

TRI organises Webinar, cultural programmes on World Tribal Day

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SRINAGAR: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (World Tribal Day) was observed here on Tuesday. The theme for this Year's World Tribal Day was "The Role of Indigenous Women in the preservation and transmission of traditional knowledge". On the occasion, Tribal Affairs Department and the Tribal Research (TRI) Institute organised a webinar in which Tribal Research Fellows, subject experts and students participated.

The role of indigenous women in preserving tribal culture, developing and promoting uses of natural products, integration of traditional knowledge and practices of

indigenous women was highlighted during the programme. Tribal Research Fellows who participated in the discussion include Tushita Pandey, Abdul Aadil Parry, Sayed Hamid Mehmood, Dr. Annie Jamwal, Abrar Qadir Mir, and Tariq Abrar.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary Tribal Affairs Department also holding the charge of Director Tribal Research Institute J&K informed that every year, 9th August is celebrated as World Tribal Day for the upliftment of tribal society and to preserve their culture.

He stressed upon the need to raise awareness about various Rights available to the indige-

nous communities and as enshrined in the constitution of India. He said that Tribal Research Institute is working as a body of knowledge for preservation of tribal cultural heritage, evidence based planning and appropriate legislation, capacity building, dissemination of information and generation of awareness. Indigenous women are vital to the preservation of ancestral knowledge and also protect the traditional natural resources besides promotion in a sustainable manner, he said.

Further, it was informed that an MOU has been signed for establishment of Tribal chair at IIT Jammu and BGSBU Rajouri and they

have been entrusted with the task to document tribal culture, folk songs, folk tales, folk dances, rituals, customs, traditions, artifacts, indigenous health practices etc.

Around 200 students from various hostels of the Tribal Affairs Department actively participated during the programme. Debate competition, quiz, speeches, talk shows, and other talent-based activities related to the theme were organised. Prizes were also announced for the participating students based on their performance.

Dr. Abdul Khahir Deputy Director TRI, Wardens of various hostels and other officials of the department also participated in the programme.

Massive public participation programme as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav rolled out

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SRINAGAR: With an to inspire the young generation to march towards nation building activities, the District Administration Srinagar has rolled out a massive public participation programme as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of the country. In this regard, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad has asked all the District and sectoral Officers to showcase the achievements and contributions of their respective Departments towards public welfare and nation building to commemorate

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Health, Revenue, Agriculture, Horticulture, Social Welfare, SMC, Employment and other Departments were asked to highlight 75 major achievements, public services and development projects besides identifying 75 beneficiaries under different schemes being carried out for public Welfare during August 10 to August 15, 2022.

The DC said Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated as public festival (Jan Otsov) in the spirit of Public participation (Jan Bhagidari) with an aim to infuse nation building enthusiasm among the masses.

Lumpy skin disease: Over 50,000 animals administered goat pox vaccine in Punjab

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
CHANDIGARH: Over 50,000 animals have been administered doses of the goat pox vaccine to check the spread of lumpy skin disease among cattle in Punjab.

State Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairy Development Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar said over 2.33 lakh doses of goat pox have already been arranged and 1.67 lakh doses distributed in the districts and affected areas.

Punjab has witnessed cases of lumpy skin disease especially among cows.

Bhullar on Tuesday visited Jindanwala, Nabipur and Naushehra Pannuan villages in Tarn Taran district and listened to the problems of livestock farmers, according to an official statement.

"District deputy directors of the department have been instructed to immediately contact the head office for any requirement of vaccine so that the vaccination drive does not face any hindrance," said the minister.

As many as 673 teams of veterinary officers and inspectors have been constituted by the department and they are constantly engaged in vaccination and awareness campaigns, he said.

India's overall performance improved in Commonwealth Games: Anurag Thakur

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
SHIMLA: Union Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Tuesday said the country's overall performance has improved in Commonwealth Games and "we are heading towards a new India."

Thakur said this while interacting with the volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and the National Service Scheme (NSS) at Peterhoff here as a part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan'.

A youth conference and dialogue program was organised by the NYKS, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The Union Minister said that "India is performing well in the Commonwealth Games. We have done well in weight lifting to athletics and our overall performance has improved and India has won 61 medals and we also dominated Kenya in running events."



India is growing stronger and better, he added.

India finished with 61 medals at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, five less than their tally four years ago at Gold Coast.

Thakur, also the Union Information and Broadcasting Minister, interacted openly with the youth and got to know the views one by one from the volunteers of NYKS and the NSS and members of various youth circles.

He also exchanged views of youths on issues like youth exchange program, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat program, Border area program for NYKS

and NSS, women empowerment and awareness, sustainable development, skill development and career counselling.

He said that in the future also it will be his endeavour to organise such youth dialogue programmes across the country so that the views of the youth can reach the government.

Thakur urged the volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and the National Service Scheme to conduct a door-to-door tricolour campaign and called upon the youth to celebrate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

He said India is celebrating 75 years of its independence and the country is in celebration mode. He said all the citizens should come forward and put national flags on their houses from August 13 to 15.

Earlier on his arrival, Union minister Thakur received a warm welcome in Shimla.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
PUNE: Maharashtra deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday said the abrogation of Article 370 was a step towards achieving the dream of 'Akhand Bharat' or pre-Partition India. He also invoked the Jewish tradition of yearning for return to Israel while talking about the observance of Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. The BJP leader was speaking at an event organised to launch the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative here in the presence of Lt Gen (retd) Rajendra Nimbhorkar who played a key role in the 2016 'surgical strike' carried out by the Indian Army to destroy terrorist camps across the Line of Control.

On August 14, the country will observe Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, Fadnavis said, adding, "we all believe in 'Akhand Bharat (undivided India)', but as long as the dream of Akhand Bharat is not achieved, we all feel the pain that on this day my country was partitioned."



The Jews prayed for 2000 years seeking that they should be able to hold prayers in their holy land one day and eventually they got Israel back, he said.

"We do not have to wait for 2000 years. We have to see the dream of Akhand Bharat in this lifetime and it has started with the abrogation of 370," Fadnavis said. The Narendra Modi-led Union government in August 2019 abrogated the provisions under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution which granted a special status to Jammu and Kashmir. "If we can not even call Kashmir our own, what about Akhand Bharat? But Modi ji had the capacity to scrap Article 370," Fadnavis said.

It was his dream that Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir will become part of India and the real Akhand Bharat will come into existence one day, the Maharashtra deputy CM further said.

"But till that time, by observing Partition Horrors Remembrance Day we will keep the pain in our heart alive," he said. Referring to the 2016 surgical strikes, Fadnavis also took a swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for allegedly asking for its proof.

"Sometimes I think what the soldiers like Lt Gen Nimbhorkar must be feeling when the Yuvraj (prince) of the Congress asks for the proof of the surgical strike. What the family members of

these brave-hearts must be feeling," he said. "Some people say, (conducting such operations against) Pakistan is okay, what about China? I would like to ask these people under whose rule thousands of hectares of land were swallowed up by China. Everybody knows the answer. But for the first time, under the leadership of Modi ji, our soldiers stopped China by crossing the border, stopped China in Doklam. This is the prowess of our army," Fadnavis said. The country's leadership realized that if China built roads and infrastructure in border areas, it can attack India from a strategic location, he said.

"We stopped China for months and ultimately they had to go back. This is the capacity of the new India. In Galwan, when our soldiers were killed, our army showed the courage to kill four times more Chinese soldiers," the BJP leader said.

China had to accept India's claims and both sides decided to de-escalate tensions, Fadnavis said.

Lumpy skin disease is caused by a virus of the capripox genus. It spreads rapidly among cows and buffaloes through flies, mosquitoes and ticks.

It causes soft blister-like nodules all over the body, fever, runny nose, watery eyes, salivation, reduced milk yield and difficulty in eating.

We want to create our bench strength: Rohit

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
NEW DELHI: With cricket being played round the year, India captain Rohit Sharma feels having a solid bench strength is paramount, and the team is striving to build one with an eye on the future.

Since their shock group-stage elimination in the last T20 World Cup, India have been experimenting with their squads, with injury and workload management also playing a part in it.

"We play lot of cricket, so there will be injuries and workload management, so we have to rotate players," Rohit said on Star Sports show 'Follow the Blues'.

"But it gives our bench strength to go and play the game, which is why we could try so many other guys who are ready to take that international stage and perform," he added.

"We want to create our bench strength, we want to make sure that India's future is in safe hands. That's the planning that we are trying to have."

Rohit is now gearing up to lead India in the upcoming edition of the T20 showpiece in

Australia, but before that, they have the Asia Cup to deal with.

He said the objective should be to get better as a team every day.

"I don't know what next to expect but for me particularly, it's just about getting better every day as a team," said Rohit.

"No matter if you win or lose the series, that cannot take priority. What should take priority is if we are getting better as a team. "The team's goal is important and then obviously parts in it where the individuals come into play and play the role in the team's success. But whatever the team is trying to do, the individuals need to buy into that thought process and work towards that direction."

While Rohit succeeded Virat Kohli as India's all-format captain, India also had a new coach at the end of last year's T20 World Cup, with Ravi Shastri making way for Rahul Dravid, who was the captain when Rohit made his ODI debut.

Rohit spoke about the conversations they have had since taking over the reins of the Indian cricket team.

India invites UN Security Council members for high-level special meeting of Counter-Terrorism Committee in Oct

■ **AGENCY**
UNITED NATIONS: India has invited all members of the UN Security Council for a high-level special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee in New Delhi and Mumbai in October aimed at highlighting the increase in the use of new technologies by terrorists and exploring the course of action to effectively deal with this threat. India is currently Chair of the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for the year 2022 and will host diplomats of the 15-nation UN body, including the US, China and Russia, in October for a special meeting on counter-terrorism.

The growing use of the Internet and social media platforms to spread terrorist and violent extremist propaganda has posed challenges to Governments and the tech industry alike. The continued increase in the use of new technologies to move and store funds, including virtual assets, online exchanges and wallets, privacy coins (EACs) and potential misuse of dual-use technologies pose the risk that terrorists will seek to abuse these systems for terrorism financing and other terror-linked purposes, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Rudhira Kamboj said. Speaking at the UN Security Council briefing on Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts' Tuesday chaired by permanent-member

and Council President for the month of China, Kamboj said there is a need for intense discussions on this subject. She told the Council that India, as the Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) will be hosting a special CTC session in Mumbai and Delhi on October 28-29, highlighting the nature of this threat, member states' capacity gaps and best practices and exploring the further course of action to effectively deal with this threat. Kamboj said the high-level meeting will be in-person and she invited all Council colleagues to participate in the meeting, saying formal invitations will be issued by the CTC Chair later this month. Earlier speaking at the UNSC meeting, Acting Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate Weixiong Chen said that the forthcoming special meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on the use of emerging technologies for terrorist purposes will be held in October 2022 in New Delhi and Mumbai. Chen said it is my hope that this event will serve as a forum to further enhance and strengthen our multilateral and multi-dimensional counterterrorism efforts. India is halfway through the second year of its two-year term as an elected non-permanent member of the 15-nation UN Security Council. India's tenure at the Council will end in December this year when the country will also preside as

President of the powerful UN organ for the month. Current members of the Security Council are Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway and UAE, along with five permanent members China, France, Russia, UK and the US. Kamboj further underlined the need for political will to defeat terrorism. There can be no justification for terrorist acts, much less glorification of terrorists, a tendency we have unfortunately seen in recent years in some parts of the world, she said, a reference to former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan describing slain Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden as a martyr. There should be no double standards in dealing with terrorists. We should refrain from labelling terrorism based on motivations, which will only allow opportunistic forces to provide justification for certain terror activities based on their convenience, she said.

Kamboj also underlined the need to support capacity-building efforts of the UN Office for Counterterrorism and enhance its autonomy. India has been supporting these efforts by providing financial support and resources for the OCT's programs aimed at countering terror financing and preventing terrorist movement. "We reiterate our call for providing greater financial support and adequate resources to the UNOCT from the regular UN budget, she said.

PM Modi reshaped India's foreign policy, says EAM Jaishankar

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
HYDERABAD: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reshaped the country's foreign policy that has national interest at its core, but in a manner that is harmonised with global good.

Speaking at a discussion on a book titled 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery', at the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) campus here, Jaishankar said that the Prime Minister's language, metaphors, appearance, mannerisms, and habit define a persona that the world has come to recognise.

"There is no gainsaying the fact that Prime Minister Modi looms large on the world stage. Definitely, his policies and initiatives have had their impact. But there is also a personal respect that influences the attitude of others. Peers perceive him as quintessentially Indian, and respond accordingly," a release from EFLU quoted Jaishankar as saying.

"I recall how fascinated

American leaders were about his (Modi's) fasting habits during the 2014 visit or the interest that European leaders showed in his Yoga," Jaishankar said.

Elaborating on the country's foreign policy, Jaishankar said that a large element of this is also the manner in which the Prime Minister carries himself.

He said that for the first time, the country is being led by a President, Vice-President-elect, Prime Minister, and Speaker who are all born in Independent India, while adding that these leaders knew the aspirations of the people of the country.

EFLU Vice Chancellor and Member UGC, Prof. E Suresh Kumar, who presided over the book discussion, termed the publication as inspiring and a great read to understand Modi's contribution to our country.

The book titled 'Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery' is a compilation of articles written by eminent personalities from different fields, the release added.

Terrorist planning attack on I-Day arrested, UP police claim ISIS link

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh Police on Tuesday arrested an alleged terrorist with Islamic State links who was planning a terror attack on Independence Day, an official said here.

The Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) of the police arrested Sabauddin Azmi, a member of the Asaduddin Owaisi-led AIMIM, after questioning him at its Lucknow headquarters, Additional Director General of Police (ADG), Law and Order, Prashant Kumar said in a statement.

The suspect, a resident of the Amilo area of Azamgarh district, also goes by the names Dilawar Khan and Bairam Khan, the statement said.

A case has been registered

against Azmi, who was in direct contact with an ISIS recruiter, under sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the Arms Act, it added.

The ATS has seized materials used in making bombs, an illegal weapon and cartridges from the accused, the statement said.

The UP ATS received information that the accused, after being influenced by ISIS ideology, was spreading jihadi ideas and trying to get others to join the terror outfit, it said. He was brought in for questioning and arrested after evidence of his links with the ISIS were found, the statement said.

It said after connecting with a person identified as Bilal on Facebook, Azmi

started a conversation about the action being taken in Kashmir and Bilal provided him the contact of ISIS member Musa, alias Khattab Kashmiri.

Azmi got in touch with Musa and then with Abu Bakr al-Shami of the ISIS living in Syria, the statement said.

According to the police, Shami got Azmi in touch with Abu Umar, a resident of Murtaniya who started training him on how to make hand grenades, bombs and IEDs and working on a plan to establish an Islamic State in India.

The statement said Azmi was planning an explosion on Independence Day.

Azmi was working on a plan to target members of the RSS, it added.

National Conference slams BJP for making tall claims, false promises

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: Terming the tall promises of the BJP as hoax and big joke with the people, especially the poor, marginalised and the youth, Senior leaders Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President, Former Minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra and Former Minister Ram Paul, on Friday questioned the two Crore Jobs promised during the 2014 elections, saying there has been very little on the ground.

It is not only the jobs; the BJP had shown day dreams about doubling the income of farmers and providing housing to all by 2022 but these turned out as Junlas and nothing beyond that," said Senior leaders while addressing a public meeting at Chinore in Jammu North Assembly Constituency.

They said that the Nation has been aghast to see during the past eight years that in the name of 'Ache Din', the BJP



has always endeavoured to mislead the people, as the scenario is quite different. Farmers are suffering instead of getting double the income to their produce, unemployment is growing like never before, the backbone of the common people is broken due to inflation and sky rocketing rise in the prices of essential commodities. If anything has happened, it to levy taxes even on the essentials like rice and curd, he said while slamming the BJP for befooling the poor housewives by creating hype over free LPG connections to

those of them belonging to below poverty line, notwithstanding the fact they can't afford to fill the cylinders which have crossed almost Rs 1100 per cylinder.

National Conference leaders said the housing for all has turned out as a crude joke of the century with the coverage of the scheme in rural areas, not to speak about urban habitations, being so meager that even the BJP is feeling embarrassed to make a mention of it. They said Ache Din might have come for the BJP cadre but the

people at large find themselves pushed to the wall on all the fronts. They said the people are so disillusioned with the government that they have stopped believing anything the BJP says. Due to fake and false promises besides tall claims, the saffron party has become subject of public ridicule, they added. The Senior National Conference leaders lamented over the BJP failing in showing least sensitivity towards people's pain due to misgovernance, underdevelopment and joblessness. They said the voice of the people is being choked as the ruling party at the Centre is quite touchy about pointing towards the problems being suffered by the people. To divert the public attention from the failures on all the fronts, the BJP is trying to divide the people on communal lines. The atmosphere across the country has been vitiated with the patriotic Indians, due to attempt of

the BJP to divide the common people on communal lines, they added.

National Conference leaders exhorted the cadre to close their ranks and expand the mass outreach programme for meeting the challenges facing Jammu and Kashmir. They said the National Conference has a history of public service and this philosophy will continue to guide the workers and functionaries in getting Jammu and Kashmir out of the mess created by the BJP, they added.

Prominent among those who spoke on the occasion included Raghuvir Singh District President, Subash Chander Bhagat Block President, Ghar Singh Corporator, Haji Bagh Ali, Laxmi Dutta, Vijay Lochan, AG Teli, Ch Razaq, Ch Abdul Aziz (Kaki), Randhir Singh, Baru Ram, Capt Joginder Bhagat, Sham Singh, Balbir Bhagat, Ch Mohd Shabir.

