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Youth of J&K...

towards a brighter future. People from all walks of life are working with one resolve-to shape the future of J&K and contribute in the journey of 'Viksit Bharat'. All are united in emotion- may our beloved and victorious Tricolor fly high in the world," he said.

The Lt Governor also expressed gratitude to the media fraternity for their support to the UT administration in creating a conducive environment in Jammu & Kashmir. Kuldeep Handoo, a renowned sportsperson, lauded the efforts of the administration, saying the rally has sent out a message of unity among people.

"We will walk together to build this nation, children and adults, security forces and civilians, everyone is participating. This is going to be the big message that we are together, we are with India," Handoo said.

Another participant, Jahanzeb, said the rally was a positive step for Kashmir. "Such events should be held on every Independence Day. We are a part of India and had these steps been taken earlier, we might have been in a better situation today," he said.

Bakshi Stadium to...

and reorganisation of Jammu and Kashmir in 2019, the Lieutenant Governor appointed by the Centre is the chief guest at these functions.

A full dress rehearsal was held at the Bakshi Stadium where Bhiduri took the salute at the march past. Contingents of police, security forces and school children took part in the parade,

After the parade, artists and school kids performed at a cultural programme highlighting the diversity of Jammu and Kashmir.

Security has been beefed up around the venue for the Independence Day function here with security personnel deployed in strength, officials said.

They said the roads around Bakshi stadium were kept off limits for traffic during the course of the dress rehearsal.

Modi changes social...

let us change the DP of our social media accounts and extend support to this unique effort which will deepen the bond between our beloved country and us," Modi said on microblogging site X.

He has also urged people to upload their photos with the tricolour on www.harghartiranga.com. A similar campaign was initiated last year as well.

Chief Justice leads...

by Registrar General, Shahzad Azeem; Principal Secretary, M.K. Sharma; PDJ (Chairman DLISA), Srinagar; Jawad Ahmad and other members of the Registry as well as District Judiciary, Srinagar.

During the rally, the Chief Justice while delivering heartfelt remarks, remembered the valour of those who dreamt of freeing India from the colonial rule. He expressed profound pride in the nation's achievements, highlighting the importance of upholding justice and equality.

The Chief Justice also reaffirmed the judiciary's dedication in safeguarding the rights of every citizen.

This rally boasted a vibrant mosaic of participation from various pillars of the legal community like Judicial officers of district Srinagar, officers and officials of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, officers and officials of JKLSA, officers of Prosecution department, officials and Para Legal Volunteers (PLVs) of DLISA, Srinagar and Budgam, Bar members of High Court, Srinagar and volunteers of NGO White Globe.

Carrying Tiranga, the procession filled with enthusiasm of patriotism and unity,

found its way through the heart of city centre, painting the city with the vibrant hues of the tricolor. The rally stood as a vivid reminder of India's diversity, resilience, and collective aspirations.

The JKLSA, in tandem with the DLISA, Srinagar also extended its gratitude to all the participants, supporters and collaborators who contributed to the resounding success of this historical event.

Security tightened across...

Area domination and checking in the hinterland have also been stepped up as part of the heightened security arrangements, they said.

Police have issued a security advisory in the border district of Rajouri, seeking people's cooperation during checking and also asked them to report to security agencies any suspicious movement or object.

Last week, Additional Director General of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh chaired a joint meeting of various security agencies and called for a high level of alertness and 'offensive operations' to thwart terror threats.

He also stressed for strengthening of the border security grid, anti-drone measures, joint checking points at vulnerable locations and inter-district boundaries.

The officials said the Maulana Azad Stadium, the venue of the main Independence Day function in Jammu city was virtually sealed with additional deployment of police and paramilitary personnel.

Divisional Commissioner of Jammu Ramesh Kumar visited the venue on Saturday to inspect and finalise the arrangements on the eve of full-dress rehearsal, they said. Jammu division has been witnessing massive public participation in a variety of activities organized as part of the nationwide 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign launched towards the end of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Besides 'tiranga' rallies in the 10 districts, the celebrations also witnessed installation of statues of martyrs, creation of Amrit Vatikas and plantation drives.

DPAP will focus...

valley and the rest of UT. My dream is to work for you people and ensure all of you are politically and economically empowered to an extent so that you won't need to beg before anyone," he told his workers.

Azad said that while his meeting with various delegations, he was apprised about number of public issues and he promised to take up these with authorities for their redressal.

The DPAP chairman said that his party is strongly against the coercive measures of land eviction by Jammu and Kashmir government and it was due to the party protests that administration was forced to stop the drive. He that securing land and jobs of local people is the primary agenda of his party, therefore the fight shall continue until guarantee is granted by the Centre.

Among others present in the meetings were G.M.Saroori Vice Chairman, Ab Majeed Wani General Secretary, Mohd Aslam Goni Working Committee Member, Rtd IGP P.R.Manhas Zonal President, Asif Gattu Distt President DPAP, Vishal chopra Farooq Shikari Provincial Gen Secretaries , Pritam Kotwal and others.

Memories of martyrs...

campaign. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, the UT Administration is determined to honour the memories of great personalities, martyrs and great souls who have dedicated their life for building a peaceful and prosperous future of J&K UT, the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor also congratulated the students, the people and district administration for breaking the record of human chain formed in Srinagar under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. More than 15,000 people participated in today's event.

Junaid Azim Mattu, Mayor SMC, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, Senior officers of Civil and Police Administration, freedom fighters, their families, PRI members and Students in large numbers were present.

Smart fences set...

forward areas in the Akhnoor and Poonch sectors.

The smart fences are part of the advancements in technology that the army has integrated into its operations along the LoC, he said.

He said the state-of-the-art sensors and CCTV cameras are very difficult to bypass as these pick up even the slightest movement and immediately send alerts to the control centre.

The army has adopted technological advancements and innovative strategies in its relentless pursuit to secure the nation's borders, the official said and added that they also showcase the adaptability and innovation that define the modern Indian soldier. The technologies and equipment being used to secure the LoC were also showcased.

"The intersection of traditional (methods) and innovation paints a comprehensive picture of the modern Indian soldier's multi-faceted role," Lt Col Bartwal said.

He said by putting their lives on the line to protect the nation's borders, soldiers exemplify the values of honour, duty and sacrifice that form the bedrock of their service.

"It is evident that beyond the uniform, each individual embodied a deep sense of duty and pride in safeguarding their homeland," Lt Col Bartwal said, adding that "this commitment to constant improvement is a testament to the army's dedication to maintaining peak operational readiness".

The soldiers also showcased their rigorous training routines.

The army public relations officer said a soldier's day unfolds in the midst of unforgiving terrains and unpredictable weather conditions.

"Yet, their morale remains unshaken, and their resolve to defend the nation stands stronger than ever. Each step they take embodies a resilience that surpasses the physical hurdles they encounter, embodying the true spirit of a soldier's duty," he said.

In the face of adversity, the Lt Col said soldiers stationed along the LoC stand as "sentinels of strength, reminding us that it is their fortitude that fortifies our borders and preserves the nation's integrity".

DRI's Goa unit...

intelligence that a few gangs in Srinagar are involved in the illegal wildlife trade and, were searching for prospective buyers for leopard skins, a PIB release stated.

Posing as buyers, officers of the Mumbai zonal unit (Goa regional unit) reached Srinagar, and after several rounds of negotiations, the sellers brought the first skin of a leopard to a pre-designated place near Dalgate, it stated.

Officers on surveillance intercepted a person who was carrying a leopard skin near the designated place, and based on his information, another accomplice was also intercepted at a public place in Srinagar, the release said.

After securing the first catch, the rounds of intense negotiations were continued with another gang of sellers.

After overnight negotiations, the sellers finally agreed to bring three leopard skins to a pre-designated location and three people were intercepted, it said.

Two teams of officers three more people involved in the transaction from a public place nearby, the release said.

In all, eight persons involved in this illegal trading of wildlife, among them a police constable, were intercepted and four skins of leopard were recovered in the operation, it stated.

"Initial investigation suggest that the leopards were poached from Ladakh, Doda and Uri," the release said.

The four leopard skins were seized under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the accused were handed over to the Department of Wild Life Protection, Jammu and Kashmir, it said.

LG attends DIPR's 'Jashn-e-Azadi', a musical tribute to freedom fighters & martyrs

There is no greater love than love for motherland: LG Sinha



LG Manoj Sinha felicitating an artist during Jashn-e-Azadi programme at Zabarwan Park, Srinagar.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended Jashn-e-Azadi, a musical tribute to freedom fighters and martyrs, organized by the Department of Information and Public Relations at Zabarwan Park, Srinagar.

In his address, the Lt Governor shared the remarkable transformational journey of Jammu Kashmir and paid homage to the Freedom Fighters, bravehearts of J&K Police

and Security Forces.

He said the events like 'Jashn-e-Azadi' reflects the paradigm shift in development and achievements that were essentially considered unimaginable before August 2019.

"There is no greater love than the love for the motherland. The overwhelming participation of citizens of J&K in Tiranga Yatra, Har Ghar Tiranga, Meri Maati Mera Desh and other events reflects people's pure love, commitment and dedication

to nation building," the Lt Governor said.

He said, under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, J&K has witnessed unprecedented progress in diverse sectors, which is inclusive and equitable.

"Peace, social harmony, unity and brotherhood have fueled rising aspirations in the society and gave the people enviable strength and self-confidence," he said.

At the event, the Lt Governor reiterated the commitment of the UT Administration towards the welfare and empowerment of all sections of the society.

"Our dedication towards welfare of underprivileged, policy reforms aimed at upliftment of youth, farmers, women and expansion of welfare coverage has ensured widespread access to better facilities, ease of living and growth of areas that were under-developed," the Lt

Governor said.

"Our present and future is full of potential and prosperity", the Lt Governor said. He called upon the people of J&K for new resolve to realize the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Renowned Artists from J&K evoked the spirit of patriotic fervor through their captivating performances. A laser show display depicted the unprecedented development of J&K across the sectors. Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Prerna Puri, Secretary, Information Department; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Minga Sherpa, Director, Information Department, senior officials of UT and Police Administration, prominent citizens, artistes and youth in large numbers were present.



Jammu Mayor Rajinder Sharma inaugurating the camp on Sunday.

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JAMMU: With the blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudhiksha Maharaj Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation (Social Wing of Sant Nirankari Mission) organized a blood donation camp at branch Pounichak (Zone 1- Jammu). Devotees of all age group participated in large number.

The camp was inaugurated by Mayor Jammu Rajinder Kumar Sharma. While speaking on the occasion he said that Sant Nirankari

Mission done a tremendous work by organising regular blood donation camps. Sant Nirankari Mission created an atmosphere of love, peace, oneness which is useful in maintaining harmony among peoples and they also lead the society to live life happily. He congratulated all the donors who donated blood for the benefit of humanity and to spread the message of universal brotherhood and lauded the efforts of Sant Nirankari Mission for their selfless services to the socie-

ty.

Ajit Singh, Zonal Incharge Jammu said that first Blood Donation Camp was organized in 1986 and since then for last 37 years Blood Donation Camps are being organized by the Mission to spread the message of Baba Hardev Singh 'blood should flow in veins not in drains'. Till now Sant Nirankari Mission has donated more than 1275000 units of Blood. He said that in a year nearly 500 blood donation camps organized in India and he also highlighted the other socio-economic-spiritual activities of the mission. Rattan Lal, Mukhi branch Pounichak presented the vote of thanks.

Other Dignitaries presented on the occasion were Dr Mohsin, Dr Anu Radha from Blood Bank GMC Jammu, Gian Chand Khetriya Sanchalak Jammu, Kewal Krishan Sanchalak Pounichak and several senior citizens and social workers of the society.

The camp was held in collaboration with blood & transfusion dept. of Govt. Medical College Jammu & JKSAKS.

Sumit led MAJK team summits Kang Yatse peak



Climbers celebrate after summiting Kang Yatse peak (20500ft) in Ladakh.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Four climbers of Mountaineering Association of J&K (MAJK) led by Sumit Khajuria successfully summited Kang Yatse peak (20500ft) in Ladakh on August 11.

The other summiteers were Manik Slathia, Shashi Kant and Shilpa Charak. The fifth member of the team Sonam Sidharth could not attempt the peak because of ill health.

Earlier, the team was flagged off from Jammu for Leh on August one by Anil Goswami, former Home Secretary of India. After only two days of light acclimatization at Leh the team headed to the mountain for proper acclimatization through height gaining treks.

"On the first day the team trekked from Skiu, the end of the road, to Markha valley for about 20 kilometers and

made it the first halting point in the expedition," disclosed senior vice president of the MAJK, Raj Khajuria.

The next day's 15 kilometers trek took them to Hunkar, situated at an altitude of about 4000 meters. The progress of the team was good and the next day the team reached Nimaling (5000mtr) gaining a height of 1000 meters in a 13 kilometers trekking through rough terrain, he added.

At Nimaling, the team halted for two days and had final height gaining exercise. As the base camp (5200 mtrs) from Nimaling was only four kilometers the team reached there early in the next morning on August 10. Since the long route to the 6250 meters summit was very challenging and climbs over the base camp steeply on soft snow and

loose rocks it was decided to go for the peak in the night.

The team along with two sherpa guides, fully equipped with mountaineering gear and head lamps started for the peak at 9 pm on August 10. The team was in good spirits and weather was perfect. It was after a grueling climb for about nine hours that the team unfurled the National Flag on the peak early in the morning at 5.44 AM, the next day.

After enjoying the scenery around for about half an hour on the peak the team returned to the base camp for a well deserved rest.

The next day the team adopted a very short 17 kilometers but a very steep slope via Kangmarula pass to reach Chokdo in the evening where from they boarded a taxi and reached Leh.

Youva Rajput Sabha initiates agitation drive: Save Dogra, Save Identity

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU : The Yuva Rajput Sabha (YRS) is gearing up for a new agitation drive under the rallying cry of "Save Dogra, Save Identity," reaffirming its commitment to the betterment of Jammu & Kashmir, particularly on matters concerning the state's affairs and the rights of Dogras. The YRS has been an unwavering voice, consistently advocating for the preservation of the cultural and historical identity of the region. Led by President Vikram Singh Vicky, YRS members held a significant meeting with Major General Goverdhan Singh Jamwal, the last General of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji's State Forces and a former Military Secretary to the Government of India. The meeting took place at Major General Jamwal's residence near the Green Belt in Gandhi Nagar, Jammu. The discussions centered around Dogra Density, the state's current scenario, and the need to safeguard Dogra identity. In this vital conversation, Vikram Singh Vicky raised crucial questions, engaging all the attending members.

Vikram underscored the importance of our heritage, statehood, and the Dogra Certificate matter, seeking insights from Major General Jamwal, who possesses comprehensive knowledge about the Dogra Density due to his service in State Forces and Central Government Departments. Major General Jamwal emphasized the critical significance of statehood for the development of J&K and the preservation of Dogra Heritage. During the conversation, Spokesperson and Media Coordinator Vishal Singh delved into the statements made by the Central Government regarding statehood, the Dogra Certificate, and job policies for Jammu's youth. Major General Jamwal stressed the importance of the Central Government following through on their statements, emphasizing the need for these actions to benefit J&K's overall development. YRS meeting included Bhanu Pratap, General Secretary; Bhupinder Singh, State Secretary; and Rakesh Singh, Personal Assistant to Major General Jamwal.

Various events under 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign mark patriotic spectacle at Panchtarni



Thakur Sher Singh, Camp Director Panchtarni and others during the event.

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

PANJ'TARNI: A vibrant and heartwarming series of events unfolded at the Panchtarni Base Camp as part of the nationwide Meri Maati Mera Desh campaign. The atmosphere, situated at an impressive altitude of over 12,000 feet, resonated with patriotic fervor and encapsulated the spirit of unity.

The highlight of the day was the magnificent Tiranga Rally, on foot and horseback, upto the Holy Cave of Amarnath, that ignited patriotic sentiments amongst the participants. It was flagged off by Thakur Sher Singh, Camp Director Panchtarni, as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative of the Union Government, and was

received by Pankaj Kumar Anand, JKAS, Manik Singh Rathore, JKAS, and others deputated at the Holy Cave.

In the evening, a touching moment of remembrance took place with the lighting of diyas, where each diya symbolized the gratitude and respect for the bravehearts who have selflessly served and sacrificed for our nation. The collective efforts and participation of civil and security agencies, Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra pilgrims and stakeholders was instrumental in fostering this heartwarming journey of gratitude and remembrance, an endeavor to honor our valiant heroes and celebrate the extraordinary journey of India.

The events at Panchtarni under 'Meri Maati Mera

Desh' campaign, which serves as the concluding event of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav,' started with the unfurling of the Tricolour at Panchtarni by Thakur Sher Singh in the presence of Officials from civil and security agencies, including Munish Anand SP, Ashwani Hansa, Rahul Sharma, Kuldeep Kumar, Daleep Kumar, Additional Camp Directors, Representatives of Army, BSF, ITBP and all other departments stationed at base camp. They were joined by the stakeholders,

Langer Association, Tent Association, Sanitation Workers, Dandi Association, Pony Walas, Pithoo Walas, and Representatives of Heli Operators.