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J&K has potential..

Madan Mohan Malaviya, the Lt Governor said that the achievements of IIT BHU Alumni both in India and overseas are testimony to values imparted in IIT BHU and the strong foundation for modern education laid by Mahamana.

I am confident these deep and abiding ties with alma mater will continue to grow, he added.

While discussing developments in digital economy, and innovative tech startups with innovators, entrepreneurs, the Lt Governor observed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji on August 15, 2021 had clearly established the importance of startups and young innovators by terming the coming decade as India's Techade and that the Indian Techade will be built by young Indian innovators.

India is now the new land of opportunity, achievement, knowledge, and human capital. We are emerging stronger from the pandemic and we are now the world's fifth largest economy, which is one of the biggest stories of the decade. I urge you to make in India and contribute in strengthening the research and innovation ecosystem, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said the world has recognized the transformation in Indian economy and potential of Indian market in terms of achieving global scale in quality and output. He said various core sectors with best incentives, connectivity, energy and transport linkages are offering a conducive investment and growth climate and India is on the path to become the innovation capital of the world.

The Lt Governor also recalled the significant contribution of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in the country's first industrial policy.

Mahamana had recommended mechanization in agriculture, abolition of tax on agricultural production, promotion of railways and commerce in the industrial policy, setting up of shipbuilding, manufacturing units and initiated the opening of commerce and industries departments in all the states to promote the industrial development, said the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor further highlighted the transformation taking place in Jammu Kashmir and the unprecedented progress recorded across all sectors.

In the last two years, we have built a business-friendly climate for investors and J&K has emerged as one of the favourite destinations to set up industries and other business ventures. The aspirations of the youth of Jammu and Kashmir have been synchronized with the aspirations of the country today and the golden period of industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir has been ushered in through the new industrial development policy of the Prime Minister, observed the Lt Governor.

Members of IIT BHU Global Alumni Association, entrepreneurs, innovators were present on the occasion.

Terror listings at..

blacklist Pakistan-based terrorists under the 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions regime of the Council.

Last week, China put a hold on a proposal moved at the United Nations by the US and co-supported by India to designate Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Sajid Mir, wanted for his involvement in the 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks, as a global terrorist.

Last month, China put a hold on a proposal by the US and India at the United Nations to blacklist Abdul Rauf Azhar, the brother of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JEM) chief Masood Azhar and a senior leader of the Pakistan-based terror organisation. Abdul Rauf Azhar, born in 1974 in Pakistan, was sanctioned by the US in December 2010.

In June this year, China had put a hold, at the last moment, on a joint proposal by India and the US to list Pakistan-based terrorist Abdul Rehman Makki under the 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the UN Security Council.

We hope that reason would prevail and people, first of all, would not arbitrarily or politically block, Jaishankar said, underlining that the message is that this is not inter-state politics which we are talking about.

We are trying to get across our message that terrorism is not political. It should not be used as a political tool, its consequences should not be made political.

If you go into the UN and say does everybody consider terrorism a common threat, everybody will say yes. So we are saying well, if that's what your position is, then why don't your policies and your actions follow up on it, he said.

Jaishankar, in his UNGA address on Saturday, said that no rhetoric, however sanctimonious can ever cover up blood stains and nations who defend proclaimed terrorists in the United Nations advance neither their own interests nor their reputation, a clear reference to China and Pakistan.

Having borne the brunt of cross border terrorism for decades, India firmly advocates a zero-tolerance approach. In our view, there is no justification for any act of terrorism, regardless of motivation. And no rhetoric, however sanctimonious can ever cover up blood stains, Jaishankar said in the UN General Debate.

The United Nations responds to terrorism by sanctioning its perpetrators. Those who politicise the UNSC 1267 Sanctions regime, sometimes even to the extent of defending proclaimed terrorists, do so at their own peril. Believe me, they advance neither their own interests nor indeed their reputation, he said.

With the Chinese Foreign Minister listening, Jaishankar had said during a ministerial meeting in the Security Council on Ukraine this week that the fight against impunity is critical to the larger pursuit of securing peace and justice. The Security Council must send an unambiguous and unequivocal message on this count. He had said politics should never ever provide cover to evade accountability. Nor indeed to facilitate impunity. Regrettably, we have seen this of late in this very Chamber, when it comes to sanctioning some of the world's most dreaded terrorists.

If egregious attacks committed in broad daylight are left unpunished, this Council must reflect on the signals we are sending on impunity. There must be



BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh and other leaders listening to PM's Mann Ki Baat programme.

consistency if we are to ensure credibility, he said.

J&K moving ahead..

Sabka Vikas" and not only the vikas of Abdullah, Muffits. Modi govt has ensured development of J&K constantly despite Covid and other difficulties. Today, J&K Airport are flooded with private airlines. Tourist places like Pahalgam, religious yatraas like Vaishno Mata, Amarnath are flooded with visitors. Now 'Pani & Jawani' of J&K are being utilized for the development of region" said Chugh.

Chugh further said that earlier governments have routed J&K youth towards terrorism and handed over stones to them, whereas the Modi government has given them the powers to use those stones for construction of their careers.

Our motto is to progress J&K in completion with other states, he added.

Ravinder Raina, in his address said that people from Rajouri, Poonch, Mendhar, Surakote, Matargote, Rajouri, Thanamandi, Darhal, Budhal, Nowshera, Sunderbani, Kalakote, Dhangri, Doongi and other border areas will be able to listen to Amit Shah at Bus Stand Ground, Rajouri.

Raina told that in Baramulla of North Kashmir, people from Baramullah District, Kupwara District and Bandipora District including areas of Gurez, Bandipora, Karnah, Kandhal, Kithwal, Trigam, Uri, Rafiaband, Handwara, Langate will participate in mega rallies of Home Minister Amit Shah.

"The residents of border areas were raising demand for the rallies of Amit Shah and he affirmatively responded to our request for both the rallies" said Raina.

Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accompanied by Ravinder Raina, President J&K BJP, Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy Chief Minister J&K, Er Ghulam Ali Khatana, MP (Rajya Sabha), Yudhvir Sethi, Vice-President J&K BJP, Dr. Devinder Kumar Manyal, General Secretary J&K BJP and Bharat Bhushan, DDC Chairperson was addressing at the press conference.

Meanwhile, J&K BJP activists listened "Mann Ki Baat", popular AIR programme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at booth level across the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Also, on the birth anniversary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Bharatiya Janata Party leaders paid rich tributes to one of its founding fathers across the Jammu & Kashmir in booth level programmes in all the Assembly Constituencies and districts.

BJP National General Secretary & Prabhari J&K Tarun Chugh and J&K BJP President Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP General Secretary (Org.) Ashok Koul along with other senior leaders led both the programmes across J&K.

Tarun Chugh laid emphasis on the topics raised by the PM during his address in Mann Ki Baat.

He said that Modi is the only popular leader who remains in constant touch with the common masses and takes up the common issues and common persons who are taking up important issues into his address to make the issues as masses movements.

He also enlightened the BJP activists with the thinking and philosophy of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay. Explaining the Pt. ji's concept of "Ekam Manavaad (Integral Humanism)", he said that the Pt. ji had worked on the economic and social model to develop modern India. The path developed by Upadhyay ji gives us strength and shows us light.

Ravinder asked all the party activists to listen to the Mann Ki Baat regularly within the local activists and prominent people. He said that Pt. ji wrote his ideas in various leading magazines to aware the world of his vision. Mentioning Pt. ji's beliefs, he said, "Pt. ji always considered Sanskritik Rashtravaad above all policies believing in the Vasudev Kutumbhakam. He believed that our culture believes in welfare of all.

Ashok Koul asked the party activists to discuss the issues raised by the PM in Mann Ki Baat with the local populace and make all aware of those issues. He also spoke on the on the ideas of Upadhyay ji, the basic ideology of Ekam Manavaad and Antodaya and said that all the policies led by Modi ji are targeted to help the most neglected persons living in the remotest section of the society.

Tarun Chugh, Ravinder Raina, J&K BJP Vice-President Sham Lal Sharma, MP Er. Ghulam Ali Khatana along with others listened to the Mann Ki Baat at booth 19 (Purkhoo) in BJP District Jammu Rural.

Ashok Koul and former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta along with others listened to the Mann Ki Baat in Sainik Colony area of Jammu.

J&K BJP General Secretary along with District President, other party leaders and local residents listened to Mann Ki Baat at Keiri sector zero point (Dungi) on LOC.

J&K BJP General Secretary Dr. Devinder Manyal listened to the Mann Ki Baat at Dag Booth in Ramgarh of Samba.

BJP NEM & Headquarter Incharge Priya Sethi listened to the Mann Ki Baat in booth no. 37 in District Jammu.

Court not obliged..

The two-judge bench, in its order dated February 26, 2020, while adjudicating a case related to forgery has noticed that in 2003 verdict in Pritish versus State of Maharashtra and Others' and in 2005 verdict in case of Iqbal Singh Marwah versus Meenakshi Marwah' by the constitution bench, it was said that the court was not obliged to make preliminary inquiry and an opportunity be given to the accused for being heard.

It had also noted that another three-judge bench in 2010 case of Sharad Pawar versus Jagmohan Dalmiya and Others', while noting the submissions of the counsels had observed that it was "necessary to conduct" a preliminary inquiry as contemplated under Section 340 CrPC and also to afford an opportunity of being heard to the defendants, which was admittedly not done.

The two-judge bench, in its reference order, said this view taken in the 2010 case (Sharad Pawar case) was contrary to the view in Pritish's case and Iqbal Singh Marwah case.

"On having considered the matter, it is our view that the constitution bench's view would naturally prevail that makes the legal position quite abundantly clear. Not only that, if we may notice, what is reported in Sharad Pawar's case is only an order and not a judgment, the bench said in its September 15 order.

It added, "An order is in the given factual scenario. The judgment lays down the principles of law. The scenario is that any order or judgment passed by this court becomes a reportable exercise to create more volumes of reported cases! This thus has a possibility at times of causing some confusion on the legal principles prevalent.

The bench said to put the aspect in the right perspective and in sequence, it may note that the first judgment of the three-judge bench was Pritish's case which noticed that the purpose of a preliminary inquiry under Section 340(1), CrPC was not to find whether a person is guilty or not, but only to decide whether it was expedient in the interest of justice to inquire into the offence.

"It was thus observed that the court is not obliged to make a preliminary inquiry on a complaint, but if the court decides to do so, it should make a final set of the facts which is expedient in the interest of justice that offence should be further probed into, the bench said.

It added that interestingly, both the judgments in Pritish's case and the constitution bench judgment in Iqbal Singh Marwah's case have not been noted in the order passed in Sharad Pawar's case.

"The answer thus to the first question raised would be in the negative, the bench said. It added, "We have little doubt that there is no question of opportunity of hearing in a scenario of this nature and we say nothing else, but that a law as enunciated by the constitution bench in Iqbal Singh Marwah's case is in line with what was observed in Pritish's case.

It said that insofar as the second question is concerned, the scope and ambit of such a preliminary inquiry, also stands resolved in terms of the constitution bench judgment of this Court in the Iqbal Singh Marwah's case.

"The reference is answered accordingly, the bench said. The two-judge bench of the top court had passed the 2020 order on a plea challenging the High Court verdict granting relief to a man while dealing with an aspect of forgery in a civil case on a reasoning that the FIR which was registered against the accused did not comply with the mandatory requirements of Section 340 read with Section 195 of the CrPC. The High Court had said that the FIR had been filed without any inquiry and without giving any opportunity to the accused to be heard.

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Child Development, by temporarily upgrading a vacant post of Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser in the Ministry.

Two-day regional..

also graced by Justice Pankaj Mithal, Chief Justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Justice Sindhu Sharma, Judge High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and Chairperson J&K Judicial Academy, Justice Rajesh Oswal, Justice Javed Iqbal Wani, Justice Mohd. Akram Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharti, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazmi, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal, Justice Rajesh Sekhri, Judges of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Judges of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, Utrakhand and Judicial Officers of the six High Courts and Sanjeev Gupta, Registrar General and other officers of the Registry of High Court of J&K and Ladakh were also present on the occasion. Director, J&K Judicial Academy, Shahzad Azeem conducted the proceedings of the Valedictory session of the programme.

In his valedictory address, Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey described the hosting of the conference as an opportune time when judiciary is making sincere efforts to meet the omnipresent challenges to its working with the assistance of technology. He also expressed hope that the conference will enable the stakeholders to achieve constitutional goals and the overall development of the nation. He expressed gratitude to all concerned for the smooth and successful conduct of the conference.

In his valedictory address, Justice A.P. Sahi remarked that we are final only when we are correct and not otherwise. He stressed upon the necessity to infuse the spirit of liberty and the ethos of Article 21 in our day to day working and highlighted the importance of embracing technology in our court working.

The valedictory session concluded with the National Anthem.

Pertinently, Justice A.S. Oka, Judge Supreme Court of India today inaugurated the two-day Regional Conference on Saturday.

The Regional Conference was organized by National Judicial Academy, Bhopal and hosted by the High court of J&K and Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Academy.

Vaishno Devi shrine..

control rooms and installed 120 CCTV cameras along the track and the Bhawan (sanctum sanctorum) to ensure the Yatra is regulated in a better way..The RFID card system, which is mandatory for all pilgrims, will help in better crowd management and real time tracking of pilgrims, Chief Executive Officer, SMVDSB, Anshul Garg said.

He said the shrine and adjoining areas have been decorated with flowers and lights for the festival.

Welcome gates have also been installed and this time the shrine board is introducing selfie points enroute the cave shrine for the pilgrims, he said.

Garg said physically challenged devotees will be provided horses and battery car service free of cost to make it easy for them to offer prayers at the shrine.

This is another new initiative of the shrine board and we have set up help desks for the convenience of persons with special needs. They will also be given priority for darshan' at the Bhawan, he said.

Katra, 42 km from winter capital Jammu, which serves as the base camp for the shrine, will witness a series of religious, cultural, sports and folk events till the culmination of the festival on October 4.

A total of 14 different activities will be organized in Katra from September 26 to October 4, Garg added.

All arrangements in..

Navratra festival 2022 at the Holy Katra town and other parts of the division.

He said that in the last two years the festival was celebrated with limited events on a small scale due to the Covid pandemic. He said that this year the Navratra festival will be celebrated with more enthusiasm and religious gaiety as many new activities have been included in the nine day long Navratra festival.

This year the Navratra festival Committee 2022 has decided to celebrate the mega event both at Katra and Jammu from 26th September to 04th October, 2022. The mega event is being organized by Department of Tourism, J&K in collaboration with Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Divisional Administration, Jammu, Central Bureau of communication, UT of J&K and Ladakh and Active participation of local tourism trade industry, NGO's and stakeholders of Katra and Jammu etc under the overall supervision and guidance of Divisional Commissioner, Jammu (Chairman Navratra Festival Organizing Committee).

It is pertinent to mention that in the year 2021, 199550 pilgrims paid their obeisance to the holy shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji during the auspicious 09 days of festivity and this year also a huge rush of pilgrims is expected during the holy Sharad Navratra 2022.

While giving details of the events to be organized during holy Navratra days, the Div Com informed that the inaugural function will be held at Yog Ashram Ground Katra on September 26 followed by a series of events including the laser show on Mata Ki Kahani.

"All India devotional song competition for budding singers from all over India shall start daily at 9 PM at Yog Ashram Katra, while play 'Mata ki Kahani' will be performed daily at Kailash Parking, Railway Road Katra at 7 PM" the Div Com informed. He further said that the main attraction of this year is the laser show on the Mata Ki Kahani and the same will be held daily. "On the inaugural day, it shall be showcased at Yog Ashram Ground Katra. From the second Navratra onwards, the Laser Show shall be held at Kailash Parking, Pujari Chowk, Railway Road Katra at 8:00 pm onwards," he added.

Similarly, Morning prabhath pheri processions amid singing of bhajans of Maa Vaishno would be held at Katra from 27th September 2022. Artists from different states of India shall participate in the devotional processions which would start at 5:30 am from Fountain Chowk Katra towards the main Bazaar Katra.

Katra town would be decked up with beautiful lights and the grandeur of decorated tableaux with the devotional theme of 'Shiv-Parvati', 'MaaVaishno.'

The folk dances of different states of India and depicting the cultural diversity of J&K will form another attraction of the festival. Artists from across the UT and different parts of India are going to take part in the daily cultural processions which would start from Asia Chowk Katra and move towards the main Bazaar culminating at the Yog Ashram Katra. Shobha Yatra shall start from 27th September and continue till 4th October.

Garba and Dandiya Night shall be held on 2nd October at Padma Shri Padma Sachdev Govt PG College for Women, Gandhi Nagar, while Mata Ki Bhaint will be performed at Ashtdashbhujia Mata Mandir Sarthal Kishtwar on September 27, 2022, at Raghunath Bazaar, Jammu on September 28 and at Jagti Jammu on October 1, 2022.

"Ek Shaam Maiya Ji K Naam" shall be held at Jasmengarh Fort on 29.09.2022, Hiranagar Kathua. The temple premises shall be decorated for the said events.

Daily Ramleela shall be held at Higher Secondary School Katra from 6 pm to 8 pm from 27th September 2022 till 4th October 2022.

Cultural programmes shall be held daily at Higher Secondary School Katra from 8:30 pm onwards where the cultural diversity of different regions of India shall be displayed by the distinguished performers from all over India. Special emphasis shall be laid on Dogra culture. Multimedia Exhibition shall also be installed and put on display for the visiting tourists from 27th September at the same venue.

Bhagvat Katha recital shall be held at Raghunath Temple Katra premises from 28th September 2022.

A special programme by the specially abled children from across India would be held at the Auditorium of Spiritual Growth Centre, SMVDSB Katra on 1st October, 2022. Indian style wrestling competition (male and female wrestling competition) shall be held at SMVDSB Stadium Katra on 2nd October 2022.

Hasya Vyang and Kavi Sammelan shall be held at Higher Secondary School Katra on 5th October 2022.

It was further informed that the District Administration, Reasi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board have made elaborate arrangements for Navratra festival in Katra and all along the holy track for the comfortable and memorable experience of devotees. A massive publicity campaign has been launched through print and electronic media by the Directorate of Tourism, Jammu so as to invite the devotees for this festival and convey the message of peace in the UT.

The hotel and restaurant Association of Katra has offered a 30% discount to tourists on Hotel Tariffs during the festival period, while JKTDC has announced a discount of 50% on its room tariff at Katra. In addition to the above, Five events are being organized in Jammu Division also for the tourists and the people of Jammu and Kashmir to create an atmosphere of festivity.

Director Tourism Jammu, Vivekanand Rai; Joint Director; Central Bureau of Communication, Gulam Abbas, Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Babila Rakwal; Joint Director Tourism, Sunaina Sharma were also present during the press conference.

J&K registers 4..

918 to 921 as per the Sample Registration System (SRs) Statistical Report 2020 released on 22nd September 2022 by Registrar General of India (RGI).

It is pertinent to mention that UT of J&K has already achieved the global target of reducing under-five mortality rate to less than 25 per 1000 live births much ahead of the global target. Jammu and Kashmir showed an "incremental" performance in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of good health and well being of people. The entire Health and Medical Education Department with active support from National Health Mission (NHM) has put strenuous efforts to provide essential newborn care at public health institutions across the Union Territory through Facility Based & Home Based Newborn Care Interventions. The progress in scaling up the interventions to save the lives of the newborn has substantially accelerated during recent times leading to significant improvement in various Health Indicators. One of the comprehensive measures in this regard includes an action plan devised by Health & Medical Education Department with support from Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare & NIPi in the form of Road Map for reducing IMR in the J&K UT to single digit. The action plan is being implemented at all the levels and focuses on the community based and facility based interventions for accelerating rate of decline in Infant Mortality through strengthening of maternal & child health programmes. Moreover adequate infrastructure is being built under Emergency COVID Response Package which in long run will help to further improve various health indicators across the Union Territory.

Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department, Bhupinder Kumar, on Sunday appreciated the efforts of National Health Mission, J&K; Govt. Medical Colleges; Directorate of Health Services, Family Welfare, AYUSH all the field functionaries including doctors, paramedical staff, ASHA workers & Programme Management Unit staff for their continued efforts to improve maternal and newborn care in the State which has resulted in landmark achievement in further reduction of child mortality rates. He stressed for sustained efforts in future for better quality health care service delivery so as to further improve the maternal and child health indicators in the coming years.

Two terrorists killed..

police and Army laid. At around 7:30 am in prevailing poor weather conditions, alert troops observed two armed infiltrators crossing the LoC near Tekri Nar, Machil, he said. The infiltrating terrorists were engaged and both terrorists were "neutralised", the PRO Defence said. He said two AK 47 rifles, six AK magazines, 53 AK 47 rounds, four hand grenades, two pistols, two pistol magazines, 35 pistol rounds, along with some Pakistani currency and food items were found from the possession of the slain ultras. According to a police handout the identity of the slain terrorists is yet to be ascertained. A case under relevant sections of law has been registered and further investigation is in progress.

RASC Skater Krish announced as Coach for J&K Speed-Skating team

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: International Speed skater and National champion in Speed and roller hockey Krish Gupta has been announced as a Coach by the J&K Sports council for the Speed Skating team of J&K UT for the National Games which is going to be held at Ahmadabad. The members of the club congratulated him for his selection as a coach.



Besides as a player, he is showing excellent performance in training the youth in roller skating and especially in Roller hockey event. RASC members wished him as well as the skaters of the J&K UT.