

Kargil war reaffirmed India's constant preparedness to defeat enemy designs: Dr Jitendra

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NEW DELHI: "Kargil war reaffirmed India's constant preparedness to defeat enemy designs" said Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.

Addressing the 'Kargil Vijay Divas' programme at Dr Ambedkar International Centre here today, the Minister said that it sent out a powerful message: whenever the integrity and boundaries of India are challenged, the entire nation rises unitedly to face and defeat its adversaries, regardless of the circumstances. "This conflict highlighted India's capacity to confront surprises and outsmart even the most cunning enemies", he said.

According to Dr. Jitendra the Kargil War also symbolised the highest values of secularism enshrined in the Indian ethos, as soldiers on the front lines transcended considerations of caste, creed, religion, or region to fight with singular commitment to Mother India.

Dr. Jitendra said "One of the key points underscored by the Kargil War is Pakistan's continuous reluctance to accept the status of Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) as part of India since 1947.

Dr Singh said, despite large conven-



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as chief guest, addressing the 'Kargil Vijay Divas' programme at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

tional wars in 1948 and 1965, followed by infiltration bids and a proxy war of "a thousand cuts," Pakistan never reconciled with this reality. The Kargil conflict reinforced the necessity for India to adapt its political and military strategies."

Dr Jitendra pointed out that Post-Kargil, significant shifts occurred in India's approach, particularly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in 2014. Under his leadership, the political dispensation granted the army the autonomy to strike back based on their professional discretion and wisdom.

This change in strategy was evident in the surgical strikes and the response to the Pulwama attack, where Indian forces proactively penetrated enemy territory to dismantle sources of aggression. The defence budget was also substantially increased, with a notable allocation of Rs 6.22 lakh crore in the interim budget, signalling the government's priority on national security.

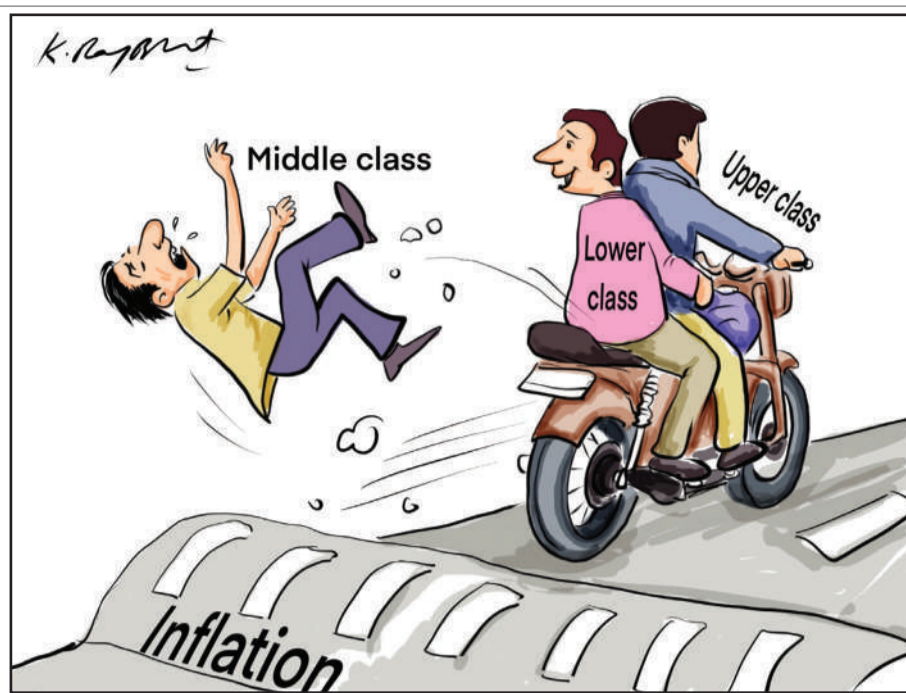
India's defence sector, once a major importer, has now transformed into a significant exporter of defence equipment. The identification of 5,000 defence-related items that will no

longer be imported marks a significant shift towards self-reliance.

However, the Kargil War also taught India the importance of vigilance due to the unstable and inconsistent policies in Islamabad and the lack of coordination between Pakistan's political leadership and its military.

In Kashmir, post the abrogation of Article 370 and the revised defence approach, there has been a visible restoration of peace, reflected in the heavy turnout of tourists. The people of Kashmir have realised the tragic loss of three generations over a flawed dream of freedom propagated by vested interests. Today, the youth of Kashmir are eager to seize the opportunities provided under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, recognizing the importance of moving forward.

As for PoJK, the unanimously adopted resolution of 1994 clearly states that PoJK is an integral part of India. The resolution also states that the only issue outstanding is how to retrieve PoJK back to India. This enduring commitment underscores India's unwavering stance on the region and its determination to uphold its territorial integrity.



Div Com, ADGP review arrangements for Buddha Amarnathji Yatra



Div Com Jammu, Ramesh Kumar chairing a meeting at Jammu on Friday.

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JAMMU: Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar, and Additional Director General of Police, Anand Jain on Friday chaired a meeting and reviewed arrangements for Shri Buddha Amarnathji Yatra 2024.

Director Tourism Jammu, Deputy Commissioners and SSPs of Jammu, Poonch, Rajouri, Reasi, SSP Security, SSP Traffic Jammu, SSP Traffic Rural, Director ULB, Director Health Services, Chief Engineer JPDCL, CE Jal Shakti, representatives of Baba Yatri Niwas, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, and other concerned officers were present. Thorough discussions were held on timely dispatching of the Yatra Convoy from Jammu, cut off timings, halage points, and registration of the Yatri. It was stressed that the Yatri undertake the Yatra as per the guidelines issued by the administration and use only the designated route for the holy Yatra. It was impressed for the convenience of the Yatri that no Yatri without registration should enter Poonch for taking part in the annual holy pilgrimage to Shri Buddha Amarnathji Yatra.

During the meeting, the Divisional Commissioner took stock of the necessary arrangements made for the yatri of Shri Buddha Amarnathji in Jammu, Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi. He reviewed various arrangements, including transport facilities for pilgrims, ade-

quate security measures, provision for lagers, medical facilities, sanitation, water and power supply, traffic management, and lodging, boarding facilities for the pilgrims.

The ADGP issued directives to SSPs to implement comprehensive security measures. He instructed the SSPs for deploying an adequate number of police personnel along the route, fortifying security checkpoints, and maintaining strict vigilance at all times.

Deputy Commissioner Poonch shared details about the identified locations for the stay of pilgrims in the district. The Div Com instructed the DC Poonch to ensure that all necessary facilities like accommodation, food, water; Power; medical, sanitation and other necessary arrangements are in place to provide a safe and comfortable stay for the Yatri. Deputy Commissioner Rajouri was directed to ensure proper arrangements for the Yatra at different halage points in Rajouri. Regarding the further journey of Shri Buda Amarnath pilgrims to the revered Shiv Khori Shrine, the Div Com instructed the Deputy Commissioner Reasi to make all necessary arrangements for this segment of the Yatra. Director Tourism was asked to provide wide publicity to Shri Buddha Amarnathji yatra 2024.

Members from Baba Amarnath and Buddha Amarnathji Yatri Niyas also shared their inputs for the successful conduct of the holy pilgrimage.

Sham, Ashok, Vikram, Brijesh flag off de-addiction rally

Education can only eradicate evils of addiction: Sham Lal

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JAMMU: As part of the Sanskrit month, the Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Trust organized an awareness rally for de-addiction on Friday from SD Memorial High Secondary School, Karwanda, Bhalwal, Jammu to Government High Secondary School, Bhalwal.

The rally aimed to spread the message of staying away from addiction. In observance of Kargil Vijay Divas, plants were also planted and distributed.

The Chief Guest at the event was former minister Sham Lal Sharma, the Guest of Honour was Director of School Education Jammu Ashok Jammu, guest Vikram Sharma from the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, and Special Guest SP Rural Jammu Brijesh Sharma. Other



Chief Guest, Sham Sharma, former minister flagging off rally.

distinguished guests included Regional Director of Social Forestry Ravindra Singh Goria, among others.

On this occasion, Sham Lal Sharma stated that only education can eradicate the evils of addiction. If one must be addicted, let it be to education, as it is a powerful path to progress. He also highlighted the invaluable contribution of Mahant Rohit Shastri in pro-

moting and developing the Sanskrit language in India. Efforts should be made to promote Sanskrit, the foundation of all languages.

Ashok Sharma praised the Trust's initiative to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug use through the de-addiction rally. He further emphasized that efforts should be made to teach children Sanskrit at home, and only

then can we advise others to use this language.

Vikram Sharma stated that addiction is the mother of crime. It is essential for children to receive moral education. By adhering to our values and moral education, we can surely stay away from addiction. Addiction harms not only the individual but also their family and society. Brijesh Sharma mentioned how addiction damages our physical, mental, economic, and family life. Efforts should be made to help those trapped in addiction through strong willpower. He expressed hope that Mahant Rohit Shastri's efforts to promote Sanskrit would inspire others, and Sanskrit would once again become a prevalent language in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mahant Rohit Shastri mentioned that Sanskrit Day is celebrated every year on the full moon day of Shravan, and this year it will be celebrated on 19th August.

The Trust has decided to celebrate Sanskrit month this year

as well, starting with the distribution of five thousand plants on 23rd July. Throughout the month, grand events will be held to promote the divine language, Sanskrit. The Sanskrit month will conclude on 19th August, the full moon day of Shravan. At this event, students from SD Memorial High Secondary School, Karwanda, Bhalwal, Jammu, and Government High Secondary School, Bhalwal, along with former Sarpanch Rajdev Singh, BDC Kuldeep Kumar, Sho Garota Arjun, Rakesh Gandotra, Dilbahadur Singh Janwal, Vijay Gupta, Uttam Chand Sharma, Nigam Gupta, Pramod Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Prof. Sharad Sharma, Naresh Raina, Vijay Seth, Ajay Sharma, Narottam Sharma, Pawan Khajuria, Happy Singh, Sunil Sharma, Rahul Salathia, former Sarpanch Pratap Singh, Bhushan Janwal, Bobby Singh, Pandit Devdutt Shastri, Rajiv Sharma, Saurav Singh, and other Trust members were present.

JKRERA inspects Real Estate Projects, issues notice to defaulter

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JAMMU: A team of officers under the directions of Chairperson, JKRERA, Satish Chandra, and Member, Virender Singh Pathania, on Friday conducted a thorough inspection of various real estate projects in the region to ensure compliance with the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016.

The inspection team, comprising Undersecretary RERA Esha Chib, Tehsildar RERA Megha Gupta, Naib Tehsildar RERA Gias-ul-din and JE RERA Amit Verma, assessed the projects' adherence to the Act and its associated rules.

The real estate projects which were inspected by the team included River Castle apartments, Tawivihar, Sidhra, Tawi Apartments, Mass Housing Building Corporation Limited, Palm Riviera, Sidhra and Royal Nest Sapphire, Kunjwani.

Following a surge in consumer complaints, the authority has also issued a notice to a real estate developer and directed him to register itself under Section 3(2) of the Real Estate Act. To reiterate, all real estate projects with a land area exceeding 500 square meters or proposing to develop more than eight apartments must be registered with JKRERA. It is imperative for promoters to understand that advertising, marketing, booking, selling, or inviting purchases for any plot, apartment, or building within a planning area is strictly prohibited without prior registration with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority.

PGCIL celebrates 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas by felicitating Kargil war Heroes

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JAMMU: 25th Kargil Vijay Divas 2024 was celebrated across the country today to pay tribute to the bravery and valor of the Indian soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the country during the Kargil War in 1999. The day commemorates the victory of Operation Vijay, which was a significant military victory over Pakistan during the Kargil War in 1999.

To commemorate this day of National Importance in Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), organized various functions across its Northern Region-II. At its Leh Substation Executive Director Northern Region-II, Rajesh Kumar along with Senior officers and employees participated in this program. Homage was paid to Indian soldiers' staunch bravery and sacrifices during the intense three-month-long war. Dozjay a security staff recalled how motivated he felt when he was ordered to march towards forward post, despite losing his fellow soldiers he kept on marching and helped army in capturing the post. Another security guard Tashi who was deployed as porter for maintaining essential supplies, played his important role in victory of India. Anil Sharma, Chief General Manager (I/C) Pang-Kaithal Project, Arindam Chakraborty, CGM (Projects) NR-II, Sangeeta Kumar, Patron Shrishti Mahila Samiti, Northern Region-II and Senior officers were present.



GM (HR), Vinod P Baxla felicitating Kargil War Hero.

On this occasion, Rajesh Kumar highlighted the role of Indian Armed forces in making our lives comfortable. He emphasized that Kargil War was one of the difficult wars that India has fought and victory in this war is of great significance for all Indians. Similar Functions were organized in other establishments also including Regional Head Quarters, Jammu where General Manager (HR), Vinod P Baxla, felicitated the Kargil War Heroes rendering their services in the present Security Contract.

Lt Governor inaugurates 2nd edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav' in New Delhi

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday inaugurated the second edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav', organized by Resident Commission Jammu Kashmir at New Delhi.

In his address, the Lt Governor commended the unique initiative of the J&K's Resident Commission office, Delhi and all the associated departments to connect people of the national capital and other parts of the country with UT's ageless cultural and artistic heritage, creative tradition and transformation, taking place in diverse sectors.

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Lt Governor Manoj Sinha lighting ceremonial lamp at inaugural ceremony of second edition of 'J&K Sambhaav Utsav', at New Delhi.

key areas such as tourism, cultural heritage, craftsmanship, entrepreneurship, and the startup ecosystem," the Lt Governor observed.

He said the exchange of ideas and knowledge will also provide a viable roadmap to address the challenges and explore the emerging opportunities in different sectors. The series of sessions on

Jammu Kashmir will also foster a close collaboration between J&K government and industry leaders, youth, media, J&K diaspora, and other key stakeholders, he added.

The Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration to provide opportunity to artisans and entrepreneurs to connect

with global buyers and exporters, through endeavours like Sambhaav Ustav.

At the inaugural ceremony, the Lt Governor highlighted J&K's transformation and historic growth trajectory, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said the fast-paced development in the past few years and the extraordinary accomplishments in various sectors is a testimony to our strong resolve towards the holistic development of the Union Territory.

We are also witnessing the revival of J&K's cultural identity, artistic traditions and the emergence of Jammu Kashmir as a most preferred destination for tourists, film-makers and investors across the globe, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also

shared the efforts of the UT Administration towards the empowerment of the people of J&K, especially the youth, women, farmers, artisans and craftspeople.

The Lt Governor invited the people, industry leaders and all the stakeholders to explore the immense possibilities present in Jammu Kashmir and contribute to J&K's growth journey.

The Lt Governor visited the Exhibition gallery and also felicitated the winners of different competitions organized on diverse themes highlighting the rich cultural heritage and development of J&K.

Sambhaav Utsav, through a series of activities, provides a unique opportunity to the people to experience the vibrant culture, cuisine, and craftsmanship of Jammu Kashmir.

The 5-day long celebration will showcase the distinct tradition of Handicraft & Handloom of J&K famous for intricate designs, marvelous embroidery, magical motifs, subtle shades etc.

The initiative is also providing an integrated platform for artists, authors, craftspeople, Women Self Help Groups, entrepreneurs to present the different facets of J&K to the larger audience.

Dr. Karan Singh, former Union Minister & former Member of Parliament; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr Rashmi Singh, Principal Resident Commissioner; Suresh Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Culture Department and senior officials of J&K Government were present.

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representatives of business and people from all walks of life trade associations, artisans, were also present on the entrepreneurs, artists and occasion.