanksgiving yatras across the country.

"I have travelled across the country, the support I have seen, it is certain that Modi is going to become the prime minister with 300 seats," he said.

He said that the respect that Modi is getting in the whole world, it is not the respect of Modi or of BJP, it is the respect of 130 crore people of the country.

Shah said that before 2014, during Manmohan Singh's government, "Aaliya-Maliya-Jamaliya" (terrorists) from Pakistan used to enter India and carry out blasts, but Pakistan committed mistakes in Uri and Pulwama because this time, Narendra Modi was the prime minister and within ten days, air strike and surgical strike were executed and terrorists were eliminated in Pakistan.

Launching a sharp attack on the Gehlot government, Shah said that the Congress government has broken all records of corruption and was doing vote bank policies. He claimed that more than 19 recruitment examination question papers have been leaked, and the son of the state Congress president tops the exam.

Commenting on CM Gehlot's tour of different districts and inflation relief camps, Shah said that Gehlot is roaming here and there in this age but the BJP's government is going to be formed in the assembly elections.

"If someone shows a video of this meeting to Gehlot, then he will know that the time has come for his government to go. BJP government is going to be formed with full majority in both 2023 (assembly polls) and 2024 (Lok Sabha elections)," he said.

Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, former chief minister Vasundhara Raje, leader of opposition Rajendra Rathore, deputy leader of opposition Satish Poonia and other leaders were present in the meeting.

In perspective of...

equity. State Legal Services Authorities have also ensured the legal system promotes justice on the basis of equal opportunity through Lok Adalat, public outreach and mediation, he added.

He also appreciated the efforts to strengthen the Legal Aid movement and gener-

ating legal literacy among the people, especially in far flung and rural areas of J&K.

Given the lack of awareness in far flung areas, the people are being made aware about their rights, which have empowered the rural poor, he said.

The Lt Governor termed the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 as a revolutionary step in the judicial system of India, which ensures that no citizen of the country is deprived of justice.

"The spirit of equal justice is rooted in our ancient culture and it is the solemn duty of all of us to strengthen the system which does not discriminate among the citizens and protects them from inequality and injustice," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor shared the major reforms introduced, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to ensure social-economic equality and access to justice to all the citizens of Jammu Kashmir.

"In J&K, for almost seven decades, Article 370 prevented central legislations from benefitting a large section of society. It had also denied benefits of legitimate citizenship to a sizable section of society. Abrogation of Article 370 ensured social equity and inclusive development," the Lt Governor said.

He said the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A brought historic reforms and a new era in J&K. Today, the UT is offering limitless possibilities to the people, especially to those from the weaker section of the society, who were deprived of the benefits of the laws enacted by the Parliament, he added.

Within four years J&K is synonymous with peace, progress, prosperity and the world has seen our capability, our socio-economic growth during last month's G20 meeting. Projects are being implemented with unprecedented speed and we have taken infrastructure development to a new height, the Lt Governor observed.

The Lt Governor highlighted the efforts to strengthen the judicial infrastructure and also threw light on the progressive administrative and land reforms implemented in the past few years.

"Obsolete land rules were scrapped and land passbooks were issued in three languages to empower farmers and landowners. Transparent and accountable governance has ensured that development benefits to all sections and areas victims of unbalanced progress were brought into the developmental mainstream," he added.

Brig.(Dr.)B.D.Mishra (Retd.), Lt Governor of Ladakh, commended the National Legal Services Authority for its efforts in ensuring access to Justice to the weak, poor and marginalized.

Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union MoS for Law and Justice, Parliamentary Affairs, said the All India Legal Services Authorities' Meet at Srinagar will prove to be a milestone in the future journey of National Legal Services Authority.

He highlighted the steps taken to overhaul the functioning of the Indian Justice Delivery System and further laid emphasis on strengthening the Legal Aid Defense Counsel System.

Meghwal said the National Legal Aid Services Authority (NALSA) has an important role to play in ensuring social and economic equality to all citizens of the country.

"We got political equality on 26 November 1956. Social and economic equality should also be given to all," Meghwal said.

He said the steps taken under the NALSA are sometimes referred to as small steps.

"Keep taking small steps through the NALSA. These steps will accumulate into big movement of justice for people," he added.

Meghwal recalled the contribution made by past judges of the apex court in terms of legal aid services to the common citizens.

"CJI (PN) Bhagwati had said if anyone sends him a postcard, he will register a PIL. This is the right the legal services authority has given to the people," Meghwal said.

He said in this regard, the meet at Srinagar was a "rich gathering".

"Top judges of the Supreme Court and Chief Justices of all high courts of the country except one or two are here," he said.

Meghwal said India currently holds presidency of two international organizations.

"India has presidency of two international organizations. One is G20 and other is SCO which has a connect with this place. This has been a place of exchanges in the past," he said.

Meghwal said there is some work left to be done in legal aid services.

"We will open an office where three lawyers will be available. How we will do it, I will discuss with you. Para volunteers are also working. Prisoners are getting legal help. The services of India legal authority are commendable. And Nalsa is working expeditiously in this direction," he said.

The minister said the "Prime Minister has given us a target" of making Indian a developed nation by 2047.

"The first year of 'Amrit Kaal' and this event in this pious land will augur well," he said.

Meghwal said e-courts need to be implemented fast.

"In the first phase, we focused on hardware, second phase on ease of access. Third phase is paperless etc. The third phase will revolutionize the justice delivery system. People will talk about it in the times to come that such great steps were taken," he said.

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh presented a detailed insight on Legal Aid Movement in India and the working of the Legal Services Authorities across the country.

A manual for District Legal Services Authorities functioning across the country was also released on the occasion.

Judges of the Supreme Court of India; Chief Justices and Judges of the High Courts from across the country; members of Judiciary, legal experts, senior officials of Police and Civil administration attended the inaugural session.

CRIME REPORT

Govt employee among 12 hardcore thieves arrested, stolen property recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police on Friday achieved a major success in intensive drive against thieves by arresting twelve hardcore thieves including one employee of Jal Shakti Department and recovering stolen property worth over three laacs.

The arrested hardcore thieves were involved in several theft cases in Samba district and civilized people were scared of their theft-committing acts at night hours as well as during broad daylight. Police conducted thorough investigation in registered cases of thefts and achieved a major breakthrough. All twelve thieves have been arrested and some more arrests are likely as investigation is underway. Three theft cases have been solved with these arrests. Two vehicles used for committing theft have also been seized by police.

The arrested hardcore thieves have been identified as Umesh Pangotra (who is an employee of Jal Shakti department), son of Chander Mohan, resident of Gobind Puli Vijayppur; Rahul Manjotra alias Lalli, son of Baljeet Kumar, resident of Ward no-6 Vijaypur; Sawan Manjotra, son of Tejinder Manjotra, resident of Ward no-4 Vijaypur; Randeep Singh alias Rinku, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Barian, Samba; Manish Khajuria, son of Mahesh Raj, resident of Bara, Samba; Varinder Sharma alias Bantu, son of Om Parkash resident of Utterbehni; Shail Massi, son of Rafiq Massi, resident of W.No.07 near Shiv Mandir Bishnah Tehsil Bishnah district Jammu; Anooj Negi, son of Kuldeep Singh Negi, resident of Dhivrya Vihar Rajiv Nagar Dehradun at present Teli Basti Bari Brahmana; Irshad Ahmed, son of Mohd Saleem, resident of W.No 8 Teli Basti Bari Brahmana; Mehboob Akhter, son of Shamas Din, resident of Dodla Tehsil Basoli District Kathua at present TeliBasti Bari Brahmana; Alex Matoo, son of Kenny Matoo, resident of Teli Basti Bari Brahmana and Joginder Paul, son of Kenthu Ram Sharma, resident of Ward no-13 Samba.

While seven thieves have been arrested by Incharge Police Post Supwal PSI Deepika Jalotra, two thieves have been arrested by SHO Police Station Bari Brahmana Sunil Sharma and three thieves have been arrested by SHO Police Station Samba Rajeshwar Singh. The investigations are being conducted in highly professional manner by the teams of Investigating Officers.

Man dies in accident

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: A man died in an accident in Hatli area of Kathua district on Friday. According to the information, Kailash Patel, son of Nareksha Patel, resident of Chhattisgarh, who was living in Hatli Morh area these days was hit by a motorcycle in the area in which he got injured. He was taken to the hos-

pital where died in during treatment.

Girl dies of burn injuries

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An 11-year-old girl has died due to burn injuries on Friday.

According to information, Rupali Thakur, daughter of Sudarshan Singh, resident Malhar suffered burn injuries in her house. He was admitted to GMC But she died during treatment.

Bootlegger arrested, 29 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Friday nabbed a bootlegger and recovered 29 bottles of illicit liquor from him.

As per details, a team of Police Post Pounichak led by SDPO Domana Vishal Shoor assisted by SHO PS Domana Inspr Kunal Singh Jamwal and In-Charge Police Post Pounichak PSI Nitish Khajuria during patrolling duty at Borh Drank area raided at the suspected place on a tip off and rounded up a accused namely Tarsem Lal, son of o Kaka Ram, resident of Bazigar Basti Bhadrore. During search 29 bottles of illicit liquor of 18 ml each were recovered from his possession.

Accused was arrested and cognizance has been taken against him at Police Post Pounichak.

3 vehicles involved in illegal mining seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a quest to stern the menace of illegal mining, a multi-pronged strategy was devised by Jammu Police in which police teams of Police Station Nagrota and Police Post Chatha acted stringently on the specific inputs and raided at a location in their respective area and seized 3 vehicles involved in illegal mining.

The seized vehicles include one tractor trolley without Registration No seized by Nagrota Police and 2 vehicles i.e One Tractor Trolley bearing Chassis No GZDDGG728403S3 and one dumper bearing registration number UP 19T 2411 , by Chatha Police.

The recoveries were made by SHO Nagrota Inspr Vishav Pratap Singh and In-Charge Police Post Chatha PSI Harjinder Paul Singh in their respective jurisdiction.

PIL regarding establishment of Genetic Laboratories & ors DB directs to file fresh status report

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Smile Social Youth Club regarding timeline within which the Genetic Counseling Centres, Genetic Clinic, Genetic Laboratories etc need to be established.

When the PIL came-up for hearing a Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Chief Justice N. Kotishwar Singh and Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazni observed that the timeline in the case of Genetic Counseling Centres, Genetic Clinic, Genetic Laboratories etc have not been shown in the status report.

DB directed to file fresh status report, without any fail, in this regard.

Futuristic policies in last few years boosted global recognition for Indian universities: Modi

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserted on Friday that futuristic policies and decisions taken in the last few years in the education sector have boosted global recognition for Indian universities.

Addressing the valedictory ceremony of Delhi University's centenary celebrations, Modi noted that the number of Indian universities that featured in the latest QS global ranking has surged to 45 from 12 in 2014, the year he became prime minister.

He referred to the rise in the numbers of IITs, IIMs, AIIMS and NITs across the country and described them as the building blocks of the new India.

The prime minister spoke about his recent state visit to the US and said the global respect and prestige for India has grown because of the rise in its capability as well as the world's faith in the country's youngsters.

Futuristic policies in the education sector boosted global recognition for Indian universities, Modi said.

Citing agreements signed between the two countries during his visit, he said these will bring new opportunities for youngsters of India in fields ranging from the earth to space, semiconductors and artificial intelligence.

India's youngsters will have access to technologies which used to be out of their reach, PM Modi said, adding that it will boost their skill development.

Companies like Micon and Google will be investing heavily in the country. It is a sign of the India of the future, he said.

Lauding Delhi University's contribution to different aspects of life, the prime minister said it is not merely a university but a movement.

Modi referred to celebrated ancient Indian universities in Nalanda and Taxila and said they were a source of happiness and prosperity and India's science guided the world in that era.

India used to have a big share in global GDP then, the prime minister said and lamented that hundreds of years of slavery destroyed its centres of education. He said when India's intellectual journey stopped, its growth also stalled.

Modi asserted that those with knowledge are happy and strong.

The number of Indian start-ups has crossed a lakh now, he said, compared to a few hundred of them before 2014.

Citing India's growth in the last few years, the prime minister said the figures for patents have surged.

The third decade of the last century gave new momentum to the independence movement, Modi said and expressed confidence that the ongoing third decade of this century will give a fillip to the country's development journey.

Noting that the university's 125th year will coincide with the country's 100th year of Independence, Modi said it should dedicate itself to the goal of having a developed India by 2047.

During the event, PM Modi also laid the foundation stone of the Delhi University Computer Centre, buildings of the Faculty of Technology and of the Academic Block on the North Campus of the university.

The University of Delhi was established on May 1, 1922. Since then, it has grown and expanded immensely and now has 86 departments, 90 colleges, and more than 6 lakh students.

