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### J&K's new Start...

Startup India, angel investor networks, financial institutions and premier institutes under the programme.

In our unwavering commitment to fostering innovation and economic growth, we have decided to allocate carpet area of 11,200 sqft built spaces at competitive prices at Rangreth for IT, ITES & Tech Startup sectors. Also, the surplus spaces at JKEDI will now be made available to Startups, the Lt Governor said.

He said the institutionalized interactions between business leaders, experts, policy makers and academia during the Conclave are a crucial part of the strategy of the UT administration to speedily bring about transformation in J&K's Start-Up Ecosystem.

"Jammu Kashmir is offering high-impact entrepreneurship, resources and abundant opportunities to serve the global market. It is the perfect place for any entrepreneur who is in search of the next big thing with the goal of becoming the first mover," the Lt Governor said.

He assured every possible assistance and handholding to the budding entrepreneurs and potential start-ups by the administration.

"Young Entrepreneurs with new ideas and full of energy are our new heroes. They are developing an entrepreneurial, innovation-based economy and changing the lexicon of success in business ventures. Today, J&K provides the most ambitious environment to realize a great business plan," he said.

The Lt Governor congratulated the Department of Industries and Commerce J&K for organizing the first of its kind conclave in collaboration with other stakeholders and startups from the UT.

At the Conclave, the Lt Governor highlighted the major reforms sweeping through J&K in the last few years.

We have embarked on several historic initiatives in developing our infrastructure and sunrise sectors. Earnest efforts are also being made to tap the potential of rich natural resources available here in abundance to bring prosperity in the lives of the people, he observed.

From rural economy to smart mobility, J&K is full of possibilities and offering opportunity of a lifetime, the Lt Governor said.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor called upon every section of the society to play their important role in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat and Viksit J&K. It is our collective responsibility to ensure peace and stability in Jammu Kashmir, he said.

He also highlighted the reforms introduced to make the administrative system more transparent and accountable.

We have ensured maximum use of technology to minimise human interface. More than 1000 services have been made on-line and many linked with auto escalation mode with a provision of financial penalty for any delay. It is also being ensured that all government appointments are made on merit only, he added.

During the conclave, sessions were held by experts from various parts of the country.

Vikramjit Singh, Commissioner Secretary Industries & Commerce; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Heads of Department, senior officials, Start-Up leaders, industry stalwarts were present.

### Sports should be...



LG Manoj Sinha inaugurating Sports Meet of Burn Hall School at Srinagar.

said after inaugurating the annual Sports Meet of Burn Hall School at Bakshi Stadium, Srinagar.

He impressed upon the teachers and parents to encourage sports and outdoor activities among the children for their overall well-being and all-round development.

Earlier, the Lt Governor inspected and took salute at an impressive march past by the students of the school.

Fr. Stalin Raja, Principal, Burn Hall School presented the report and highlighted the achievements of the school.

Most Rev. Ivan Albert Pereira, Bishop Jammu-Srinagar Diocese; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department; Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, teachers, staff members, students and their parents were present.

### BrahMos manufacturing in...

leader said. Developed by an India-Russia joint venture, the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft or from land platforms.

The work on the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) lab will also be completed soon, Singh said.

He said there were 11 other projects in Lucknow that have been undertaken. "Though they will take some time to complete, I can say that people will see a completely different Lucknow in the next few years," the minister said.

During his visit in June, Singh had said that "everything from nuts and bolts to BrahMos missiles would be manufactured in the Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)".

"We have created a conducive environment for defence manufacturing through the defence corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. UPDIC has told me that there is a plan to acquire about 1,700 hectares of land for this corridor, of which more than 95 per cent of the land has already been acquired," he had said.

According to a statement issued by the Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday, the minister inspected the ongoing work of the Munshi Pulia Over Bridge being built at Khurram Nagar and Polytechnic intersection in Indira Nagar Sector 25 on the second day of his visit to his Lok Sabha constituency Lucknow.

He also inspected the ongoing work at Gomti Nagar railway station.

Singh said, "I am satisfied with the way the work is going on at Gomti Nagar Railway Station. It will be completed by December."

### 3 terrorists killed...

destabilise peace in Jammu and Kashmir. So, we strengthened our counter-infiltration and surveillance grid," he said.

"At 6.40 am this morning, despite bad weather, an ambush noticed three to four terrorists trying to cross the LoC in the Hathlanga area. Immediately contact was established and the firefight continued for two hours," he added.

The officer said the army used under-barrel grenade launchers (UBGL), multi-grenade launchers (MGL), and rocket launchers to neutralise the terrorists.

"One terrorist was neutralised. The ambush party then realised that two injured terrorists had changed their movement. The ambush party then got into a second firefight with them at around 9.15 am which continued for about half an hour and resulted in the neutralisation of the second terrorist," he said.

Brigadier Dhillon said the third injured terrorist "exfiltrated" with the help of firing from a nearby Pakistani post.

"The Pakistani Army post gave fire support for his exfiltration and fired towards us. They fired on our quadcopters as well. According to our estimate, the injured terrorist succumbed about 300 metres from the Pakistani post, in the general area. The weather is very bad, but the search continues in the area," he said.

The officer said three terrorists from Pakistan have been neutralised in the operation and the bodies of the two have been retrieved.

"This shows how the Pakistan Army backs terrorists and lends them full support to infiltrate. It also establishes how Pakistan Army is involved in destabilising peace in Kashmir," he said.

The security forces also recovered an AK-47 and AK-74 rifle, seven magazines, a five-kg IED, some ammunition, a Chinese pistol and some grenades along with Indian and Pakistani currency from the terrorists.

"We think they wanted to use the IED at some sensitive target, including minority pocket or security forces' establishment," Dhillon said.

The infiltration bid and the subsequent encounter comes at a time when an operation is underway in Anantnag district to neutralise terrorists who have taken positions in the forest area in a hilly terrain. The gunfight entered its fourth day on Saturday.

### CJ inaugurates refresher...

system which is time consuming and very costly affair in present times due to huge

docket explosion and backlog of pending cases before the courts.

Highlighting the importance of the subject, Chief Justice observed that under the new regime, a clear timeline was given for the adjudication of disputes with minimal scope for the intervention of courts so as to ensure that litigants don't get struck in the legal hurdles. He expressed satisfaction over the growing trend and popularity of the arbitration as an alternate dispute resolution mechanism especially in dealing with commercial disputes and the encouraging results thereof. He further emphasised the need to give effect to the statute in true spirit of and to popularise the other methods of alternate dispute resolution so as to minimise the backlog.

Justice Sanjeev Kumar, in his special remarks, highlighted the salutary provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and subsequent amendments there-in. He also highlighted that arbitration, as an alternate mode of dispute resolution in a congenial atmosphere was prevalent in our country since centuries and a viable medium of out of court dispute resolution much prior to coming into force of the codified law.

Director, J&K Judicial Academy presented the welcome address and gave an overview of the programme. He described arbitration and conciliation as the way forward for the timely resolution of disputes. He emphasized that it is imperative to have a clear understanding of the provisions of law coupled with firm resolve to achieve the desired results

In the first technical sessions, Manish Mehrotra deliberated upon the historical background, aims and objects and discussed the basic provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act thread bare. He also underpinned the scope of interim injunctions and relief u/s 9 of the Act and shared a number of important rulings on the subject. He referred to the Arbitration agreement in the light of the legal provisions and discussed the scope of reference to arbitration.

The resource person deliberated on the application and effect of legal proceedings on Arbitration. In the second technical session, the scope to challenge the award u/s 34 and the extent of court interference in arbitral awards was discussed in detail along-with the provisions of section 36 of the Act. The resource person also emphasised the need of expeditious disposal of matters relating to Arbitration proceedings and also the common issues and redress thereof confronted during the arbitral proceedings.

Both the sessions were essentially interactive and the participants took keen interest and made full use of the opportunity to deliberate and discuss various aspects of the subject topic by raising queries which were addressed to satisfactorily by the resource person.

### BSF SDG calls...

border guarding force said.

Accompanied by BSF Inspector General, Jammu Frontier, D K Boora, Khurania was briefed by sector and battalion commanders on the ground and was shown overall BSF deployment and domination of the area.

He was also briefed about border management aspects of BSF battalions deployed in the area wherein the local border population is assisted in terms of regular civic action programmes and border area medical camps, the spokesperson said.

He said the BSF SDG visited various border outposts and witnessed the operational preparedness of field formations.

During the visit, Khurania interacted with ground troops and applauded their professional acumen in safeguarding the IB in stringent conditions relentlessly.

The BSF SDG encouraged the troops to carry on their excellent work in effective domination of the border to thwart any challenge from across the border, the spokesperson said.

Later in the evening, Khurania addressed a Prahari Sammelan and lauded the Jammu frontier for maintaining the highest degree of professionalism in dominating the border effectively.

Earlier on Friday, the BSF SDG visited the IB in the Samba sector and reviewed the security measures taken by the force.

Khurania arrived here on a three-day visit to review the security situation along the Jammu frontier on Friday.

Immediately after his arrival on September 14, the BSF IG gave a detailed presentation to Khurania covering all critical aspects of border security and domination along the borderline in Jammu, the BSF spokesperson said.

Boora described the general security scenario in the area of operation, including the deployment pattern of BSF battalions and their robust domination aspects along the IB, he said.

Khurania visited the Samba sector where he was briefed about the recent threats being faced by the BSF in the area, ranging from tunnelling and cross-border smuggling. A special emphasis was given to the threats posed by drones coming from across the border, the spokesperson said.

### Kokernag operation continues...



Army's northern commander Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi reviewing operational situation near encounter site at Anantnag.

ground commanders on the high-intensity operations, in which hi-tech equipment is being used for surveillance and delivery of firepower, along with the high impact of precision fire being used by the forces.

"#LtGenUpendraDwivedi #ArmyCdr; Northern Command reviewed the operational situation on the ongoing operations at #Kokernag forest area in #Anantnag," the Army's Northern Command said in a post on X.

The commander inspected the drone which has been used to survey the area and track the terrorists, the officials said.

He also interacted with troops deployed in the operation, they added.

The police believe two to three terrorists are trapped in the forest area as the forces maintained a tight cordon.

Additional Director General of Police (Kashmir) Vijay Kumar late Friday night said the operation was launched on the basis of specific input and claimed "two to three trapped terrorists will be neutralised."

Meanwhile, adequate forces have been deployed in the upper reaches of Kishtwar to watch out for any terrorist movement from across the Pir Panjal Range, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

"For the last three days, adequate personnel of police and army are deployed in the higher reaches of Singhpora and we are dominating the area," Kishtwar Senior Superintendent of Police Khalil Poswal said.

Singhpora connects Kishtwar with Kokernag but the road between the two sides of the Pir Panjal usually remains cut off during the winter owing to heavy snowfall at the 12,500-foot-high Sadna top. At present, a 10.3-km Vailoo-Singhpora tunnel has been under construction since 2009 to ensure round-the-year connectivity.

The SSP said police and army are working in close coordination to tackle any situation. "If there is any movement (of terrorists from the Kokernag side), we are active on that front," he said.

Commanding Officer of the 19 Rashtriya Rifles Colonel Manpreet Singh, Major Ashish Dhonchak, Deputy Superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Humayun Bhat and a soldier were killed by the terrorists on Wednesday.

### J&K Bank's Chief...

performance in FYE 2023, Pratik D. Punjabi received the award from DSLJ for the FY 2023 that witnessed the Bank's all-time high Net profit, improved ROA and ROE, reduced cost-to-income ratio besides decadal low GNPA and NNPA among other strong financial parameters resulting in vastly improved shareholder value.

### Those talking about...

eradicated. A Raja, another DMK leader, likened Sanatan Dharma to diseases.

Asked about the row, Vaidya said, "Some people are talking about finishing off Sanatan Dharma, but do these people know the real meaning of all these words? They should understand the definition of Sanatan Dharma before using such words.

"The meaning of Sanatan is eternal, which is the base of India's spiritual lifestyle and which is internally holistic. Because of this, India's personality has got its shape," the senior RSS functionary said.

Brushing aside the comments of DMK leaders as "political", he said several people through the course of history tried to finish off Sanatan Dharma, but failed.

In India, everyone has the freedom to choose his or her mode of worship, and therefore the country has always had "spiritual democracy", the RSS leader added.

Asked for his view on the `India versus Bharat' debate, Vaidya said the name Bharat has a "civilizational value".

"There is no other country which has two names, and that is why Bharat should be called Bharat," he said.

Speaking about the RSS conclave, Vaidya said a wide range of topics were discussed by 250 representatives from 36 RSS-affiliated outfits.

The topics included women's empowerment, 'swadeshi', functioning and expansion of the RSS, the environment, family values and social harmony, he said.

Asked if Manipur, which has been engulfed in sectarian violence since the beginning of May, was discussed, he said the situation there was worrisome and some participants informed about the happenings.

"In this situation, it is the government which has to take decisions. Sangh volunteers are in touch with both Maitei and Kuki community members and the Sangh's service work for both the communities is going on," he said.

On the issue of reservations, he said society denied educational opportunities and respect to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and these communities should be given reservations based on the Constitution to take them along.

All efforts should be made to end social disparity, Vaidya added.

The other quota demands are political, hence no discussion took place on them at the conclave, he said.

Notably, Maharashtra recently saw a fresh agitation for a quota for the Maratha community.

Asked about the RSS's assessment of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led NDA's rule in the country since 2014, he said even a British newspaper like Sunday Guardian had published an editorial on May 18, 2014, stating that the "day may well go down in history as (comparable to) the day when Britain left India."

The 2014 Lok Sabha election results were declared on May 16 and for the first time after 1984 a single party (BJP) managed to garner a majority in the Lower House.

"So, if you see, after 2014 India is standing up on its cultural identity slowly. India's foreign, defence and education policies witnessed major changes. The world is also sensing these changes," he said.

To set right what happened in the last several years would take 25-30 years but everyone now feels that everything is going in the right direction, Vaidya added.

On the Ram temple at Ayodhya, he said the outfits concerned with its construction informed at the conclave that any date after Makar Sankranti will be decided for 'pran pratishtha' or installation of the idol.

It was also resolved that RSS-inspired organizations will make special efforts to increase the participation of women in all fields, Vaidya said.

Family is the smallest unit in social life as per Indian philosophy and the role of women in a family is the most prominent one. Therefore, women should play a leading role in every field of society, the RSS leader said.

The increasing activism of women in society is commendable, he said, adding that the meeting elaborately discussed the topic to ensure women's participation in the centenary year of the RSS.

As many as 411 conferences will be organized across the country. The RSS so far has organized 73 such conferences in 12 states and more than 1.23 lakh women took part in them, he said.

On the expansion of the RSS, Vaidya said the number of `shakhas' (local RSS branches/assemblies) is constantly increasing. In 2020, before COVID-19 pandemic, shakhas used to be held at 38,913 places, while the number has gone up to 42,613 in 2023, he said.

### Nation eternally indebted...

Mahajan Railway Station.

Dev Raj Gupta and Asha Rani, the parents of Captain Mahajan, a recipient of Shaurya Chakra (posthumous), also attended the function.

Captain Mahajan, an officer of the 9 Para of special forces of the army, attained martyrdom after killing a terrorist while protecting his fellow personnel in a terror attack on the JKEDI building in south Kashmir's Pulwama district in February 2016.

The minister said that he had personally taken up the issue of naming the railway station at Udhampur after the name of Captain Mahajan in 2017 and also discussed the matter with the then Union home minister.

"After doing all the formalities, Udhampur Railway Station is now Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Railway Station which is a dream come true," said Singh, who represents the Udhampur constituency in the Lok Sabha.

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for renaming the Udhampur railway station, the minister said it is a proud moment for the entire district and is truly an inspiration for the youth of the region.

"The bravehearts on the borders stay awake when we sleep, remain empty stomach when we eat and lay down their lives so that we will remain alive," he said.

### Attachment of properties...

to the families of the terrorists in different parts of Kishtwar by the special investigation units (SIUs) of the local police amid beating of drums, they added.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal said a total of 13 local terrorists, who are operating from across the border and making repeated attempts to revive terrorism in the district, were declared as proclaimed offenders after they failed to respond to the non-bailable warrants issued earlier.

The warrants were issued by the special NIA court in March in a terror-related case registered at the Kishtwar police station last year under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

"If these proclaimed offenders fail to surrender within 30 days, the proceedings to attach their properties under section 83 of the CrPC will be initiated," the SSP told PTI.

In the proclamation notices served to the absconding terrorists at their birth places, Additional District and Sessions Judge (fast-track court) Doda Sudesh Sharma said the warrants of arrest issued by the court of additional sessions judge, Jammu were returned with the report that the accused could not be found.

"It has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant. Proclamation is hereby made that the accused is required to appear before this court within the period of 30 days from the date of publication of proclamation, failing which proceedings under section 83, CrPC shall be launched against him," the identical notices issued on Thursday read.

The officials said the proclamation was issued, among others, against Shahnawaz Kanth alias "Umer" of Hullah, Nayeem Ahmed alias "Amir" of Jamia Masjid Kishtwar, Mohammad Iqbal alias "Bilal" from a place near the Kichloo market, Shahnawaz alias "Nayeem" of Chirool and Javid Hussain Giri alias "Muzamil" of Kundali Pochal.

The list also included Bashir Ahmed Mughal, Gazi-ul-Din and Sattar Din alias "Saifullah" of Jugna Keshwan, Intiyaz Ahmed alias "Dawood" of Banderna, Shabir Ahmed of Kithor Bonjwah, Mohammad Rafiq Keen of Patnazi Bonjwah, Muzaffer Ahmed of Zewar and Azad Hussain of Affani Padder; they added.

### Terrorist hideout busted...

ammunition including two AK 47 and an AK 56 rifles, 16 AK magazines, 328 AK rounds, a pistol, two Pistol magazines, three pistol rounds, one UBGL (under barrel grenade launcher) and four UBGL rounds, the official said.

A case has been registered and an investigation has been started, he added.

### Gandhian ideals echo in GDC Akhnoor rally

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AKHNOOR: A student rally heralded the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at GDC

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The rally

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convenor cultural,

creative and literary

Committee under the

aegis of Dr. Romilla

Malla Bhat with the

support from department

of Sociology, Sanskrit,

Dogri,

English, NSS and

NCC unit. Prof. Ravi,

HoD Hindi, was the

chief guest on the

occasion. The rally

moved through classrooms,

Labs, departments,

Staff rooms,

Library etc. and also

covered the area around

the college premises.

The students

were accompanied by

music and Gandhiji's

favourite songs as well

as a beautiful display

of placards carried by

enthusiastic students.

The students in

classes also greeted

the rally with patriotic

slogans creating an

emotionally charged

atmosphere.



Faculty along with students during the programme.