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The Lieutenant Governor assured the people that those days are over when the family members of dreaded terrorists used to get jobs and the killers of common Kashmiris were rehabilitated.

"We are identifying those elements and removing them from government jobs. We will rehabilitate the genuine victims of terrorism. There are certain elements who, at the behest of terrorist-country Pakistan, are still working to nourish the terror-ecosystem. Appropriate action as per the law will be taken against them and we will realise the dream of terrorism-free J&K," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that the administration will now reach the doorsteps of all the families who have been waiting for justice for decades and jobs, arrangements for their rehabilitation and livelihood will be ensured. He also assured thorough investigation into the cases of Kashmiri Pandits who were killed by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, J&K UT is scripting a golden chapter of inclusive development, peace and social justice. He has paved the way for efficient, transparent and people-centric governance.

Helplines have been set up in districts to register grievances of terror victims. We are receiving hundreds of complaints from the 90s also. In many cases, FIRs were not registered, lands were encroached and properties demolished. I assure the people that culprits will not be spared," the Lieutenant Governor further said.

The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the families of victims of terrorism and shared their pain and grief.

He recounted the horrific incident of June 9, 1992, when Wali Mohammad Lone's son, Bashir Lone, was shot dead by terrorists while returning home from a nearby mosque in Fatehgarh village, Baramulla. A year later, terrorists kidnapped Wali Mohammad Lone's two other sons, Ghulam Mohiuddin Lone and Abdul Rashid Lone; their bodies were never found.

Raja Begum of Lilam village in Kupwara waited 26 years for justice. In 1999, terrorists brutally murdered her husband, Ghulam Hassan Lone, sons Javid Ahmed and Irshad Ahmed, and daughter Dilshada after they refused to shelter them.

We stand firmly with Raja Begum and all the families of terrorism victims. Efforts are underway by the administration to identify all families who have suffered due to Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor urged the people of Jammu and Kashmir, media fraternity and every citizen of the country to support the administration in restoring the dignity of the real terror victim families and securing justice for them. He also appealed for their stories of suffering and injustice to be shared with the world.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo; DGP, Nalin Prabhat; Principal Secretary Home, Chandrakar Bharti; Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri; Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla, Minga Sherpa; Wajahat Farooq Bhat, Chairman, Save Youth Save Future Foundation and other members of the Foundation, senior officials and family members of victims of terrorism were present.

## HIGHLIGHTS...

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## Radicalisation in prisons...

"Radicalisation in prisons is becoming an increasingly critical challenge in the global context and is often found to be a precursor to several criminal activities.

"It has, therefore, been felt that there is an urgent need to check and counter radicalisation of vulnerable individuals in prison settings and to undertake an exercise for de-radicalisation of such individuals as the same is considered crucial for preserving public order and ensuring internal security," the MHA said.

It is important to address the issue of radicalisation in prisons for reducing the risks of violent extremism, fostering rehabilitation, ensuring national security and supporting the successful reintegration of prisoners into society.

The MHA said in light of the growing concerns about the malady of radicalisation in prisons, it was sharing guidelines with all states/UTs to take note of and apply in their respective jurisdictions for addressing and countering the issue of radicalisation in prisons.

It said the states/UTs need to develop standardised screening tools for the identification of inmates. These tools can help in assessing the behavioural patterns, associations and ideology-based indicators of all prisoners admitted to prison institutions. Individual risk assessments should be periodically conducted both at the time of entry of the prisoner and during his/her period of incarceration at periodic intervals.

For this, prison departments may coordinate with the law enforcement and intelligence agency units in the state/UT for identifying inmates who can pose a risk of radical influence to other inmates.

The MHA guidelines said high-risk inmates who are inclined towards propagating the ideology of radicalisation should be segregated from the general prison population to minimise the risk of indoctrination.

The states/ UTs may consider establishing an independent high security prison complex in their jurisdiction for housing hardened/ radicalised prisoners, terrorists etc. separately with a view to prevent them from influencing other inmates.

These inmates should be kept under enhanced surveillance using monitoring tools and intelligence mechanisms to detect and address potential threats and radical networks within the prison.

The MHA said promoting continued contact between inmates and their family members may contribute to their emotional stability and can act as a moderating influence. The states and UTs may, therefore, pay attention to this fact, it said.

## Ex FS Shringla...

successful lawyer but also been at the forefront of seeking justice in important cases.

"During his entire legal career, he has always worked to strengthen Constitutional values and ensure common citizens are always treated with dignity. It's gladdening that the President of India has nominated him to the Rajya Sabha. My best wishes for his Parliamentary innings," Modi said on X.

Nikam is a renowned lawyer and had served as a government counsel in the Mumbai terror attacks case.

The BJP had fielded him as party candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections from the Mumbai North Central seat.

Lauding Shringla's work as a diplomat, the prime minister said his unique perspectives will greatly enrich Parliamentary proceedings.

"Over the years, he's made key contributions to India's foreign policy and also contributed to our G20 Presidency. Glad that he's been nominated to the Rajya Sabha by President of India. His unique perspectives will greatly enrich Parliamentary proceedings," Modi said.

Shringla had served as India's Ambassador to the United States and Thailand and as high commissioner to Bangladesh.

A 1984 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Shringla had also served as Chief Coordinator for India's G20 Presidency in 2023.

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"It's a matter of immense joy that Dr. Meenakshi Jain Ji has been nominated to the Rajya Sabha by Rashtrapati Ji. She has distinguished herself as a scholar, researcher and historian. Her work in the fields of education, literature, history and political science have enriched academic discourse significantly. Best wishes for her Parliamentary tenure," he said.

Jain, who served as a lecturer at Delhi University's Gargi college, has been honoured with the Padma Shri.

She has authored several books on Indian history, the country's civilisation and indigenous education and languages during British rule.

Modi said Sadanandan Master's life is the epitome of courage and refusal to bow to injustice.

"Violence and intimidation couldn't deter his spirit towards national development. His efforts as a teacher and social worker are also commendable. He is extremely passionate towards youth empowerment. Congratulations to him for being nominated to the Rajya Sabha by Rahstrapati Ji. Best wishes for his role as MP," he said.

Master, a former teacher, was a BJP candidate in the 2016 and 2021 assembly elections in Kannur district in Kerala.

Both of his legs were chopped off in 1994 by his rivals allegedly after he changed his political allegiance.

The President nominates 12 people to the Rajya Sabha, who are people of eminence in various fields. Four seats were vacant.

## CS assesses progress...

establishment of different ropeway projects at various tourist spots of J&K including the one at Shankaracharya Temple.

He also enjoined upon the Finance, Law and Housing & Urban Development Department to put their heads together with the experts of the NHLML for fasttracking the grounding of projects like IMS Katra and Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Samba, Jammu.

Regarding the projects, it was given out by the NHLML that the planned Inter Modal Station at Katra, a crucial project set to serve approximately 2.5 crore pilgrims visiting the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Holy Cave, will feature a robust transport zone including a bus terminal with 88 bays, parking for approximately 500 ECS, three helpiads and a ropeway station. The commercial zone will comprise of commercial spaces across multiple floors and five hotel towers.

The Shankaracharya Temple Ropeway project, with a length of 1.05 km and a bid project cost of Rs. 109 crore, is moving forward utilizing the Mono-Cable Detachable Gondola (MDG) technology. It will have a capacity of 700 PPHPD (Persons Per Hour Per Direction) and a travel time of approximately 5 minutes, connecting two stations with 15 cabins. The construction duration is estimated at two years.

Additionally, NHLML is undertaking Detailed Project Report (DPR) bids for several other ropeway projects across Jammu & Kashmir, including Sonamarg - Thajiwas Glacier, Bhaderwah to Seojhdar, Baltal - Amarnath Cave, Doodpathri from Parihas to Diskhal and Nasri Tunnel to Sanasar Ropeway.

The development of a Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) at Vijaypur also came up for discussion. This project, to be developed on a PPP-DBFOT (Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Transfer) basis, will include facilities such as an ICD (Inland Container Depot) for export/import, Container Freight Station, warehousing, cold storage and truck terminals.

Later, another crucial meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary held to review the progress and modalities for takeover of approach roads constructed by the Indian Railways for Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) Project by the Jammu & Kashmir Public Works Department (PWD).

This move aims to ensure regular maintenance and upkeep of these vital roads links in the twin districts of Reasi and Ramban benefitting the local populations and facilitating connectivity.

These 29 approach roads spanning cumulatively 201.46 Kms were constructed by Railways in the Katra-Banihal section of the USBRL project. These roads were crucial for transporting labor, material and machinery during the project's execution.

During the meeting, it was highlighted that these roads are to be handed over to the J&K PWD for regular maintenance and upkeep. The land acquisition proceedings for these roads are largely complete, with no court cases currently pending, the meeting was informed.

To facilitate a smooth transition a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between the Railways and J&K PWD to formalize these arrangements.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the importance of these roads for local connectivity. He directed both the stake holding departments to expedite the handover process to ensure their sustained upkeep for benefit of the public.

## Brahmos was instrumental...

Singh, who is the Lok Sabha MP from Lucknow, also showered praise on Chandra Bhanu Gupta, who served as the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh four times.

"Chandra Bhanu Gupta ji started as a simple worker in the freedom movement and made a place in the hearts of millions of people through his sacrifice, commitment and leadership. Chandra Bhanu Gupta's life tells us that power does not mean only position or authority, but responsibility, sacrifice and protecting the interests of the public.

"His life also gives us the message that there may be differences in politics, but there should not be animosity," he said.

Singh, who is also a former UP CM, said the postage stamp was not only a tribute to Chandra Bhanu Gupta, but also a tribute to his "high life values."

"It is a message that service, simplicity and honesty have been important in Indian politics and will remain important in the future too," he said.

Singh said Chandra Bhanu Gupta's vision and agenda were never regional, always nationalistic.

"Chandra Bhanu ji was not in power for very long (time). But in the short time he was in power, he gave priority to public welfare works. He was always known for his integrity," he said.

He also said that the former CM did not agree much with the economic policies of Jawaharlal Nehru.

He said that even though Gupta did not agree with the Kamaraj Plan, he resigned from the CM post. "You can imagine how an elected leader had to step down from the post due to the dislike of some people," Singh said.

In 1963, K Kamaraj (former chief minister of Madras) suggested to Nehru that senior Congress leaders should leave ministerial posts to take up organisational work.

The suggestion came to be known as the Kamaraj Plan, which was designed primarily to dispel the notion that Congressmen were attached to power. The plan was approved by the Congress Working Committee and was implemented within two months.

Six chief ministers and six Union ministers resigned under the plan.

Kamaraj was later elected president of the Indian National Congress on October 9, 1963.

## Former terrorist among...

It is gathered that the syndicate procures contraband from local poppy cultivators and facilitates its interstate transport via illicit channels, the NCB alleged.

## Axiom-4 mission...

confident and full of pride)," Shukla said. "It is because of all these reasons, I can say it once again that today's India still looks 'saare jahan se accha'. Jaldi hi dharti pe mulakat karte hai (we will meet on earth soon)," he said. Shukla expressed his gratitude to the people who made the mission possible.

"It has been made incredible by people on the space station. It was a joy to be working with professionals like you," he said, acknowledging both his Indian and international colleagues.

He highlighted the mission's scientific achievements, outreach efforts, and the sense of wonder that comes from viewing the Earth from orbit.

Shukla also expressed gratitude to Isro, Axiom Space, Nasa, and SpaceX for making the mission possible, and acknowledged the students and researchers back home who contributed to the outreach and science programmes. "...I agree with Tibor that these missions have far-reaching implications that go beyond science. And I believe it will do so in our country. I carry with me a lot of memories and learnings. But what stays with me most is what humanity can achieve when we all come together for a common goal," he said.

Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla will undergo a seven-day rehabilitation programme after his splashdown off the California coast.

# Army joins Peer Sakhi Sarwar Mela, celebrating communal harmony

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MENDHAR: In a significant gesture of communal harmony and people's connect, the Indian Army proudly participated in the Peer Sakhi Sarwar Mela held at Sakhi Peer Maidan - a revered shrine and cultural hub in the region. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, civil authorities and security forces, reaffirming the spirit of unity and mutual respect. The Indian Army's presence at the mela not only showcased its commitment to maintaining peace and security in the region but also reflected its deep-rooted connection with the people of Mendhar. Soldiers interacted warmly



with devotees and ensured a safe and peaceful environment throughout the celebrations. The mela, dedicated to Peer Sakhi Sarwar - a symbol of brotherhood and spirituality - served as a platform to foster communal harmony, celebrate cultural heritage, and promote goodwill among diverse communities. Local residents appreciat-

ed the Indian Army's proactive involvement and their efforts to build trust and cooperation at the grass-roots level. The Indian Army remains steadfast in its mission of "Awam aur Fauj - Saath Saath", continuing to support and engage with the people in preserving the rich cultural fabric and ensuring lasting peace in the region.

## DDC lays foundation stone of integrated sanitation and skill development facility at GMC Doda



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DODA: District Development Commissioner (DDC) Doda, Harvinder Singh on Sunday laid the foundation stone of a two-storey integrated facility near

the OPD Block of Government Medical College (GMC) Doda.

The project, undertaken in collaboration with the Ladli Foundation and Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) 2.0, will include

public toilets for men, women and specially-abled persons on the ground floor. The first floor will house a skill development centre aimed at empowering local youth, particularly women.

During the event, the DDC interacted with key stakeholders from the PWD (R&B) Department, Municipal Council Doda and the Health Department. He directed all departments to work in coordination and ensure timely completion of the project, adhering to quality standards.

The DDC also announced that similar facilities are planned at Sub-District Hospitals in Bhaderwah and Gandoh.

## Pritam Saini appointed as J&K President of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Sarv)

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JAMMU: In a significant move aimed at strengthening the voice of farmers in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Pritam Singh Saini has been appointed as the President of the Jammu and Kashmir unit of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Sarv).

The appointment was officially announced by Pandit Rajkishore Sharma, National President of BKU (Sarv), and Satish Bharatraj, National Youth

President. The Union, which stands as a non-political platform for farmers across India, expressed confidence that Shri Pritam Singh Saini will work with full dedication to address the pressing issues faced by the farming community in the region.

Hailing from Lower Muthi, Akalpur Morh, Jammu, Shri Pritam Saini has been entrusted with the responsibility of raising farmer-related concerns, striving for their resolution,

and enhancing the reach and popularity of BKU (Sarv) among the farming population of J&K. He has been urged to remain in constant touch with farmers and lead initiatives that reflect the aspirations and welfare of the agrarian community. Bharatiya Kisan Union (Swaraj) has wished Shri Pritam Saini great success in his new role and expressed hope that he will play a pivotal role in realizing the vision of the Union's leadership.

## Students of Yogic Science and Neurotherapy receive inspirational guidance

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HISAR: The last day of examinations turned into a memorable and inspirational experience for the students of B.Voc and M.Voc (1st and 2nd year) in the Department of Yogic Science and Neurotherapy at Om Sterling Global University.

Following their final paper, students gathered for a group photograph with the Vice Chancellor, Dr. M.P. Kaushik, making the moment a cherished milestone in their academic journey.

Addressing the students on the occasion, Dr. Kaushik emphasized the deeper meaning of education, saying, "Education is not just about knowledge-it's about experience. These moments will stay with you throughout life and will always inspire you to grow and move forward."

The event was graced by prominent figures, including Dr. Saurav Chiraya (Dean, Vocational Studies), Dr. Rakesh Dhiman (Dean, Academic Welfare), Shri Rangopal Parihar (National President, Lajpat Rai Mehra Neurotherapy Research



Training Institute), and senior representatives from Veda Minds Institute, the university's knowledge partner. A special session was also held to inform students about the curriculum, employment opportunities, and scholarship schemes in the fields of Yogic Science and Indian Neurotherapy offered by the university.

Rangopal Parihar highlighted the scientific relevance of Neurotherapy, calling it an ancient Indian system that promotes healing by stimulating the body's internal organs and glands without the use of medicine or surgery. He further explained that graduates of this course have career prospects in schools, col-

leges, hospitals, and wellness centers, and can even pursue self-employment by starting their own clinics-blending social service with professional growth.

The students expressed great enthusiasm and pride. One of them summed it up by saying, "This moment is more than just a photograph. It symbolizes our hard work, learning, and dedication. We are leaving with both knowledge and experience."

The program was a joint initiative of the Department of Yogic Science and Neurotherapy, the Lajpat Rai Mehra Neurotherapy Research and Training Institute (Mohali), and the Ved Minds Institute.

## 10 Amarnath yatris injured after 3 buses collide in Kulgam

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Three buses part of the Amarnath Yatra convoy collided on Sunday on their way back to a base camp in Kulgam district in, injuring at least 10 pilgrims, officials said.

The injured pilgrims were taken to a hospital for treatment, they said.

The convoy was returning after pilgrims had their darshan at the cave shrine. Officials said the condition of all injured was stated to be stable. Three buses were damaged in the road accident.

Other pilgrims from the affected buses were moved to reserve buses and the convoy went ahead with the onward journey, they added.