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agriculture; and Tumakuru, a growing industrial and educational center. This enhanced connectivity will benefit students, professionals, farmers, and traders by providing faster access to Bengaluru's vast opportunities, while promoting economic growth and cultural exchanges across the region, the Railways said in a release.

After the inauguration, a special inaugural train (Train No. 06575) will run from KSR Bengaluru to Belagavi, departing at 11:15 AM and reaching Belagavi at 8:00 PM the same day, with stops at Yesvantpur, Tumakuru, Davangere, SMM Haveri, SSS Hubballi, and Dharwad, it said.

India fastest growing...

off 3 Vande Bharat Express trains and inaugurating the Metro Rail Yellow line, the prime minister in his address outlined growth across sectors and said such achievements strengthened the resolve of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

"We are moving fast to become one of the top three economies of the world. How we got this speed? We got it through the spirit of reform, perform and transform," he said adding the speed was achieved through clear intention and honest efforts.

On infrastructure growth, the Prime Minister said in 2014, metro rail services were confined to just five cities. Today, metro rail networks span over 1,000 kilometers across 24 cities, making India the third-largest metro network globally.

Since independence, till 2014, only 20,000 km rail network had been electrified. During 11 years alone, from 2014 to 2025, it has increased to 40,000 km. Similarly, from 74 airports in 2014, the nation today has more than 160 and likewise, the national waterways has gone up to 30 from only 3.

India has also taken a big leap in the education and health sectors.

"Till 2014, there were 7 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and 387 medical colleges. It has now gone up to 22 AIIMS and 704 medical colleges, that are serving the people." In the past 11 years, more than a lakh new seats have been added to the medical colleges across the country. The IITs increased from 16 to 23, IIITs from 9 to 25 and IIMs from 13 to 21. Today, there are more opportunities available for students in the higher education sector.

As the nation progresses rapidly, the lives of the poor and marginalised are transforming at the same pace.

"Before 2014 the total export was USD 468 billion but today it is USD 824 billion. We used to import mobile phones but now we are the top five exporters of mobile handsets. Our electronic export before 2014 was USD 6 billion which has gone up to USD 38 billion dollars," Modi said.

India's automobile export before 2014 was USD 16 billion dollar and now it is more than double, making India the fourth major automobile exporter globally.

"These achievements give strength to our concept of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India). We will march together, and build a developed India."

Further, the PM said the next big priority should be becoming self-reliant in technology. Indian tech companies have made a mark globally, developing software and products for the entire world.

Batting for focused efforts to lead in emerging fields, he stressed the need to strengthen Bengaluru and Karnataka's presence in 'Make in India' and the manufacturing sector. He urged that India's products must adhere to the 'Zero Defect, Zero Effect' standard, meaning they should be flawless in quality and have no negative impact on the environment. He expressed confidence that Karnataka's talent will lead the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The journey towards 'Viksit Bharat' would move ahead alongside Digital India. By way of initiatives like the India AI Mission, India is advancing towards global AI leadership.

"India is moving to assume the role of global leadership in the domain of Artificial Intelligence. Semiconductor mission is also gaining pace. India will soon get Made in India chip," he said.

As regards space missions, he said India has become an example of "low-cost hi-tech space missions", which means that India is moving ahead in areas of futuristic technologies.

The speciality of such advancement is empowerment of poor and digitisation has reached every village. Through UPI, India accounts for over 50 per cent of the world's real-time transactions, he underlined.

Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Union Ministers Manohar Lal, H D Kumaraswamy, Ashwini Vaishnav, V Somanna, Shobha Karandlaje were present.

J&K's transport infra...

the same day. In return direction, the 26405 Amritsar- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express Train will depart from Amritsar at 4:25 p.m. to reach Katra at 10 pm. The Train will run six -days a week except Tuesday.

India world's most...

liking the rapid development of India and are unable to digest it.

"They think that we are everyone's boss and how is India moving forward so fast? Many people are trying to do something, so that when things made by the hands of Indians in India go to countries of the world, they become more expensive than the things made in those countries, and they become so expensive that the people of the world do not buy them," he said.

In 2014, India was at the 11th position in terms of the economy. Today, India is counted among the top four countries of the world (in terms of economy), Singh said.

"If any country has a rapidly growing economy, it is our India," he added. "It means that the country is moving forward and its people are also moving ahead, because if the countrymen do not move forward, India cannot move forward," he said.

Singh said that earlier, things related to defence production were made in the world, by foreigners, and India used to buy from them.

"But today, many of these things are not only being made on the Indian soil, not only by the hands of Indians, and we are not only fulfilling our needs but we are also exporting to other countries of the world. Countries of the world are buying our goods," he said.

Singh said when Narendra Modi became the prime minister in 2014, only Rs 600 crore worth of Indian defence products were exported to other countries.

"But now, we are exporting defence products of more than Rs 24,000 crore to countries of the world. This is the power of India. This is the new defence sector of the new India," he pointed out.

Singh also mentioned about the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, in which 26 persons were killed in April, and said India gave a befitting reply to Pakistan, referring to the Indian military's Operation Sindoor.

"People were killed (by terrorists) after being asked to identify their religion. We cannot kill people after asking their religion. We do not believe in murder. We do not even kill ants. We have resolved that we will kill people (terrorists) not by looking at their religion, but by looking at their deeds," he said.

Singh said that India's clear stand is that "we will not spare anyone who investigates us." Referring to the rail coach unit, the minister said it is a big gift for the Raisen and Vidisha region in MP and will provide employment to 5,000 persons.

Madhya Pradesh is moving ahead rapidly in terms of industries as the state has recently received an investment proposal of more than Rs 30 lakh crore, he noted.

"If the leadership is excellent, development happens rapidly. I think that after a few years, people will start calling Madhya Pradesh a modern state," Singh said.

When this unit is ready, the surrounding area will also develop rapidly, he added. Earlier, Singh performed the bhoomi puja of the BEML's rail coach unit to be built at a cost of Rs 1,800 crore at Umaria village in Raisen district.

The project has been named BRAHMA (BEML Rail Hub for Manufacturing) and its initial production capacity will be 125 to 200 coaches per year, which is targeted to be increased to 1,100 coaches per year in five years, as per officials.

MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and other dignitaries attended the bhoomi puja programme organised at the Dussehra Ground in Obedullaganj near Umaria.

A video message of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav was broadcast during the programme.

Pakistan given befitting...

of people participated in the drive. "Pakistan was given a stern response through Operation Sindoor... those who snatched the sindoor of our sisters have also been eliminated in Operation Mahadev," Shinde said.

He said more than 1,000 people participated in the blood donation camp. "This is the first time that people in such large numbers have donated blood for the armed forces. The Shiv Sena will be ready to donate blood whenever the army needs it," he said.

Earlier, some women tied rakhis on Shinde's wrist upon his arrival in the city.

Search ops launched...

cordon around the suspected location of the terrorists was further strengthened to neutralize them, the officials said.

The exchange of firing between the two sides happened two more times during the day but there was no report of any casualty, they said.

The officials said security forces had launched the operation in the forest area after getting specific information about the presence of Riyaz Ahmad and Mudassar Hazari, two local terrorists who are active in the district over the past eight years.

The two terrorists had earlier escaped an encounter with security forces in Hadal Gal forest in Cherji on July 20.

Earlier in the day, Army's White Knight Corps in an X post said the alert troops, while carrying out an intelligence-based operation, have established contact with terrorists in the early hours on Sunday and exchanged gunfire.

The Army said the operation is under progress.

'Downing of Pakistani special mission aircraft during Op Sindoor significant'

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Air Chief Marshal A P Singh's assertion that Indian Air Force downed a large Pakistani aircraft from a distance of around 300 km, reflected its unprecedented air superiority that dealt a "huge" psychological blow to the adversary.

This is what military officials said while breaking down nuances of the Air Chief Marshal's address in Bengaluru on Saturday where he said India shot down five Pakistani fighter jets and a large special mission aircraft during Operation Sindoor.

The IAF chief described the downing of either an ELINT (Electronic Intelligence) or AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning and Control) aircraft as the "largest-ever recorded surface-to-air kill" that we can talk about.

"It is significant as there is no publicly available information of a surface-to-air missile bringing down such an asset at a distance of 300 kms or beyond," said a senior military official on condition of anonymity.

The strike dealt a massive psychological, strategic and tactical blow that will be difficult for Pakistan to overcome, explained another official.

It was an AEW&C aircraft, then the blow was much more significant as every air force globally has a limited number of such aircraft. An AEW&C aircraft provides airspace surveillance and early detection of airborne threats and plays a very important role in an air combat scenario. Pakistan is reported to have six to eight AEW&C aircraft.

"The kill showed we can reach every corner of Pakistan," he added while elaborating how induction of Russian S-400 air defence missile systems helped India enhance its air dominance.

This was not the case during the 2019 Balakot strikes as Pakistani jets came very close to the frontier and mounted a spirited offensive when they came for retaliation.

People had questioned India's air dominance capabilities, said a third officer. Pakistan had briefly captured Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman after he downed an enemy jet during aerial combat over six years back.

Now, it is a different scenario. The S-400 missile systems backed by superior air dominance jets have brought in a different dimension to India's air power capabilities.

Russia has delivered three squadrons of the air defence missile system under a USD 5.43 billion deal inked in 2018. The remaining two squadrons of the S-400 missile system are likely to be delivered within the next one year.

The S-400 missile system is a state-of-the-art air defence platform capable of engaging multiple aerial threats at long ranges of up to 450 kms.

It is learnt that India is now looking at the option of procuring additional regiments of S-400 missiles to further expand its tactical depth.

However, there is another view in the defence circle that India should focus on its ambitious Project Kusha being planned by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Under the programme, India plans to develop a long-range, indigenous air defence system similar to that of the S-400 system.

Following the Balakot strikes, people even questioned the efficacy of IAF's attack but this time, the force produced documented proof, said the second official.

The officials also pointed out how India managed to hit multiple Pakistani installa-

Police crackdown on drugs spurs shift to medical opioids as ISI fuels menace

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: As security forces continue their fight against terrorism, the Srinagar police has launched a crackdown against drug abuse and trafficking that has led to the arrest of 97 people and the filing of 73 cases in the last three months.

Officials cite intelligence reports indicating that Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), having failed in recruiting local youth for terrorism, is now actively promoting drug abuse to destabilise Kashmir's younger generation.

With intensified police crackdowns making heroin more difficult to obtain, addicted youth in Srinagar are increasingly turning to medical opioids as a substitute.

Dr. Mohammad Muzaffar Khan, who heads a local drug de-addiction centre, confirms this shift, saying the demand for narcotic analgesics has surged.

"Heroin has become difficult to procure because of strict police enforcement," Khan said, adding, "When cravings become too strong, they switch to medicinal tablets."

He said these tablets are often procured through illegal channels, bypassing medical shops, and are some-

times ordered from outside Jammu and Kashmir via couriers from cities like Delhi or Amritsar.

While a strip costs Rs 150, black market prices can soar to Rs 800 for a single dose.

Khan also pointed out a shift from locally grown cannabis and charas to heroin in addiction over the last seven to eight years.

Srinagar police initiated the aggressive campaign amid a steep surge in the consumption of psychotropic drugs, particularly heroin, among the youth.

Between April and July, it arrested 97 people, registered 73 cases, and seized brown sugar (3.57 kg), heroin (1.73 kg), charas (203.43 kg), fuki (11.95 kg), besides psychotropic tablets, capsules, cannabis and bung.

Police are targeting the financial networks behind drug trafficking and have frozen 29 bank accounts, besides attaching assets, including six vehicles and nine residential houses, linked to smugglers.

Police have also detained 21 people under the PITTNDPS Act and destroyed three drug hotspots.

In court, police have filed charge sheets in 67 of the 73 cases, secured rejections of seven bail applications, and challenged seven bail orders and three acquittal orders.

Police initiated two depart-

mental inquiries against investigating officers as well as prosecution witnesses for allegedly failing in their duties.

Khan said opioid misuse affects people of all ages and highlighted that patients -- some as young as 20 -- often consume 10-15 tablets at once to mimic heroin's effects.

"This problem affects people of all ages, including those in their thirties. It's a serious issue," he said.

Khan credited the Jammu and Kashmir Police for disrupting the heroin supply chain, which he said has created a new challenge with medical opioids, but showed the success of their initial anti-narcotics campaign.

The human toll of this crisis is harsh, as firsthand accounts from recovering addicts show the devastating effect on their lives.

A recovering addict said severe withdrawal symptoms after four years of drug use pushed him to seek help, while another, who graduated from cigarettes to heroin in 2016, lost his business and livelihood. Both now urge young people to "steer clear of drugs at all costs."

The ongoing campaign is viewed as an important step not just to fight crime but also to protect the future generation of the region, the Srinagar police said.

Sanskrit nameplate installed at MLA Mohan Lal's residence



STATE TIMES NEWS

AKHNOOR: Mahant Rohit Shastri, President of Shri Kailash Jyotish avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, Raipur (Thather), Jammu & Kashmir, and recipient of the State Award, installed and unveiled a nameplate written in Sanskrit at the residence of MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat Ji of the Akhnoor Assembly Constituency with his own sacred hands.

This event was not just a simple act of putting up a nameplate, but a motivational initiative to revive Devavani Sanskrit and encourage its use in daily life.

Mahant Rohit Shastri Ji has been actively working for years to preserve, promote, and propagate the Sanskrit language.

On this occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri said, "Sanskrit is the soul of our culture. If we restore it in our lives, we

will also keep future generations connected to their roots."

MLA Mohan Lal Bhagat expressed pride in this initiative, stating that having a nameplate in Sanskrit not only enhances the dignity of the house but also gives visitors a sense of Indian tradition, culture, and pride. He further said that this step will serve as a source of inspiration for the revival of Sanskrit in society.

tions while jamming its communication systems.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan in response to the Pahalgam terror attack.

The strikes triggered four

days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions on May 10.

New Delhi has been maintaining that India's fierce counter-attack that day forced Pakistan to plead for ending the hostilities.

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Air India Express	1:35 PM - 2:45 PM
IndiGo	1:55 PM - 2:35 PM
IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
Srinagar to Jammu	
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Air India Express	12:10 PM - 1:05 PM
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Arrival	: 05:55 at New Delhi
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Arrival	: 06:55 at New Delhi
<b>Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service)</b>	
Departure	: 8:10 AM from Katra
Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
Intermediate Stop	: Banihal at 9:58 AM
Fare:	
Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
Booking: Available on IRCTC	
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MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI	
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