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conditions, at most inhospitable terrain locations, he said.
Of the 89 projects inaugurated virtually, 36 are in Arunachal Pradesh, 25 in Ladakh, 11 are in Jammu and Kashmir, five in Mizoram, three in Himachal Pradesh, two each in Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal and one each in Nagaland, Rajasthan and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the official said.

The BRO completed the critically strategic projects in record time and several of them were constructed in a single working season using state-of-the-art technology, the spokesperson said.

He said the 500-metre Nechiphu Tunnel on Balipara-Charduar-Tawang Road in Arunachal Pradesh, along with the under-construction Sela Tunnel, will provide all-weather connectivity to the strategic Tawang region and will be beneficial to both the armed forces deployed in the region and the tourists visiting pristine Tawang.

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu joined the ceremony virtually.

Reconstructed and revamped Bagdogra and Barrackpore Airfields in West Bengal will not only improve the defensive and offensive architecture of the Indian Air Force along the borders but will also facilitate commercial flight operations in the region, the spokesperson said.

The defence minister also laid the e-foundation of Nyoma airfield in eastern Ladakh which will be developed at a cost of Rs 218 crore for wide-ranging strategic air assets, the spokesperson said.

The construction of this airfield will tremendously boost the air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment the IAF capability along the northern borders, he said.

He said the surge in road and bridge construction by the BRO in the last three years has led to the completion of several critical and strategic projects which has bolstered the defence preparedness.

The BRO has also connected the farthest and most remote villages of the country like Huri in Arunachal Pradesh to the mainland. This connectivity has triggered reverse migration along the border villages.

In the last two years, the BRO has dedicated a record 205 infrastructure projects to the nation at a cost of Rs 5,100 crore.

Last year, 103 BRO infrastructure projects were completed at a cost of Rs 2,897 crore while in 2021, 102 BRO infrastructure projects were dedicated to the nation at a cost of Rs 2,229 crore.

Of the newly constructed projects inaugurated virtually by the Defence Minister included, Kalapassi Bridge, 35 MTS PSC Box Girder, with load class 70R at km 144.970, old Alignment Ramban .

At the Kalapassi Bridge, District Development Council Chairperson, Ramban, Dr. Shamshad Shan unveiled the inaugural stone in presence of Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam, SSP Ramban, Mohita Sharma, Commander (Superintendent Engineer) 760 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) Amiya Shrivastava, ADC, Harbans Sharma, Officer Commanding (Executive Engineer) 52 RCC GREF, Kumar Gautam and several other senior officers.

The DDC Councillors, PRIs and other prominent citizens were also present on the occasion.

According to the Commander, keeping in view its strategic importance in strengthening road connectivity to Subdivision Gool, Sawalkot Project Site and to NH-44 in Ramban town, the BRO construction completed work on the Bridge by early September, 2023 with an expenditure of Rs 2.90 crore.

All political parties...

are spread across states and UTs where different political parties are holding the power:

"I want to congratulate everyone for the completion of these vital border projects. The strength of India is that when there is a challenge to our national security or a threat to Bharat Mata (mother India), all political parties set aside their ideological differences and come together to face the adversary," the defence minister said.

He said with today's inauguration of 90 projects, a record 295 infrastructure projects of the BRO have been dedicated to the nation since 2021. In 2022, 103 projects worth Rs 2,900 crore were inaugurated while in 2021, 102 projects at a cost of over Rs 2,200 crore were dedicated to the nation.

"In the past 90 days, the BRO completed one project every third day which demonstrates its dedication and hardwork as well as the commitment of the government under the leadership of the Prime Minister," he said.

Describing the BRO as a "bro (brother)" of the armed forces, he said through its infrastructure projects, the agency is not only securing India's borders, but also playing a key role in the socioeconomic development of far-flung areas.

"Together with BRO, we are ensuring that the nation is secure and border areas are developed. Timely completion of infrastructure projects in far-flung areas has now become the new normal of New India," he said.

The defence minister also referred to the ISRO's successful Chandrayaan-3 mission to the moon and said hoisting of the Indian flag by lander Vikram on Shiv Shakti Point' exhibits the power of the nation.

"There was a time when ISRO was not even able to launch a satellite and we had to request other countries for the launch of our satellites," he said.

He said with ISRO attaining the expertise, the situation has completely changed and "today not only the Moon and the Mars, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is reaching out to the Sun (referring to the country's solar mission). It has launched 400 satellites from various countries."

The defence minister also virtually laid the foundation stone of Nyoma Airfield in Eastern Ladakh and said this airfield, to be developed at a cost of Rs 200 crore, will boost the air infrastructure in Ladakh and augment IAF's capability along the Northern border.

He exuded confidence that this airfield, which will be one of the world's highest, would prove to be a game-changer for the armed forces.

He also expressed hope the BRO will soon set another unique record with the construction of Shinkun La Tunnel, the world's highest at an altitude of 15,855 feet.

"The tunnel will connect Lahaul-Spiti in Himachal to the Zaskar Valley in Ladakh and provide all-weather connectivity," he said, commending the BRO for developing infrastructure in border areas and making an invaluable contribution to the security of the nation.

He emphasised infrastructure development in border areas is not only necessary for national security, but also promotes connectivity with neighbouring countries that function with a spirit of cooperation with India.

He pointed out the BRO has constructed infrastructure projects in several countries such as Myanmar and Bhutan and helped in strengthening peace and cooperation with them.

Singh also called upon the BRO to involve local bodies and the people by understanding their needs and taking inputs for the projects in border areas.

"Your job is not only to connect one place with another. It is also to connect the hearts of the people with your actions. The constructions should represent the spirit of 'for the people, of the people and by the people'," he said.

The defence minister lauded the BRO for being conscious about its responsibilities towards environment while executing their projects.

"Till now, we have worked with the mantra of 'minimum investment, maximum value'. Now, we need to move forward with the mantra of 'minimum environment degradation, maximum national security, maximum welfare'," he said.

One terrorist killed...

have witnessed several encounters this year, resulting in the killing of about 26 terrorists and 10 security personnel.

Most of the terrorists were killed while attempting to sneak into Indian territory from across the border, according to officials.

4 dead as...

driver Mohd Afzal Garoo (42), his brother Altaf Garoo (36) of Kulgam, Irfan Ahmed (33) and his brother Showkat Ahmad (29) of Anantnag.

Around six cattle, which were being transported in the truck for domestic use, also perished in the accident, they said.

The landslide blocked the highway, the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country, and efforts are on to make it traffic-worthy, officials said.

Meanwhile, G M Saroori EX MLA Indermal Vice Chairman Democratic Azad Party UT Jammu and Kashmir expressed his anguish over the fatal accident at Jammu Srinagar national highway near Banihal today early morning in which four occupants of truck died on spot due to huge shooting

boulders turned in to landslide, the unfold incident is heart wrenching to the families of deceased persons , the under construction road has created many landslide prone stretches which can prove fatal any time, needs of hours to monitor these areas closely to avoid such day today incidents. Words are not enough to condole the death of four people he said, praying to Almighty Allah for rest in peace to deported souls and strength to the families concerned to bear this loss.

Invest more in...

need to file our own patents, for which a lot of investment in R&D is needed," he said

He said capital investment in R&D may reduce today's profits, but it will prove to be beneficial to the industry and the country in the long term.

Highlighting the steps taken by Narendra Modi government to support the domestic industry, he said the synergy between the government and domestic companies has resulted in record defence production of Rs 1 lakh crore and exports of Rs 16,000 crore in the financial year 2023-24.

Singh expressed confidence that defence exports will soon touch the Rs 20,000-crore mark.

He extended the Ministry of Defence's continued support to the industry for holistic development of the nation, in line with the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.

The defence minister urged industry partners to focus on creating a culture that encourages R&D, based on skilled human resources, and suggested linking the work of institutions such as IITs, IIMs and IISc with the defence sector to create an R&D ecosystem.

"Efforts should be made to connect with the Indian R&D sector, engineers and scientists who work in top universities, companies, space agencies and scientific research organisations abroad and wish to be a part of India's growth story," he said.

The defence minister also recommended hiring of managers, legal experts and financial experts from within the country and abroad to create a culture conducive for R&D.

"We cannot run our workforce in the 21st century on the basis of HR policies of the 19th century. Today, the quality of work is more important than the number of hours worked. Focus should be on intellect and innovation," he said.

The defence minister said that "a work culture needs to be developed where there is a concept of senior and junior, and not superior and inferior". He also noted that there is a need to involve women in R&D with "more effectiveness".

He also exhorted the SIDM to create an independent body, comprising scientists and experts from the industry, which will work with transparency and evaluate the products made by companies.

"The buyer or the government will definitely try to check the quality of the products from their end, but there is a need to develop a system for internal evaluation as well. This quality check system will increase your credibility globally with time," he said.

He also suggested that the SIDM should create an internal vigilance mechanism to counter the potential cases of corruption and favouritism. "If any company affiliated with you is indulging in any wrongdoing or passing wrong information, then you should bring it before the government. Such actions will further increase people's trust in the institutions," Singh said.

The North Tech symposium is an event conducted annually and this year, it was organised at IIT-Jammu.

The event witnessed an participation of around 200 industry partners and provided an opportunity for knowledge diffusion among various stakeholders to create awareness of contemporary technologies and hardware solutions available with manufacturers under 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Singh witnessed a plethora of indigenous weapons and equipment. He lauded the efforts of all stakeholders in their joint efforts to push the domestic defence industry.

Three persons sentenced...

from one family and due to their incarceration in jail, they as well as their family has suffered immensely.

The accused also prayed that two of them were students and as a result of the jail term, their whole career has doomed irreparably.

However, the prosecution strongly objected to the plea for leniency.

The prosecution, led by additional public prosecutor Zia ur Rehman Khan, said it will be a mockery of justice to permit the accused to escape the extreme penalty of law when faced with such evidence.

The common man will lose faith in the courts, Khan added.

He said it is the duty of every court to award proper sentence and that undue sympathy would do more harm to the justice system.

India's borders more...

residents and establishment of border battalions have been possible under Rajnath Singh as a new political culture has been set up in the country based on equality for all without any discrimination.

"Basantar in the Kathua-Udhampur parliamentary constituency was today chosen for the inauguration of 90 infrastructure projects as this constituency has been designated as an infrastructure marvel among all constituencies having seen tremendous development in the last nine years," he said.

Kashmiri saffron, Kannauj's ...

A Khadi scarf and a coin box containing G20 commemorative coins were also gifted to visiting leaders by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Spouses of the world leaders were gifted items representing the culture of India by Modi, according to the officials.

CS for adoption...

messages to applicants indicating expected timelines for completion of service.

He instructed to integrate all the relevant services on e-unnat portal with RAS and Digi-locker so that the certificates can be easily accessed and feedbacks are obtained on regular basis. Moreover it was directed to integrate services with e-TAAL portal of NIC for real-time updation of transaction data to assess e-service delivery penetration in the UT. He called for creation of a UT Dashboard for monitoring performance of all the Departments in delivery of services as per the set timelines.

Dr Mehta also instructed for identification of officers/officials who keep the applications lingering for days unnecessarily return the applications without adequate reasons at last moment to avoid escalation for taking appropriate action against them. He also asked to take regular review of rejected and reverted applications by the concerned Administrative Secretaries. He called for proper use of data available under five verticals of CCTNS including data of Courts, FSL, Police Stations, Prisons and Prosecution for eradicating crime from J&K.

The Chief Secretary also enjoined upon the officers to finalize the applications for digital urban surveillance and digital DPRs. He maintained that both are very crucial for arresting the malpractices and should be rolled out immediately. He also laid stress on bringing the identified far-off villages on the 4G mobile connectivity by accelerating the process of installation of BSNL towers there before the end of this year.

The Commissioner Secretary, IT informed the meeting that the IVR based feedback along with currently used SMS method under RAS would be made functional by 15th Oct. She further gave out that many more services and reform measures are in pipeline that would greatly enrich the experience of citizens with respect to digital services.

Gyanvapi row: Allahabad...

complaint made on July 27, which was filed by one of the parties to the dispute that led him to take note of such impropriety. It was pointed out in the complaint that Justice Padia has already heard the matter on at least 75 occasions before fixing the matter for pronouncement of judgment on August 28.

During the course of the August 28 hearing, a mention was made on behalf of Anjuman Intezamia Masjid, the committee which manages the Gyanvapi mosque, that the matter was heard at length by another single judge of the high court and judgment was reserved by it.

The mosque committee had said that this administrative decision was inappropriate and should be reversed.

However, the chief justice had said according to the high court rules, when a judgment in a case is not delivered even after completion of the hearing, the case is deemed to stand released and the chief justice being "master of the roster" has the power either to send the case to another bench or hear the case himself.



Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, meeting Lieutenant Governor of J&K, Manoj Sinha at Raj Bhavan on Tuesday.

DB sets-aside judgment of writ court, quashes detention order

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JAMMU: A Division Bench (DB) of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Justice Sanjeev Kumar and Justice Rahul Bharti set-aside the judgment of writ court and quashed the detention order bearing No. 07-PSA-2022 dated 28.01.2022 read with corrigendum bearing No. DMU/JC-4160 dated 02.12.2022 and directed to release the detainee namely Mohd Irfan from the preventive custody forthwith unless he is required in some other case. While quashing the detention order, Division Bench observed that it is true that this Court in Habeas Corpus petition against such detention cannot go into the mind of detaining authority to find out, as to how and on what basis the detaining authority has derived its satisfaction. However, nothing prevents the constitutional court to look into the material relied upon by the detaining authority, who derived its satisfaction, to find out whether the relevant material has been considered and that there is no non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority. If the relevant material is not provided to the detaining authority or the complete information about the activities of the detainee, there is every possibility of the detaining authority being misled in deriving its satisfaction

with regard to the necessity of placing the detainee under detention. It is trite law that non-application of mind vitiates detention. Here is a case, where not only the relevant material was withheld from the detaining authority but is also a case, where on the basis of material supplied, the detaining authority could not decide as to whether the detainee was to be placed under detention for maintenance of public order or for preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to the security of the State.

DB further observed that "We are also at loss to understand as to, from where, the detaining authority has borrowed the terms like "integrity and sovereignty of the country". The Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978 which has been invoked by the detaining authority in the instant case does not provide for placing anybody under detention for maintaining the integrity and sovereignty of the country. Viewed from any angle, the order of detention passed by the detaining authority is not sustainable in law. The Writ Court has not appreciated these aspects of the matter and, probably, the respondents did not bring the entire record to the notice of the learned Single Judge. Whatever be the reason, DB regret our inability to concur with the view taken by the Writ Court in the matter.

CANCELLATION/SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGATION/REGULATION/ DIVERSION OF TRAINS DUE TO MAINTENANCE WORK AT JAMMU TAWI

In order to upgrade the infrastructure, Northern Railway will undertake the Maintenance work at Jammu Tawi Railway Station over Firozpur Division. To execute this work suitable traffic block from 15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023 will be taken. During this period following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)
12469 Kanpur Central - Jammu Tawi Superfast Express	15.09.2023
12470 Jammu Tawi - Kanpur Central Superfast Express	14.09.2023
12491 Barauni - Jammu Tawi Mour Dhvaj Express	17.09.2023
12492 Jammu Tawi - Barauni Mour Dhvaj Express	15.09.2023
12265 Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Jammu Tawi Durgam Express	15.09.2023 & 17.09.2023
12266 Jammu Tawi - Delhi Sarai Rohilla Durgam Express	16.09.2023 & 18.09.2023
12413 Ajmer - Jammu Tawi Pooja Superfast Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
12414 Jammu Tawi - Ajmer Pooja Superfast Express	14.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
14606 Jammu Tawi - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express	17.09.2023
14605 Yog Nagari Rishikesh - Jammu Tawi Express	18.09.2023
04615 Pathankot - Udhampur Special Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
04616 Udhampur - Pathankot Special Express	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023
06951 Pathankot - Udhampur Special Express	15.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 19.09.2023
06952 Udhampur - Pathankot Special Express	15.09.2023, 18.09.2023, 19.09.2023
04642 Pathankot - Jalandhar City DEMU Special Express	19.09.2023
06949 Jalandhar City - Pathankot DEMU Special Express	19.09.2023

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Short Terminate at/ Originate from	Date (s) (from originating station)
18101 Tatanagar - Jammu Tawi Express	at Amritsar	13.09.2023 & 15.09.2023
18102 Jammu Tawi - Tatanagar Express	from Amritsar	16.09.2023 & 18.09.2023
18309 Sambalpur - Jammu Tawi Express	at Amritsar	14.09.2023 & 16.09.2023
18310 Jammu Tawi - Sambalpur Express	from Amritsar	17.09.2023 & 19.09.2023
19223 Ahmedabad - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot	14.09.2023 to 17.09.2023
19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express	from Pathankot	16.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
19224 Jammu Tawi - Ahmedabad Express	from Jalandhar City	19.09.2023
19225 Bhagat Ki Kothi - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot	15.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
19226 Jammu Tawi - Bhagat Ki Kothi Express	from Pathankot	15.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
12237 Varanasi - Jammu Tawi Express	at Pathankot Cantt.	14.09.2023 to 18.09.2023
12238 Jammu Tawi - Varanasi Express	from Pathankot Cantt.	15.09.2023 to 19.09.2023

REGULATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Name	Regulation	Date (from the Originating Station)
15655 Kamakhya - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	will depart 180 Minutes late from Kamakhya and will regulate 45 minutes in Ambala and 45 minutes in Firozpur Division	17.09.2023
12919 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar - S. M. Vaishno Devi Katra Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Dr. Ambedkar Nagar and will regulate 30 minutes in Ambala and 30 minutes in Firozpur Division	18.09.2023
12920 S. M. Vaishno Devi Katra-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express	will depart 120 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 60 minutes in the route	19.09.2023
12471 Bandra Terminus- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Bandra Terminus and will regulate 30 minutes in Ambala and 30 minutes in Firozpur Division	18.09.2023
12472 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Bandra Terminus Exp.	will depart 150 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 60 minutes in the route	19.09.2023
19416 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Ahmedabad Express	will depart 70 Minutes late from Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and will regulate 50 minutes in the route	19.09.2023

DIVERSION OF TRAIN		
Train No. & Name	Diverted via	Date (from the Originating Station)
12587 Gorakhpur - Jammu Tawi Amar Nath Express	Jalandhar Cantt.-Jalandhar City-Amritsar-Gurdaspur-Pathankot Cantt.	18.09.2023

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