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Will talk to...

Kashmir, and removed terrorist sympathisers from jobs. He said funeral processions are no longer taken out for terrorists and they are buried where they are killed. The home minister said that the Lakhampur toll tax in Kashmir, where party ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee had been arrested in 1953 and which was "a thorn in the hearts of heroes of BJP workers", has been done away with.

"There was no reservation for Dalits, tribals and people from the backward classes (in Kashmir). The work of getting them reservation was done by the Narendra Modi government. There were cleaning workers who had been living in Kashmir for seven generations, since the Mughal era, but were not getting domicile certificates. Hindus from Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir were not getting domicile. PM Modi ensured that all of them got domicile certificates," Shah said.

Hitting out at parties "that call themselves democratic", Shah said three families had ruled over Kashmir - Muftis, Abdullahs and Gandhis - but did not get panchayat polls conducted. PM Modi got them held in November-December 2018, he said.

The minister claimed that between the last nine years of the UPA rule and the nine years of the Modi government, there has been a 68% decrease in terrorist incidents, 72% fall in deaths of civilian and security forces personnel combined, 82% reduction in civilian deaths and a 56% fall in the deaths of security personnel. Shah added that no one now has the courage to indulge in stone-throwing.

The home minister also spoke about the development of tourism in the state since the abrogation of Article 370, as well as the reopening of theatres.

HM appeals for...

"Through this House, I appeal with folded hands to both the communities that violence is not a solution for any problem, join the talks. Sit down with the Government and find a solution to the problem. Rumours only create an atmosphere of distrust," he said.

The minister said 152 people were killed, 14,898 people arrested and 1,106 FIRs registered since violence erupted on May 3.

Lok Sabha also adopted a resolution read out by Speaker Om Birla appealing for peace in Manipur that was enthusiastically supported by the NDA members in the presence of the opposition.

In his nearly two-hour intervention, Shah ruled out a change of guard in Manipur asserting that the chief minister was cooperating with the Centre in the efforts to restore peace.

He rejected the opposition demand to impose President's Rule in Manipur saying the need would have arisen had the chief minister been non-cooperative.

"We changed the Chief Secretary, Director General of police a day after the violence broke out. We also appointed a security advisor and made him incharge of the unified command mechanism," he said.

On the video of the May 4 incident, in which two women were stripped and paraded naked by a mob, that appeared on July 19, saying the government was not aware of it. He also questioned the intention of leaking the video on social media ahead of the Monsoon session of Parliament.

"Why did it emerge a day before the parliament session? Had the video been given to the DGP on May 4, the culprits would have been arrested on May 5. Nine people were identified, arrested, and are facing trial on the day the video came to light," he said.

Landslide blocks NH...

the country, near Maroog around 3 am.

"The restoration work is going on and is expected to be completed by 2 pm, following which the suspended traffic will be allowed from both sides - Nagrota in Jammu and Qazigund in Kashmir," an official of the department said.

No fresh batch of Amarnath pilgrims was allowed from Jammu in view of the highway closure, the officials said.

"The yatra was suspended for the day from Bhagwati Nagar base camp due to the landslide on the highway," Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar told PTT.

He said restoration work is going on at a war footing to make the highway trafficable. Over 4.25 lakh pilgrims have paid obeisance at the 3,880 metre high cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir Himalayas since the start of the 62-day long yatra on July 1.

MHA orders premature...

of the All India Services (Death-Cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958, the President in consultation with the UT Division, Ministry of Home Affairs hereby requires Basant Kumar Rath, IPS (AGMUT: 2000), a member of the Indian Police Service borne on the AGMUT cadre, to retire in public interest with immediate effect by giving three months' pay and allowances in lieu of notice," read an official order.

LG reviews arrangements...

citizens from all walks of life should come together to participate in a walkathon from 'KICC' to Botanical Garden on 13th August to pay homage to the freedom fighters and all brave soldiers, who have sacrificed their lives for the unity and integrity of the nation. The Lt Governor also discussed preparations to celebrate 'Mera Mati Mera Desh' and 'Har Ghar Tiranga' festival.

BSF Chief visits...

International Border and the Line of Control at the Jammu Frontier headquarters by Boora.

During his visit to Akhnoor, Agrawal was briefed on the ground by sector and battalion commanders.

He was also apprised about border management aspects of BSF battalions deployed in the area and the ongoing civic action programmes, including medical camps, for the benefit of the locals.

Agrawal visited various border outposts and witnessed the operational preparedness of field formations, the spokesperson said.

He also applauded the jawans' professional acumen in relentlessly safeguarding

the borders in stringent conditions.

"He exhorted the troops to carry on their excellent work in effective domination of the border to thwart continuous challenges from across the border," the spokesperson said.

ADGP calls for...

vulnerable locations and inter-district boundaries, the spokesperson said.

Singh also asked for a high level of alertness for peaceful conduct of the Independence Day function and the ongoing Amarnath Yatra. He called for implementing the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' programme and suggested for organizing Tiranga Rallies at important locations in district Headquarters Sub-Division level, Police station level and with the participation of Civil administration involving students of colleges/schools.

Earlier, Senior Superintendent of Police (Jammu) Chandan Kohli and Senior Superintendent of Police (Security, Jammu) Shamsheer Hussain briefed the meeting about the proposed deployment by the district police and the security wing in and around the main Independence Day function venue.

Later, all the officers informed the meeting about the overall security assessment and emerging threats. A detailed discussion was held on each input shared by the intelligence and other security agencies, the spokesperson said.

Maulana Azad Stadium -- the venue of the main Independence Day function in Jammu -- has been virtually sealed off with additional deployment of police and paramilitary personnel.

Security personnel with sniffer dogs and metal detectors conducted a thorough search within and outside the stadium as part of the security drill, officials said.

The officers who attended the meeting included DD IB Jammu, DIG JSK Range, DIG Range CRPF, Jammu, Dy. Commissioner, Jammu, SSP PCR, Jammu, SSP Jammu, DC (Ops) North Zone Special Bureau, Jammu, Commandant BSF Bn, SSP Security, SSP Traffic City, Jammu Commandant IRP 18th Bn, SSP CID CI, Jammu SSP CID, SB Jammu, SSP Railways, SSP APCR, Jammu Rep of 26 Inf. Div, Jammu and other officers.

DC Jammu inaugurates...



DC Jammu, Avny Lavasa during visit to Muthi Maira in Block Bhalwal Brahmana.

waste are in place. Finally, when the village has achieved a condition where it is visually clean with minimal litter and stagnant water apart from the solid and liquid waste management and adequate IEC activities, it is declared as a Model, she added. The Deputy Commissioner also flagged off a rally to spread awareness among the common masses regarding cleanliness in and around the surrounding areas.

Spread love, it...

love of the people that will keep us together".

He regretted that the government could not take the delegates of a G20 meet in Srinagar to Gulmarg and Dachigam.

"You say no terrorism is there in Kashmir but Pakistan is at play...Love is the only way forward," Abdullah said.

Participating in the discussion, Union Minister and Apna Dal (Sonelal) leader Anupriya Patel said the government has taken a series of measures for the development of the country. "Their is no basis for the no-confidence motion...everybody is aware of that," she said, adding the opposition wants to make political gains out of this. IUML MP E T M Basheer said the government should try to mitigate the hardships being faced by the people in Manipur.

Two JeM among...

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosive Act has been registered.

Meanwhile, security forces arrested a terrorist associate linked with proscribed outfit, The Resistance Front (TRF), in Bandipora district, police said on Wednesday.

Police along with the Army and CRPF arrested the terrorist associate at a checkpoint established at Kehnusa Bandipora in north Kashmir, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman identified him as Aatif Amin Mir, a resident of Manzpora Alooosa Bandipora. A hand grenade and other incriminating materials were recovered from Mir's possession. A case has been registered and further investigation initiated, he added.

People pin hopes...

Azad said that after the tourists footfalls in Kashmir, it is Bhaderwah which attracts Bollywood to shoot.

Azad addressed three public meetings, Pramu, khelani, and Bhaderwah which were attended by large number of people and scores of people joined DPAP and decided to carry on the party's pro-people agenda.

During the meetings, he lamented over the successive regimes for ignoring the region and said that whatever he did as chief minister and as Union Health minister only that is reflected on ground.

"The leadership needs a vision and I carry that for my people. And that is why I gave up national politics and returned to my people to serve them," he said.

Azad also addressed a massive gathering at Khilani area where hundreds of people joined. He said the people have rejected conventional politics and are fully aware of their rights.

"Time is gone when the people were exploited for pity issues and favours. Now people want change and all hopes are set on DPAP which encourages talent, hardwork and honesty in its functioning," he said.

Among others who were present in the meetings were G.M Saroori Vice Chairman, Ab Majeed Wani General Secretary, Mohd Aslam Goni Working Committee Member, Retd IGP P.R Manhas Zonal President, Ramesh Parihar Sr DPAP leader, Asif Gattu Distt President DPAP and others.

CJ visits 'Palaash'...

we bear in shaping their destinies.

Interacting with the management of these institutions, the Chief Justice emphasized on the collaborative effort required to create an environment where every child's potential is nurtured and celebrated. He appreciated the efforts of Social Welfare Department in carrying out the mandate of the JJ Act and rules framed there under.

The visit of the Chief Justice epitomized compassion and commitment towards the betterment of children residing in such like institutions. The Chief Justice meticulously observed the amenities and services provided to the children and his keen attention to detail exemplified his dedication to ensuring that these homes offer an environment where children can thrive emotionally, educationally, and socially.

During the visit, to commemorate the 75 years of Indian Independence, the children of both the institutions showcased their remarkable performances with patriotic songs. Their melodious voices echoed with patriotism and pride, as they paid homage to the nation's journey through the decades.

Principal Secretary to Chief Justice, M.K. Sharma; Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Prem Sagar; DSWO, Srinagar, Superintendent of 'Palaash', Superintendent of 'Paresha' and other concerned officers also accompanied the Chief Justice during the visit.

Article 370 not...

submitted that Article 370 ought not to be read or interpreted as an expression of power politics or a bargaining chip. Rather, it should be interpreted as a principled compact between the people of India (acting in their constituent capacity through the Indian Constituent Assembly) and the people of the State of Jammu and Kashmir".

He added that in constitutional arguments, there can be multiple approaches One is a historical argument, second is a textual argument, third is a doctrinal argument, and the last is structural argument - these are all methods of constitutional interpretation and whichever way the court look at it, the end result will be the same.

"The impugned orders - Constitution Orders- 272 (issued on August 5, 2019) and Constitution Order- 273 (issued on August 6, 2019)- in sum and substance do away with the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. That is impermissible, not authorised under the law", Subramaniam said.

The senior counsel referred to Tuesday's observation of the CJI that in any representative democracy, the will of the people is expressed through established institutions under the constitution.

"I am going to urge that the expression Constituent Assembly and the legislative assembly of a state are both institutions recognised under our Constitution", he said, adding the constituent assembly of Jammu and Kashmir have expressly affirmed by a resolution that they don't want Article 370 of the Indian Constitution to be abrogated as they wanted the provision to be a language of communication between the two constitutions of India and Jammu and Kashmir.

"If the Constituent Assembly of J&K, which is the body of people, has taken these proactive steps and we have accepted those proactive steps, can we unilaterally abrogate this arrangement?" he questioned, while saying that this arrangement between J&K and India was a compact of federalism and Article 370 establishes the contours of this relationship in the federal sense.

Justice Khanna told Subramaniam by the Constitution order of 1954, the Indian constitution was adopted with certain omissions and modifications.

He said one may call it a Jammu and Kashmir Constitution but in essence what was adopted was an Indian constitution with certain exceptions and modifications.

"By its very nature, Article 370 is very flexible. Normally constitutions are flexible with time and space because they're made once but they last for a longer period", Justice Khanna told Subramaniam.

The senior counsel said J&K constitution can be repealed only by state legislature and it cannot be abrogated like this.

Subramaniam concluded his argument after which senior advocate Zafar Shah representing Jammu and Kashmir Bar Association commenced his submission and will continue on Thursday.

Intruder nabbed near...

sneaked into this side before being caught by Army in Dabi-Basuni village ahead of the border fence in Balakote sector on Monday.

"Wahid was handed over to police late Tuesday night and he is an Afghan national. His questioning is going on to ascertain the motive behind his intruding into this side," a police official said.

However, nothing incriminating was recovered from his possession, the official said, adding this was for the first time that any Afghan national was arrested along the LoC in Mendhar sub-division of Poonch.

The officials said the Army handed over Wahid to police as per the legal formality after completing his questioning.

A video showed two Army personnel helping the crippled man to alight from the vehicle and walk into the police station.

The officials said some Pakistani currency notes were recovered from him.

Soldier drowns while...

Disaster Response Force (SDRF) later fished out the body of the soldier.

Meanwhile, a 22-year-old youth, Shahbaz Ahmad of north Kashmir's Kupwara district, was feared drowned in a canal in the Domana area on the outskirts of Jammu.

Ahmad, a resident of Magam village of Handwara, was travelling in a truck returning from Uttar Pradesh and decided to take a bath in the canal late Tuesday, the official said, adding rescuers including teams of the SDRF are searching for the missing youth.

Beauty pageant-cum-Fashion Show organised by UFMC, HCES in Katra



Organisers along with winner during the event.

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KATRA: Biggest Fashion Show was organized during International Film Festival J&K 2023, on August 4 and 5, 2023 at the premises of Spiritual Growth Centre Auditorium, Shrine Board, Katra in which models from various states of India including J&K UT participated and exhibited their talent in the field of fashion and modelling.

On the occasion, Dr. Suman Talwar, renowned South Indian actor was present as Chief Guest and Tajinder Singh, President Harman Cultural & Educational Society (HCES) Jammu and Kashmir was Guest of Honour and Gurvinder Kour, General Secretary HCES was present as Special Guest along with M.H Mummigatti, President Universal Film Makers Council (UFMC), Karnataka.

The event started with traditional lighting of lamp by Chief Guest and other dignitaries present on the occasion.

The best performers were felicitated with crowns and trophies by chief guest, who also appreciated the efforts of UFMC and HCES, Jammu organizers of the event for organizing such a great event in Jammu and Kashmir for the first time and said that these types of events should be

Famers made aware on organic farming



SMS Arun Jaral imparting awareness among farmers.

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R S PURA: Department of Agriculture Production and Farmers Welfare Jammu sub Div Rspura conducted farmers awareness camp at village Skinderpur, Zone Channi sub div R S Pura on Organic cluster under Pramparaghat Krishi Vikas Yojna with a motive to promote organic farming in the area specific on the direction of Chief Agriculture Officer Jammu Vinod Kumar Kundal and under the supervision of SDAO R S Pura Ashwani Kumar Sharma.

Arun Jaral SMS Sub Div R S Pura made the farmers aware on organic farming which is the need of the hour. Officer also made aware the farmers regarding online registration and PGS system of certification. AEA's Paramjeet Kour and Suman Kumari also spoke on the occasion. Naib Sarpanch Jagdev Singh, progressive Farmer Suraj Singh Charak besides JAEO Arun Singh and AEA Harbajan Singh were also present during the camp.

Rajesh elected President Rotary Club Rajouri Grand

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RAJOURI: The Rotary Club Rajouri Grand held an impressive installation ceremony of its board today at a simple and impressive program in Rajouri. Rtn Rajesh Sharma took over as new president of the club during the ceremony, where as Rtn Sachin Vaid is the new club secretary.



Rotarians during the installation ceremony.

The newly elected president said this year, the club would focus on basic education, adult literacy, community development, environmental and health hazards, conflict amongst adolescents and maternal and child health-care. Chief Guest on the occasion of installation ceremony was Rtn. Rohit Oberoi District Governor where as Rtn H S Jogi, District Chair

Sanitation was also present. Rtn Rohit Oberoi District Governor congratulated the Club for the commendable activities being undertaken in the recent years. The Installation ceremony witnessed handing over charter by outgoing President Rtn Amardeep Singh 2022-23 to incoming President Rtn Rajesh Sharma 2023-24. Rtn Rohit Oberoi District Governor congratulated and rendered his best wishes to the new President and his Committee members for yet another eventful year. The incoming Secretary Rtn Sachin Vaid announced the action plan of the Club for the Rotary year 2023-24. On the occasion all the members of Rotary Club Rajouri Grand were also felicitated for their outstanding contribution for the development of club and serving the needy. On this occasion Chartered President Rtn Lokesh Bakshi, Rtn Rakesh Gupta, Rtn Nameet Bahri, Rtn Ankur Gupta, Rtn Umesh Sharma, Rtn Komal Bakshi, Rtn Dr Javid Choudhary, Rtn Amit sawhney, Rtn Rohit Gupta, Rtn Raffiq Mir and others were also present.

GDC Neeli Nallah organises cleanliness, plantation drive

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UDHAMPUR: Two day programme on cleanliness and plantation drive convulsed on Wednesday which was organised by NSS unit of the college under the campaign "Meri Maati Mera Desh" and "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav" in order to celebrate 76th year of India's Independence. On 8th of August 2023, the program

started with cleanliness drive by removing bhlang plants and Parthenian grass from the college campus. The previous planted plants were taken care of and digging of pits for fresh plantation was also done. On 9th of August, 2023 about 50 saplings of various plants were planted by the NSS volunteers of the college. Plantation drive was started

by Prof. Hans Raj, Principal of the college by planting a sapling of a medicinal plant. The whole programme was co-ordinated by Prof. Radha Rani, NSS PO. The organizing Committee constituted of Prof. Swati Dutt. Others who participated in the plantation drive were Suram Chand, Rajeshwar Singh Jamwal, Karan Magotra.