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among political parties and that the citizens have elected the government after the conclusion of the Lok Sabha elections, the Prime Minister urged all Members of Parliament to come together and fight for the country for the next ? years. He also urged all political parties to rise up above their organizations and commit to the nation by making use of the dignified platform of the Parliament for the next four and a half years. "Go to the battlefields of election in January 2029. Till then, the only priority should be the country, its poor, farmers, women and the youth", he exhort ed. He added that no stone will be left unturned to realize the dreams and resolutions of a Viksit Bharat in 2047.

Prime Minister lamented that due to the negative approach of some political parties, many Parliamentarians could not get any opportunity to put forward their views and the issue pertaining to their constituencies. He appealed to all the parties to give opportunities to all members, especially the first time members, to present their views. Shri Modi reminded the people about the efforts to muzzle the elected government and the Prime Minister's speech in the Parliament 'This has no place in democratic traditions', PM Modi

The Prime Minister reminded the Parliamentarians that the people of the country have given their mandate to serve the county and not the agendas of political parties."This House is not meant for political parties, this House is meant for the country. It is not meant to serve the Parliamentarians but 140 crore citizens of India", he emphasized. Concluding the address, the Prime Minister expressed the belief that al Members of Parliament will contribute towards fruitful discussions. He added that the country requires positive views that take it forward. "Views that oppose are not bad, instead it is negative views that hamper development", he added concluding with confidence that this temple of democracy will be used to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of the com

LG reviews preparations...

unsung heroes and the martyrs.

The Lt Governor directed for organising Swachhta Pakhwada from August 01 to August 14, 2024. He also directed the stakeholder departments to launch a 15-day campaign 'Ek Ped Shaheedo Ke Naam' at prominent public places and memorials.

"This campaign, paying respect to martyrs by planting rees, should become a mass movement, all over J&K UT Every individual, family, eminent personalities from various walks of life must come together to make the campaign a suc-

AAP Govt cheats...

reflecting deceptive figures to mislead the people", said Chugh adding that the AAP government is only concerned about publicity while on the ground all sections of society are disappointed with its performance.

Terror attack on...

resulting in fire exchange, they said.

The troops foiled the attack on the Army post and a cordor and search operation was launched by security forces in the area, resulting in another round of gunfight, they added.

"A major terror attack on and Army picket in a remote village of Rajouri was thwarted. Firing is underway and operation is in progress," an Army spokesperson said.

The attack has triggered fear in the area due to the threat of the presence of the terrorists in the region.

"We are terrorised over this attack, which took place in the area after several years. It was a peaceful area. Firing start ed around 3 am and kept continuing," a local woman said.

Another villager said that it is time to rearm VDGs with modern weapon and communication technology to take on the errorists operating in the hills of Jammu.

Today's terror attack is the 14th incident in Jammu region in which 10 security personnel including two officers, 9 pilgrims lost their lives and 58 others were injured. Five terror ists were neutralised during the period.

LS, RS each...

that the discussion related to different ministries would allow all parties to raise their issues

A government source said a 20-hour time slot for the gen eral discussion on the budget will also provide different pares an opportunity to raise a range of issues to which

Sitharaman will reply. Issues like paper leaks, including in the prestigious NEET can be covered when the debate related to the demand for the grant to the education ministry comes, a source said.

CS assures Industries...

The representatives apprised the Chief Secretary of the ssues and demands including upgradation of infrastruc ture in industrial estates, establishment of expo mart Inland Container Depot (ICD), preference to local MSMEs and industrial units, GST relaxation, regulation of MRP on pesticides, warehouse facilities, establishment of Kisan Ghars in Mandis, policy for revival of sick units besides

Amarnath Yatra crosses...

and a pilgrim from Jharkhand -- in this year's yatra. Both the deceased suffered cardiac arrest along the Baltal route in June.

Meanwhile, over 3,200 devotees enthusiastically left from Jammu on the pilgrimage to Amarnath shrine in South Kashmir Himalayas early this morning amid tight security arrangements, officials said.

The 25th batch with 3,281 pilgrims left in 111 vehicles under CRPF escort from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp at 3 am, they said.

Of these, 1,979 pilgrims opted for the traditional 48km Pahalgam route, while 1,302 chose the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route, they added.

A total of 123,013 pilgrims have embarked on Amarnath Yatra from the Jammu base camp since June 28, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch here.

Over 3.80 lakh pilgrims have already paid obeisance at the naturally-formed ice lingam at the 3,880-metre high eave shrine, compared to more than 450,000 last year.

The 52-day yatra, which commenced on June 29 from Baltal and Pahalgam base camps in Kashmir, will conclude on August 19.

Police issues alert...

propaganda video, including the telephone number and the date and time of receipt of the video," the police

It said police personnel are required to report it to their supervisory officers, and civil officers should equally report it to their supervisory officers via a text

Terrorist outfits and the Pakistan army have waged osychological information warfare against the country by flooding social media with fake videos for propaganda against security forces in J&K, the police said.

Chairperson NCW appreciates Special Cells for Women in J&K, Ladakh

SRINAGAR: Chairperson. National Commission for Women, Rekha Sharma on Monday appreciated the work of Special Cells in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and invited the representatives from each department to share their progress and challenges regarding their work on violence against women.

fifth Chairing $_{
m the}$ Monitoring Committee meeting of Special Cells for Women within Police system, supported by National Commission for Women and implemented by Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai here, the Chairperson emphasized on increasing the outreach of Special Cells on ground to reach maximum survivors of violence

She chaired the meeting of the Committee constituted under "Violence Free Home - A Woman's Right" project - demonstration of 22 pilot Special Cells for Women located in all districts of both the UTs.

Further, the Chairperson had a detailed discussion on proposal of institutionalisation of Special Cells for J&KWomen. with Commissioner Secretary, Welfare Sheetal

The members of the Committee suggested that there is a need for further sensitization of Police and other departments on gender related issues.

During the meeting, work

progress on Special Cells for

Women of both the UTs from 1st January to 30th June 2024 was presented by Singh, Balwant RCI-VAW, Coordinator, TISS to the committee. He also highlighted the measures initiated by the social workers on ground for effective functioning of the Special Cells in J&K and Ladakh. During this period, the Special Cells have reached out to 2192 women survivors of violence to provide psycho-social support. The meeting was attended

by members of the

Committee

Monitoring

including Rajiv Omprakash DIG, Central Kashmir Range; Dr. Trupti Jhaveri Panchal, Member Secretary of Committee; Harvinder Kaur, Mission Director, Mission Shakti. Social Welfare, J&K;Farhan J. Naqash, representative of ADGP-Ladakh; Qazi Qayoom, Joint Director Prosecution; Dr. Shazia Manzoor, HoD,

University of Kashmir: Dr. Vinay Kumar, Department of Social Work, Central University, Jammu; Ananya Singh, Counsellor, (Legal) Suo-Moto Cell, NCW: Mir, Gender Sameena Specialist, Social Welfare, J&K;Saima Shah. Coordinator, Special Cells, Kashmir Division Priksha Coordinator, Division

Sheetal Nanda Commissioner Secretary Social Welfare Department, Tashi Dolma. Director, Social & Tribal Welfare Ladakh; Vishal Manhas, representative of ADGP-Jammu Division: Dr. Yangchan Dolma, Assistant Professor, University College, Leh participated through video conference.

Additionally, DySP-HQs (Nodal Officer of Special Cells at district level), Incharge of Women Police Station/ Cell, DLSA offioscCentre Administrators, Department of Health & Mission Poshan, representatives were part of the meeting in-person and online. They shared their experiences and suggestions to strengthen the coordination on the response to violence

Secretary Health reviews preparedness for dengue control, containment in J&K

SRINAGAR: Secretary, Health and Medical Education, Dr. Syed Abid Rasheed Shah, on Monday chaired a meeting to review the preparedness for dengue control and containment in Jammu and Kashmir. The meeting was attend-

Commissioner,

Jammu Municipal Corporation, Managing Director, JKMSCL, Principals Government Medical College Jammu/Doda/Kathua/Raj ouri/Udhampur, Director Health Services, Jammu, Chief Medical Officers of all districts of Jammu Division. State Surveillance Officer, Jammu/ Kashmir, Medical Superintendents Associated Hospitals of GMCs/District Hospitals, State Nodal Officer, NHM, J&K and Divisional Nodal Officer, NHM. Kashmir while the outstation officers partici-

On the occasion, a power point presentation (PPT) was made by Dr. D.J Raina, State J&K, Malariologist, Jammu, highlighting the strategies being adopted

pated virtually.

control of dengue, epidemiological data, key Octalogue strategies control of dengue besides facilities being provided to the people.

The Secretary emphasised collective efforts of all the stakeholders to tackle this looming threat through better disease management. He also enumerated various actions need to be taken immediately like launching of an aggressive IEC/BCC campaign for awareness of the community on local Radio /Television/ through JMC hoardings and garbage collection Vans. Besides, hiring of Domestic Breeding Checkers/ engaging regular staff for source reduction activities of vectors was also stressed upon. The Urban Local bodies were also directed to initiate source reduction and related activities for control of dengue.

It was informed that Blood Component facility is available in GMC Government Jammu. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, GMC Rajouri, GMC Kathua for the patients requiring platelet transfusion in case of disease. District Hospitals were Dengue Ward to ensure effective management of the cases. It was also instructed that indiscriminate Fogging/Spray will not be carried out and it will be done only as per the protocols of Vector Borne Diseases.

Private Laboratories/Nursing Homes were asked to mandatorily upload the data of dengue cases on Integrated Platform Information (IHIP).

The Secretary asked for stratifying identification of the high risk areas so that requisite strategies are worked out for integrated vector management (IVM). He also directed for ensuring availability of diagnostic kits/ drugs, insecticides and other logistics.

It was informed that 104 Health Helpline of National Health Mission. J&K will be utilised during the dengue breakout for effective surveillance and communication with the

All the districts were directed to conduct intersectorial meetings at the earliest for control and

Eco Survey pegs India GDP growth at 6.5-7 pc

NEW DELHI: The government's pre-Budget Monday set a conservative growth forecast of 6.5 to 7 per cent for the current fiscal as it flagged the need for creating more jobs in the economy and backed more Chinese direct investments to boost exports.

The report, which is authored by the chief economic adviser's office. favoured considering targeting inflation that excludes food, the prices of which are influenced more by supply than demand.

It sounded a bell of caution on the soaring stock markets, saying retail investor participation has increased significantly and there are chances of speculations due to overconfidence and expectations of greater returns.

The Survey, tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament, projected a 6.5 per cent to 7 per cent GDP growth rate in the current fiscal year that started in April. This is lower than the 8.2 ner cent growth seen in the previous 2023-24 (April 2023 to March 2024) fiscal and below RBI's 7.2 per cent estimate for the current fis-

Commenting on the survey Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "The Economic Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of our economy and also showcases the outcomes of the various reforms our Government has brought. It also identifies areas for further growth and progress as we move towards building a Viksit Bharat".

"The Indian economy is on a strong wicket and stable footing, resilience in the face of challenges, geopolitical Chief Economic Adviser V Anantha Nageswaran wrote in the preface to the annual report card on the state of the economy.

He, however, hastened to add that fears of cheaper imports from countries with excess capacity could limit the formation of private cap-

Acknowledging that this vear's forecast was on the conservative side, and lower than market expectations. the Survey cited slower investment growth by the private sector as well as uncertain weather patterns as some of the reasons for caution.

For the medium-term, it

munal and divisive" and

intended to target Muslims

and Scheduled Castes by

forcing them to reveal their

identity, but the BJP main-

tained that the step has been

taken keeping in mind law

and order issues and the reli-

gious sentiments of pilgrims.

"We deem it appropriate to

pass interim order prohibit-

ing the enforcement of the

above directives. In other

words, food sellers may be

required to display kind of

food, but must not be forced

to display names of owners,

staff employed," the bench

said and posted the matter

for further hearing on

saw a potential of 7 per centplus growth rate on a sustained basis if structural reforms are implemented.

The report, which came iust a day before Sitharaman presents the Budget for 2024-25 that is likely to lay out the economic priorities of the Modi 3.0 government and the vision for a developed nation by 2047, identified boosting private investment. strengthening small businesses and agriculture, raising financial resources for climate change adaptation, easing red tape for small businesses, and tacking income inequality as focus

Priorities should also include bridging the gap education employment, it said, calling for expediting implementation of labour reforms to create a more conducive environment for job creation.

"The Indian economy needs to generate an average of nearly 7.85 million jobs annually until 2030 in the non-farm sector to cater to the rising workforce." the report said.

In the preface to the Survey, the CEA said job creation happens mainly in the private sector. "Second,

many (not all) of the issues that influence economic growth, job creation and productivity and the actions to be taken therein are in the domain of state govern-

"So, in other words, India needs a tripartite compact, more than ever before, to deliver on the higher and rising aspirations of Indians and complete the journey to Viksit Bharat by 2047," he He termed Prime Minister

Narendra Modi coming to power for a third time as an unprecedented third popular mandate" that "signals political and policy continuity" and in the same breath stated that "letting go is part of good governance" "The Indian state can free

up its capacity and enhance its capability to focus on areas where it has to by letting go of its grip in areas where it does not have to," he said. "The Licensing, Inspection and Compliance requirements that all levels of the government continue to impose on businesses is an operous burden Relative to history, the burden has lightened. Relative to where it ought to be, it is still a lot heavier.'

The Survey called for

boosting direct investment from China while reducing imports from that country. Amid strained ties since 2020 after border skirmishes, the report said to boost exports, India can either stood at 5.08 per cent but integrate into China's supply chain or promote foreign demand-driven core infla-

"Among these choices, focusing on FDI from China seems more promising for boosting India's exports to the US, similar to how East Asian economies did in the past," it said, adding choosing the FDI strategy "appears more advantageous than relying on trade" as it can arrest the growing trade

direct investment from

China.

deficit India has with China. Following the 2020 clashes in the Galwan Valley, India banned over 200 Chinese mobile apps such as TikTok, and rejected a major investment proposal from EV maker BYD. Visas for Chinese nationals also slowed.

On inflation, the Survey said the short-term inflation outlook is benign. It across all skill levels. favoured the Reserve Bank of India's monetary policy framework, considering to tame inflation excluding food and using it to set

Currently, the central bank is mandated to keep consumer price index-based inflation at 4 per cent with a tolerance band of 2 percentage points on either side. CPI inflation in June

tion, which leaves out food and fuel prices, was around 3 per cent. To keep CPI inflation below 4 per cent has led to the RBI holding interest

rates for eight straight bimonthly meetings. The Survey said hardships caused by higher food prices for poor and low-income consumers can be handled through coupons or direct

benefit transfer (DBT). It also flagged a rise in mental health issues among Indians, saying it drags down productivity and needs to be paid attention

It also said that the advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) casts a "huge pall of uncertainty" with regard to the impact on workers

Nageswaran in the pr to the Survey called for the need for policy re-orientation of farm policies despite existing subsidies and support measures.

SC stays UP Govt's directive to shop owners to display names that the orders were "com-

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the directives by the Uttar Pradesh government directing shop owners to display their nameplates outside shops during the Kanwar Yatra. SC will next hear the matter on July 26.

Issuing notice to the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh, where the Ujjain municipal body has issued a similar directive, a bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti, however, said eateries may be required to display the kind of food they are serving like they are vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

A large number of devotees travel from various places with 'kanwars' carrying holy water from the Ganga to perform 'jalabhishek' of Shivlings during the Hindu calendar month of 'Shravan'. Many believers shun consuming meat during the month they consider holv

The significant order comes amid an escalating row over the directives, with even BJP ally Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) joining the chorus for their withdrawal and opposition parties resolving to raise the issue in Parliament. The opposition has alleged

No one appeared for the state governments in the apex court on Monday.

The top court was hearing a batch of pleas including those by TMC MP Mahua Moitra, academician Apoorvanand Jha columnist Aakar Patel, and Association Protection of Civil Rights challenging the directives.

At the outset, the bench asked senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Moitra, if any formal order has been passed in the matter.

Singhvi said a "camou-

flaged" order has been passed to display names of owners of eateries.

He asserted the orders passed by the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments is "exclusion by identiand against the Constitution.

Senior advocate Chander Uday Singh, appearing for Association for Protection of Civil Rights, submitted that while the state authorities were claiming the order proposed voluntary compliance, it was being enforced by coer-

"It is not based on any statutory backing. No law gives police commissioner power to do this," he assert-

Asking Singhvi to desist from exaggeration, the bench told him, "These orders have dimensions of safety and hygiene also! Singhvi said Kanwar

Yatras have been going on for decades and people of different religious faiths-Islam. Christianity and Buddhismbeen helping Kanwariyas.

He said many vegetarian hotels and restaurants being run by Hindus have Muslim and Dalit employees.

"I have been on the Haridwar route many times.

There are lot of pure vegetarian restaurants run by Hindus. But if they have Muslim or Dalit employees, can I say I will not go there and eat? Because the food is somehow touched by them (Muslim employees)

These directives are issued without any authority of law, they are being clever. If I disclose, I am damned; if I don't I am damned. What is the rational nexus of giving my name?" he said.

Referring to the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, Singhvi submitted the law does not prescribe owners to name their eateries after their names.

During the hearing, the bench asked,"They bench (Kanwariyas) worship Shiva, yes? Do they expect the food to be cooked and served and grown by a certain communi-

Senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that a public notice had been issued by the authorities in Uttar Pradesh. In her plea before the top

court, Moitra has sought a stay on the orders passed by the two state governments saying such directives aggravate discord between commu-

Jugal raises voice for stoppage of trains at Samba Railway Station



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NEW DELHI: Member of Parliament Lok Sabha Jammu, Jugal Kishore Sharma on Monday raised his voice in Lok Sabha Delhi for stoppage of trains Uttar Sampark Kranti, Malwa & Jammu Mail etc at Samba Railway Station.

Member of Parliament informed House that most of trains like Jammu Mail, Jhelum Express, Malwa Express, Hemkund and many more trains passing Samba Railway fromStation were used to take short halt at Samba Raikway Station COVID period.

But after COVID period only stoppage of Hemkund

ABHA CASE OF ANY DOUBT PLEASE REFER TO ORIGINAL BROADCAST Express was restored but the other trains still not stop at Samba Railway Station, he said adding that people have to reach Jammu Railway station or Pathankot Railway Station to catch these trains.

Their haltage is still not restored due to which people of the area.

He urged Minister of Railways to consider the genuine demand of the residents of the area and restart the stoppage of Jammu Mail, Express, Jhelum Express and others at Samba Railways Station so that people should not be bound to take the alternate service by bus or other means.

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