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The Lt Governor said that India thrives in its diversity. Moral and social values, ancient tradition and cultural legacy is the real wealth of our society. We have overtaken the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy which shows our socio-economic development derives strength from these values, he added.

Today, the Indian Diaspora is considered the largest and the most prosperous group in the world and people of Indian origin including J&K have become the significant driver of global growth, the Lt Governor added.

Prof. Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, in his welcome address highlighted the significance of academia in finding solutions to the problems of the society and the world.

He further underscored the University's crucial role of guiding and preparing the future human capital.

Prof Abha Chauhan, President Indian Sociological Society and Convener of the event spoke on the syncretic culture prevalent in Kashmir since centuries.

Sociology is needed in every sphere of life and society. The idea of the seminar is to focus on implementing the key values of sociology in society, she added.

Prof Pirzada Mohd Amin, Organising Secretary informed that experts from Universities around the country and abroad will share their knowledge and deliver lectures, through offline and online modes, during the seminar.

Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Pandurang K Pole, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Vijay Kumar, ADGP Kashmir; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary to Government, Youth Services and Sports, besides former Vice Chancellors, experts and sociologists from across the country and abroad, faculty members of IUST, senior officers of UT Administration, Police and Army were present on the occasion.

### Around 250 terrorists...

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They, however, said, the counter-infiltration grid was strong and the security forces were alert to thwart any such designs.

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### Soldiers along LoC..

is very harsh, it is extreme. We have too much cold here when it snows. The snow can accumulate up to 20 feet and remain there for about three-four months, an Army officer said.

The soldiers and officers of the Army as well as the posts cannot be identified for strategic reasons.

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The officials said the infiltration numbers have witnessed a decline over the past few years.

In 2017, 419 infiltration attempts were made, followed by 328 in 2018, 216 in 2019, 99 in 2020 and 77 in 2021, respectively. This year also, the number is not high.

Six infiltration bids have been foiled in the Kashmir division so far this year.

Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbag Singh also said the infiltration along the LoC has decreased and was almost zero.

There have been some attempts but they were crushed and foiled. A couple of infiltrations were successful also. The border grid is strong, it will be strengthened and made more stronger, he had said on Friday.

However, the officials assert that intelligence inputs of about 250 terrorists wait-

ing across the LoC in Kashmir at various launch pads to infiltrate were there.

So, we cannot let our guard down, they said.

Apart from the infiltration of terrorists into the valley, the Army has to watch out for other enemy' drugs.

Smuggling of drugs from across the border is on the rise and Pakistan is using it to fund terrorism in Kashmir, DGP Singh said.

We are keeping a close eye on the smuggling of narcotics as well apart from infiltration of terrorists and arms and ammunition. The enemy has its ways, but we are firm and ever ready to defend our motherland, the Army officer also stressed.

### Two HM terrorists...

recovered from the site of encounter. All the recovered materials have been taken into custody for further investigation. Police has registered a case under relevant sections of law and further investigation has been initiated.

Meanwhile, security forces recovered an improvised explosive device (IED) in the Khommoh area on the outskirts of Srinagar, police said.

The IED, weighing 30-35 kilograms, was recovered from an orchard after the police and the Army launched a search operation following a specific information, a police spokesman said. He said a bomb disposal squad was at the spot to destroy the explosive device.

### Operation of 14...

confiscated by the Regulatory Officers of the organization under the relevant provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and the investigations in the matter have been initiated. "The Pharma Trade Fraternity is hereby impressed upon not to indulge in direct procurement/purchase of Psychotropic Drugs viz Tapentadol, Tramadol, Alprazolam, Clonazepam etc from the suppliers based outside U.T of J&K in particular of lesser known brands which are prone to filch in the hands of nefarious elements. Otherwise, strict action as contemplated under provisions of Act shall be initiated against the defaulters', a handout reads, informing that modalities are being worked out to channelize and restrict the procurement and sale of such pharmaceutical preparations through identified Retailers/ Wholesalers within the permissible limits only especially near Tertiary Care Center, District Hospitals, Psychiatric Clinics to curb the diversion and misuse of aforementioned drugs without affecting the legitimate requirements of the patients for prevention and cure.

### Delegations reaching at...

also met Azad today at Gandhi Nagar.

Azad, 73, ended his five-decade-long association with the Congress on August 26, terming the party "comprehensively destroyed". He also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi for "demolishing" the party's entire consultative mechanism.

Singh said the interactions will continue on Wednesday which will be followed by a three-day tour of Azad to Chenab valley region where he is scheduled to address public meetings at Bhalla-Bhaderwah on September 8, Drabshalla-Kishtwar on September 9 and Chatroo-Kishtwar on September 10.

He said almost all delegations extended their unconditional support to Azad and welcomed him back in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Not only former Congress workers, but people from other parties have also come in delegations to meet Azad," Singh said, claiming that "the wave is favouring Azad and you will see massive joinings in the coming weeks".

### Circulating obscene video...

even before he or she got the knowledge of same as happened in present case who is a college going girl and her college friends informed her about the video. This court can well understand the impact of the same on the mind of the girl and her family who must be feeling helpless and granting bail to the accused at such an initial stage will not only send the wrong message to society but also shake the confidence of the general public in the criminal justice system. Investigation has just started which requires so much documentary evidence to be evaluated and scrutinized that too with the help of forensic expertise and the same consumes sometime and if the accused is released now then there is every likelihood of delay in investigation. And last but not the least, this court thinks that such types of offences are more serious than even rape as here prestige of girl will get degraded in whole world and she will be made answerable to the whole society for the acts which was not even committed by her or we can also say that she has to prove her innocence for lifetime," the Court observed and rejected the bail application.

## Yuva Rajput Sabha calls of strike on assurance of Jammu administration



YRS president Rajan Singh Happy briefing media.

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JAMMU: Even after 14 days chain hunger strike agitation for declaring holiday on 23 September on the eve of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji Birth Anniversary, yesterday the Administration of Jammu called a meeting in the office of Div. Com Jammu where Div. Com. Jammu Ramesh Kumar, DC Jammu Arny Layasa, ADC Law & Order Menga Sherpa and SSP Jammu Chandan Kohli were present.

The Administration assure that the process of filing of report of Committee which is made by Administration gave their consideration to LG Manoj Sinha and Div. Com. Jammu gave assurance to

Yuva Rajput Sabha that the declaration of holidays file is in process and it should be in positive way and as soon as possible the holiday is declared on the eve of Maharaja Hari Singh Birthday as the sentiments of the people of Jammu are bond with the Maharaja Hari Singh, YRS president Rajan Singh Happy told reporters.

Administration requested to suspend the chain hunger strike agitation for few days and helping government to maintain law and order and peaceful climate of Jammu.

In view of this Rajan Singh along with their team thanks the different-different peoples of other communities, political parties, w NGOs, Student

Associations, Bar Association, Transport Association, Chamber of Commerce, Employees Association and other who are supporting this agitation from the bottom of their heart for giving support to this agitation for the rights of Jammu.

Even after late night meeting of Yuva Rajput Sabha they decided that on the assurance of Div. Com. the Yuva Rajput Sabha decided to suspend the chain hunger strike for one week and they start their meetings in all localities of Jammu Province for in support of this agitation and if administration of Jammu does not fulfill their demand of holiday, the administration of Jammu is responsible for if the peaceful climate of Jammu is disturbed because 23 September is coming in very few days and the people of Jammu are expecting the holiday before 23 September because the Dogra Community want to celebrate this holiday function in very peaceful climate.

## Christian Fellowship Trust holds candle light prayer for peace, harmony among all communities

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JAMMU: Christina Fellowship Trust led by Father Kurikos and Rev. Vijay Kumar held candle light prayer at the churches of their respective denominations.

"Christian community has been deeply involved in inter-faith and peace building efforts in the region. Till recently, we have enjoyed the patronage of people of all faiths. However, it is really painful for us to suddenly find ourselves being targeted for persecution on the completely baseless charges of converting the masses by force and allurements," they said.

They added that besides offering prayers for peace and harmony among all communities, the candle light peace procession marked the unity of the Christian community.



Christian community taking out candle march.

Father Kurikos urged the government to ensure speedy investigation into the matter, and take strong action against the culprits, besides taking adequate measures to maintain peace and harmony between all faith communities.

Rev Vijay Kumar mentioned that terming the attack on the Church in Patti, Punjab, RS Pura, Kathua as just a tip of the



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh addressing an enthusiastic public rally in the remote Dudu area of district Udhampur on Tuesday.

Singh thanked Air Commander General Dwivedi and the medical team led by Major General Dr. Dash for providing health care facilities to the people who were actually in need but sometimes found it difficult to access it.

Addressing the public rally, Dr Jitendra Singh said Dudu and other such hilly regions were endowed with amazing mountainous beauty and mountainous resources. Nature, he said, had bestowed in abundance but were faced injustice in the hands of their own elected governments headed by Congress and National Conference, which did not

find them of much consequence because of the vote bank consideration.

Referring to district Udhampur, he said the development of the last eight years under Prime Minister Narendra Modi far surpasses the development of the past several decades. For the last three years, he pointed out, Udhampur has been figuring as the top district of the country in implementation of centrally funded PMGSY road projects. Similarly, several important new national highways are under construction in the region which include Sudmahadev-Marmat-Goha-Khelani National

Highway and Lakanpur-Bani-Bhaderwah-Doda Highway. He informed that the critical Chattergala Tunnel enroute the second highway got delayed because of the heavy budget of over Rs.4,000 crore, but will now be taken under Bharatnala scheme. Referring to nearby Mantlai, Dr Jitendra said, a state of the art wellness centre with even a helipad for the outsider visitors will be ready very soon through central funding. He lamented that Dhirendra Bhrahmechhari who had initiated this project was patronised by the then Congress Government but after his death in an air accident over

## Book reading review activity, essay writing competition organised at GDC Marh

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JAMMU: To mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, GDC Marh celebrated Teachers' Day with great fervor under the guidance of Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul.

A plethora of activities including a Seminar, Cultural Dance performance by students, book reading and essay writing competition marked the celebrations in the college campus.

The programme started with the formal address by worthy Principal Dr. Rakesh Kumar Koul, wherein he stressed on the importance of celebrating this day that involves the role of teaching fraternity in nurturing minds, nation building and to acknowledge the challenges, hardships, special roles that teachers play in our lives.

He also congratulated the faculty and appreciated the efforts of the students in



A student being felicitated by faculty.

organizing the programme.

A seminar on the topic 'Role of Teacher viz-a-viz NEP-2020' was organized in which many students participated and share their views. In the Essay writing competition, Harsh Kumar and Vishali Devi of BA Sem 2nd secured 1st rank, followed by Suraj Sodhi of Sem.2nd got second rank and Anjali got third rank respectively.

A number of students participated in the book reading & review activity and discussed the novel 'Nann Peer Di Jangh Da Aakhri Qila', focussing on the harmful

effects of consuming drugs. A pledge on Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan was taken by the Principal, Staff members and students of the college. The programme was organised and coordinated by the Cultural Committee, GDC Marh. Prof. Anita Kumari, Prof. Hans Raj, Prof. Madhavi Prashar, Prof. Ram Dayal, Prof. Shalvi Gupta, Prof. Anjana Chib, Prof. Sachin Kumar, Dr. Balvinder Saini, Ravi Kumar, Dr. Shakun Sharma, Tannu, Baby, Dharpreet, Neha, Dr. Anjad, Imran, Dr. Rafeeq were present on the occasion.