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said India was making all efforts to maintain peace with its neighbour, but Pakistan showed its true colours

"However, falsehood and terror were brought down to their knees by truth," he idded

"Today, I am speaking from a place where masters of terror can hear my voice directly. I want to tell patrons of terrorism that their nefarious designs will never succeed," he said, adding, "our bravehearts will crush terrorism and enemy will be given a befitting response".

The Prime Minister also said that India will overcome all the challenges in the way of development of Ladakh, and Jammu and Kashmir.

Modi said the abrogation of Article 370, which was done on August 5, 2019, will complete five years next month, and J-K of today is talking about a new future full of dreams. Ladakh was carved as a UT out of the erstwhile state of J-K.

Giving examples of progress in J-K, he mentioned holding G20 meetings in the UT, government's focus on infrastructure development and tourism, opening of cinema halls, and allowing Shia mourning procession in the Islamic month of Muharram after three-and-a-half decades.

"This heaven on earth is swiftly moving in the direction of peace and prosperity," the Modi added.

Underlining the developments taking place in the Ladakh, the PM said through the Shinkun La Tunnel, the union territory will remain connected with the whole country throughout the year in every season.

Modi witnessed the first blast of the Shinkun La Tunnel Project in Ladakh virtually at the event.

Shinkun La Tunnel Project consists of a 4.1 km long Twin-Tube tunnel to be constructed at around 15,800 feet on the Nimu-Padum-Darcha Road to provide allweather connectivity to Leh

"This tunnel will open doors of new possibilities for the development and better future of Ladakh," he said.

Congratulating the people of Ladakh, Modi said the tunnel will further make their lives easier as the numerous hardships faced by them due to the region's extreme weather will be eased.

Underlining the government's efforts to boost ease of living and provide more servces for the people of Ladakh, the PM mentioned an approximate six-time increase in the budget from Rs 1,100 cr to Rs 6,000 cr in the last five years.

Emphasising the importance of upgrading military technologies, he said in the changing global scenarios, defence force need latest weapons and equipment along vith a modern working style and arrangements.

Modi said the defence sector had felt the necessity to upgrade in the past as well, "but unfortunately, this issue was not given much importance"

"However, in the last 10 years, defence reforms have been prioritized, making our forces more capable and self-reliant," he added.

He said today a major stake in defence procurement is being given to the Indian defence industry, adding that 25 per cent has been reserved for the private sector in the defence and research development budget.

"As a result of these efforts, India's defence production has crossed 1.5 lakh crore. Today, India is making its mark as an arms exporter as well, contrary to its past mage of a country that was counted as an arms-importing one," he said.

Modi expressed happiness that armed forces have now decided to stop importing more than 5,000 weapons and military equipment.

Concluding his address, he said the victory in Kargil was not the victory of any rovernment or any party.

"This victory belongs to the country, this victory is the heritage of the country. This s a festival of pride and self-respect of the country," he added.

LG of Ladakh, Brig (retd) B D Sharma, Union Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth, Chief of Defence Staff, Gen Anil Chauhan, and the Chiefs of the three armed forces were present on the occasion.

PM to chair...

will also see detailed deliberations on the role of states in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat @2047," the statement said.

The meeting will also focus on recommendations of the 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries held in December last year.

During the conference, recommendations were made on five key themes--drinking water: access, quantity, and quality; electricity: quality, efficiency, and reliability; health: accessibility, affordability, and quality of care; schooling: access and quality and land and property: accessibility, digitization, registration, and mutation.

Special sessions were also held to deliberate on cyber security, aspirational districts and blocks programme, role of states, and AI in governance which were also discussed during the National Conference of Chief Secretaries.

A vision document is being prepared to help India become a developed economy of USD 30 trillion by 2047, the 100th year of its independence.

In 2023, NITI Aayog was entrusted with the task of consolidating the 10 sectoral thematic visions into a combined vision for Viksit Bharat @2047. The vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress. environmental sustainability, and good governance, among others.

Meanwhile, chief ministers of three Congress-ruled states -- Karnataka's Siddaramaiah, Himachal Pradesh's Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Telangana's Revanth Reddy -- have announced they will not attend the NITI Aayog meeting over alleged bias against their states in the Union Budget.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK leader M K Stalin, Kerala's CM and CPI(M) eader Pinnarayi Vijayan as well as Aam Aadmi Party-led Punjab and Delhi governents have also hove otted the meeting West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who was scheduled to arrive in Delhi on Thursday to attend the meeting, cancelled her plan. It was not clear if she would attend the meeting on Saturday. Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP Sasmit Patra has supported the decision taken by opposition parties, and accused the Centre of denying states their share in the Budget. Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) MP Mahua Maji has said her party will take a decision based on the interests of the state. JMM is a INDIA bloc constituent.

Rs. 42.50 crores. These assets shall enable efficient functioning of the Dental institute with adequate facilities to the faculty and students to bring the Institute at par in ranking with the colleges of national repute.

NTA declares final...

petitions demanding a NEET-UG 2024 retest because of alleged paper leaks and other malpractices

The top court had, however, asked the NTA to revise the merit list in light of a controversial physics question which had two possible answers and the correct option was suggested by a three-member expert panel set up by the SC

It led to a complete reworking of NEET ranks and scores for all 2.3 million students. The scores of at least 4,20,000 students, including 44 of the 61 who achieved perfect 720, decreased by five points with the court invalidating the disputed marks they got for the Physics question.

However, the exact impact on their rankings is not immediately clear.

The exams was held on May 5 and the results were announced on June 4. Doubts about the sanctity of the exam arose when a total of 67 students scored a perfect 720, unprecedented in the NTA's history.

The number of candidates sharing the top rank came down to 61 after the NTA announced the revised results on July 1 after withdrawing grace marks awarded to six candidates to make up for loss of time some centres. On Friday, the NTA declared the "re-revised result"

Along with a decrease in the number of toppers, the qualifying cutoffs and number of qualified candidates have also decreased in the the "re-revised" results of the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG).

Seventeen candidates have retained the perfect 720 marks and were declared the toppers, followed by six who scored 716, and 77 with 715 marks, which forms the cohort of top 100 candidates.

Forty-four out of the 67 candidates who were earlier declared toppers, when the results were originally announced on June 4, had scored full marks because of the marks awarded for that particular physics question.

The percentage of female toppers increased in the revised results from 16 per cent to 23 per cent as there are four candidates in the top 17. The percentage of female among top 100 is 22 per cent.

There are four candidates from Rajasthan, three from Maharashtra, two each from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh who are among the toppers. The other six are from Kerala, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Bihar and West Bengal.

The total number of qualified candidates stands at 13,15,853, down by 415 candidates. There are 15 states/Union Territories which registered an increase in the total number of qualified candidates. These include Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal, among others.

Even though the number of qualifiers decreased marginally, with over 1.65 lakh candidates, UP has the highest numbers, followed by Maharashtra (1.42 lakh) and Rajasthan (1.21 lakh). The other two states with over 85,000 qualifiers are Karnataka (88,887) and Kerala (86,713).

The revision of the results also brought down the qualifying cutoffs - for the unreserved and economically weaker section the new cutoff range is 720-162, down from 164, while for the OBC, SC, ST it is 161-127.

Category-wise the number of qualifiers decreased for unreserved, EWS, and OBC, while it increased for SC and ST.

In a major setback to unsuccessful aspirants of NEET-UG 2024, the Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed the pleas seeking cancellation and re-test of the controversy-ridden exam, holding that there was no evidence on record to conclude that it was "vitiated" on account of "systemic breach" of its sanctity.

The verdict came as a shot in the arm for the embattled NDA government and the National Testing Agency (NTA), which were facing strong criticism and protests, on streets and in Parliament, over alleged large-scale malpractices like question paper leak, fraud and impersonation in the prestigious test held on May 5.

The CBI is probing alleged irregularities in NEET-UG 2024 and has lodged six FIRs. The NEET-UG is conducted by the National Testing Agency for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions.

Arms consignment dropped...

early hours of the day, the officials added.

During the search, a consignment suspected to have been by the drone was discovered and seized by Army and police personnel in the border village of Sehar in the Nowshera sub-division, they said. The items include a pistol, two magazines and 37 bullets. Search operations in the area are ongoing, the officials said.

soldiers did not stop; they fought strategically and once again raised the tricolor on the tough peaks of Kargil", he added.

He recalled that as a representative of the BJP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited the battlefield during the Kargil war to boost the morale of the soldiers. During the wars with China and Pakistan in 1962 and 1971, only the clothes, caps, and identification cards of the martyrs were returned home. Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee decided that martyrs would be honored with full respect and their final rites would be conducted in their villages, with the responsibility resting with the government and the army.

Chugh mentioned that when the UPA government's Defense Minister was asked why roads for soldiers at the border were not being constructed, the answer was that there was no money for such works.

"Earlier, border convoys traveled on single-lane roads, but today our army uses double-lane roads and concrete double-lane bridges to reach the border. Now, the Indian Army can travel from Arunachal Pradesh to Ladakh in a day and a half", he Chugh that during the Congress government's tenure, there was also a shortage of combat aircrafts, helicopters, and bulletproof equipment in the Indian Army but today India not only manufactures indigenous defense equipment but also exports it to other countries. Chugh said that the BJP Youth Front is celebrating Victory Day by lighting 'Vijay Jyoti' in every district. The honor given to our brave soldiers sends a message that a country of 1.4 billion people stands with its valiant soldiers. The function was attended by Neelam Langh, State President SC Front; Rajeshwar Kumar, District President; Puran Chand, District In-Charge; Sham Singh Katoch, Former District President; Ramesh Sharma, Former District President; Rakesh Thakur, DDC Member; Balbir Bali, District General Secretary; Jagdeep Thakur, District General Secretary; Narayan Chand, Mandal President; Jagveer Das, DDC Member; Pawan Khajuria, Sunil Sharma, Ravinder Singh, and others.

tion for adversity, critical thinking, and meaningful contribution to society. He pointed out that it is especially important for the younger generation to understand their duty toward the nation, which includes protecting national property like gar dens and monuments. He reminded everyone that damaging national property results in a loss for everyone.

Justice Tashi Rabstan encouraged everyone to read Article 51A of the Constitution. He was impressed by the state-of-the-art library, Nalanda, which is unique and first of its kind, and the smart classrooms, which are equipped with the latest technology. He urged the students to take advantage of these facilities and congratulated Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and his team for establishing such a state-of-the-art facility in the city of Jammu.

In his welcome address, Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, remarked that IIM Jammu, despite being a new campus, is quickly making its mark. Though considered one of the newer IIMs, it has grown rapidly since its inception by the Ministry of Education. From just 47 students, it has expanded to a community of 1,000 students, and its efforts have been recognized with a ranking of 15th among all IIMs in India in NIRF Rankings, he added.

He emphasized the importance of remembering both rights and duties as citizens of the largest democracy in the world. Often, people tend to forget their responsibilities as citizens, but contributing to nation-building is a duty shared by all. He affirmed that IIM Jammu is committed towards upholding the Constitution, adher ing to the laws and policies of the country, and striving for excellence in all endeav ours. He called for respect for the national flag and awareness of rights and duties as responsible citizens. He encouraged everyone to continue working together for the betterment of the nation and to strive for excellence in every pursuit.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, in his address, briefed the audience about IIM Jammu, its activities, and its mission of making responsible citizens o the country. He spoke about IIM Jammu's academic activities, its fast-paced growth in a short span of time, and the centers of excellence at the institute. He highlight ed IIM Jammu's commitment towards socio-economic development, knowledge dis semination, entrepreneurship, and holistic development, thereby contributing to the growth and development of the U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir and to nation-build ing. He elaborated on the institute's focus on research publications, executive education and consultancy, and outreach programs. He emphasized IIM Jammu's com mitment to quality publications in A class journals. He noted that today, IIM Jammu has 1034 students, reflecting the institute's rapid growth and increasing popularity. He assured that the focus remains on maintaining high-quality educa tion and research, ensuring that IIM Jammu continues to thrive and contribute to the nation's development.

This was followed by an insightful presentation by Mandeep Reen, Advocate (Panel Lawyers), HCLSC, Jammu, who addressed the audience on the duty of every human being to safeguard public property and avoid resorting to violence under any circumstances. She emphasized that when individuals and societies uphold these principles, both the nation and the entire society rise towards excellence.

The visit concluded with an engaging interaction session, where students and fac ulty had the opportunity to interact with Justice Tashi Rabstan, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the judicial system.

Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the dignitaries and participants.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Anuja Akhouri Assistant Professor, IIM Jammu. The event underscores IIM Jammu's commitment towards creating a dynamic and engaging learning environment, bridging the gap between academia and the judiciary, and nurturing future leaders who are wellversed in legal and ethical standards.

Dist-Level Sports Competition promotes 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' initiative

STATE TIMES NEWS

REASI: Department of Youth services & Sports Reasi in collobration with Distric

Social level Sports compe-Singh Reasi under the



Sukhdev Singh Sambyal Addl. District Development theme Beti Bachao Commissioner Reasi along with orgnisers and players. Bati Padao.

On the occasion Sukhdev Singh Sambyal Addl. District Development Commissioner Reasi was the chief guest along with Sachin Sharma District Officer Social Welfare officer was the Guest of Honour.

Tasem Singh District Officer Youth Service and sports Reasi provided a detailed briefing about the scheduled program and the significance of the event total 240 girls from 8 block of district Resi participated in District level sports competition at Reasi.

While speaking on the occasion, ADDC said Beti Bachao Beti Padao is an initiative taken by Govt. of India to balance the sex ratio of female child. Today, as we witness this sports competition, we see a beautiful example of what our daughters can achieve when given the right opportunities. Sports teach discipline, teamwork and resilience-qualities that are essential for personal and professional success.

Rajeev Charak conducts tour in Bazigar

Welfare Office on Friday organised District

tition in the discipline of Kho- Kho, Kabaddi, Volleyball at General Zorawar Stadium

AC amends J&K Industrial...

industrial/service sector units with minimum capital investment (excluding land and working capital) of at least Rs. 4000 crores.

The amendments shall ensure equity and transparency amongst applicants. The amendments in the Jammu & Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30 shall help in realizing large investments and this will be a fillip to employment generation in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

By another decision, the Administrative Council accorded sanction for construction works of Government Medical Colleges in Kathua, Doda, Anantnag and Baramulla

The proposals were revised keeping in view the constraints like distance, location specific designs, development of land etc. The revised approvals shall enable expeditious funding for development of site and logistic services as well as essential components such as road connectivity, water supply, power, construction of protection valls, development of HVAC, accommodation requirements for construction of male/female hostels for residents, interns etc.

The decision shall ensure smooth functioning of the Medical Colleges and provide tertiary healthcare to the public living in peripheral areas of Kathua, Doda, Anantnag and Baramulla districts in the coming days.

The Administrative Council approved proposals for transfer of different categories of land for development of Industrial Estates (IEs) in various districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

A total of 3188 kanals and 8 marlas of land has been transferred to Industries and Commerce Department for the said purpose.

The transferred land parcel includes 114 kanals and 03 marlas of land in district Kupwara, 1000 kanals of land in district Bandipora, 1094 kanals and 16 marlas of land in district Anantnag, 375 kanals and 06 marlas of land in district Pulwama, 240 kanals of land in district Baramulla and 364 kanals and 03 marlas of land in district Budgam. Development of Industrial infrastructures has been a focus area post-2019 and has been considered as main vehicle for accelerating economic activity besides providing employment.

Industries & Commerce Department has come up with various initiatives for setting up industries in the UT of J&K. In order to carry out activities effectively for attracting investment, the main requirement is to make land available to the Industries & Commerce Department. The land transferred thus, shall enable establishing Industrial Estates for overall development of the area and creation of various employment opportunities.

By another decision, the Administrative Council also approved taking up construction of Hostel for PG Boys, Hostel for PG Girls, Bedroom Apartment for married PG Students, Hostel for UG Boys, Hostel for UG Girls, Teaching Staff Quarters, Guest House, Parking, indoor Sports Hall, Non-teaching Staff Quarters, Development of Land, Paver Block, Demolishing and E&M Works at Indira Gandhi Govt. Dental Hospital at Amphala Jammu.

The Council accorded approval for taking up the project at an estimated cost of

'Vijay Jyoti to... Atal Behari Vajpayee, Chugh said the BJP has always stood to protect the national interest, whereas other parties led by the Abdullahs and Muftis have been compromising the national interest in favour of Pakistan.

He said the Yuva Morcha of the BJP would carry the "Vijay Jyoti" to all parts of Jammu and Kashmir to observe the Vijay Diwas and serve a warning to Pakistan against plotting subversive designs on the Indian soil.

Chugh said under the Modi government adequate infrastructure has been built for the Army and the security forces so that they can take on the inimical forces headon. He said the Prime Minister, by visiting Kargil, has served a warning to Pakistan and at the same time assured the jawans on the border that the nation stands firmly with them.

Justice Tashi exhorts...

were present. The visit commenced with a comprehensive tour of the IIM Jammu, inspecting the institute's state-of-art facilities and infrastructure that included a world-class library, e-enabled lecture rooms and well maintained administrative block

Following the campus tour, Justice Tashi Rabstan participated in a sapling plantation ceremony, symbolizing growth and a commitment towards environmental sustainability

On the occasion, the NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) Theme Song was presented/showcased.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, expressed gratitude to IIM Jammu for organizing the program, emphasizing its importance, particularly for the students. He highlighted the significance of the constitution of India, noting that it is one of the best in the world and addresses every aspect concerning Indian citizens. He urged upon the students to spend five minutes reading the preamble, which can easily be found on Google. He read the preamble, pointing out that it starts with "We, the people," and beautifully frames the objectives of political unity and integrity of the nation. He requested everyone to take two minutes to go through it to understand their duties.

Justice Tashi Rabstan also mentioned Article 51A, which details the duties of citizens and was subsequently amended. He emphasized the relevance of the topic, stating that people often forget their duties toward the nation. These duties are shared in equality, and respecting and protecting India, safeguarding its stability, and reading the Constitution are indispensable.

He mentioned that understanding and performing these duties promote apprecia-

Basti, Bahu Fort to address local issues STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Rajeev Charak, Senior leader Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Jammu & Kashmir, undertook a comprehensive tour in Ward Numbers 47 and 48, Bazigar Basti, Bahu Fort.

During his visit, took notice of concerns highlighted by residents and provided directives to the concerned departments for prompt resolution of their issues

Accompanying Rajeev Charak were prominent local figures including Girdhar Lal, Youth Chairman, Vijay Kumar, Youth President of Bazigar Basti, Hans Ra and other community leaders. Their presence underscored the collective commit ment to addressing the community's challenges and ensuring swift action from gov ernmental authorities. Expressing his commitment to the welfare of the residents Rajeev Charak emphasized the importance of responsive governance and assured that all efforts would be made to expedite the resolution of local issues. He acknowledged the contributions of the community leaders and residents in highlighting the pertinent issues affecting their daily lives.

Charak concluded visit with a reaffirmation of BJP's dedication to grassroots engagement and proactive governance in Jammu & Kashmir and reiterated to resolve and continue working closely with the local administration to ensure sustain able development and prosperity for all residents of Bazigar Basti, Bahu Fort.

Sant Shri Balak Yogeshwar pays homage to martyrs at Pouni War Memorial STATE TIMES NEWS

POUNI: On the momentous occasion of the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas a solemn ceremony was organized by the Sant Shri Balak Yogeshwar Dass j



Sant Shri Balak Yogeshwar Dass along with officials of Forest Deptt during the programme at Pouni on Friday.

Maharaj at Pouni War Memorial. Families of martyrs from the Jammu province convened to express their heartfelt gratitude and pay homage to the valiant soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Kargil War.

In a touching gesture, the Reasi Forest Division initiated a plantation drive under the theme "Ek Ped Shaheed Ka Naam," and also distributed 450 no of saplings of various species as a symbolic tribute to the martyrs, cherishing their memory with utmost respect and remembrance

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