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Play your role...

with this sentiment along with respect for rights and duties, Jammu and Kashmir will play a major role in a developed India in the coming days," he said, stressing the need to change the thinking process.

"Normally, we desire that the government does everything because that is the responsibility of the government. But can the citizens say with a hand on their heart that whatever they do, they do to will be to safeguard the dignity of Jammu and Kashmir and the national flag," he added.

He paid homage to the martyrs of Police and Security Forces. "The UT administration is determined to create a fear-free, terrorism-free, corruption-free and future-oriented Jammu Kashmir. We salute our soldiers and police personnel who laid down their lives in combating terrorism. I assure the people that we will make J&K terror-free. This is our resolve," the Lt Governor said.

Development should become a powerful people's movement in all 20 districts and the elements making efforts to disturb peace must be isolated by the society, he added.

He said the conflict profiteers who kept the people of J&K away from mainstream development, those who built their houses in foreign countries and sent their children abroad for studies think that they only have all the rights on government resources.

We have been successful in breaking the backbone of ecosystem of conflict profiteers and will strike the last nail in the coffin of these subversive forces, the Lt Governor said.

He said the UT Administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister, is working diligently to ensure there is no scope for discrimination and corruption.

Our policies have been formulated with the objective of ensuring living standards of common man are improved and deprived section of the society is empowered, he said.

Referring to the PM Vishwakarma scheme launched by Prime Minister, the Lt Governor said the scheme provides the benefits including toolkit incentive of Rs 15,000, training of artisans, Rs 500 per day during training, collateral-free credit support up to Rs 1 lakh (first tranche) and Rs 2 lakh (second tranche) at a concessional interest rate of 5 percent, incentive for digital transactions and marketing support, he said.

J&K is the biggest beneficiary of the reformative schemes introduced by the Central Government in the last few years. We will make every effort to extend the benefits of this Scheme across the UT and transform the lives of the artisans and craftspeople of Jammu Kashmir working with their hands and tools, the Lt Governor said.

It will be ensured that the eligible beneficiaries are being identified at panchayat level, their ID cards are prepared at District level and the final list will be notified at UT level, he added.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor lauded the public representatives and District Administration for commendable efforts to create smart facilities for the people and inspiring other districts as well to follow in their footsteps. I am confident very soon the dream of Smart City Budgam will be realized, he said.

He said the administration has also initiated the process of establishing Cluster University in Budgam.

"Deputy Commissioner Budgam has proposed the land for Cluster University in Budgam. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir is working on the proposal and I am hopeful that very soon we will lay the foundation of Cluster University Kashmir in Budgam," the Lt Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor laid the foundation stone of much-awaited 125-bedded District Hospital Complex at a cost of Rs 49.32 crore at Reshipora, Budgam.

He congratulated the people of Budgam on the occasion. Today is a historic day for all of us in terms of development. The 125-bedded Hospital will fulfill the long pending demand and dream of the people of having all the health facilities under one roof, he said.

"People's health is the top priority of administration and this project is a testimony to our commitment to bring better health facilities to small towns, strengthening public health service delivery, minimizing inconvenience and referrals to Tertiary health care centres in Srinagar," the Lt Governor said.

He highlighted the efforts of the administration to establish transparent and responsive governance.

"We have travelled a long distance in the last three years in terms of speedy execution of projects within the stipulated period and eliminated the gap between the aspirations of people and the delivery by administration with dedication and commitment," the Lt Governor said.

Nazir Ahmad Khan, Chairman, District Development Council, Budgam expressed gratitude to the Lt Governor-led UT Administration for granting the sanction and approval for the establishment of District Hospital Complex at Budgam in a short period of time.

Dr Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary; Bhupinder Kumar, Secretary Health and Medical Education; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner Budgam; PRI members, senior officers and citizens from all walks of life were present.

LG greets people...

wisdom, also symbolizes the cultural unity of our country bringing people of all walks of life together. May lord Ganapati remove all obstacles and sufferings and bless us with joy, prosperity and peace".

CCIE SP to...

till further orders, the order issued by Financial Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, J&K home department, Raj Kumar Goyal said.

The order said Choudhary, a 2012-batch AGMUT cadre IPS officer, is relieved from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir to enable him to take up the new assignment in the federal agency, consequent upon the approval of the competent authority for his induction as SP in NIA on deputation basis.

The deputation of the officer will be for a period of five years from the date of the assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier, the order said.

RS, LS to...

historic and prestigious chamber.

"The prime minister and leaders of all parties shared their views and experiences on the democratic journey of the country and on historic decisions and incidents. The time has come that the proceedings of the Lok Sabha are conducted in the new Parliament building," the speaker said.

"This is a historic and unforgettable moment for all of us. We are going to enter the new complex and the memories of this building will always stay with us," he added.

Birla reminded the members about the manner in which the prestige and decorum of the House was established.

"Now, we will begin the journey of our parliamentary democracy in the new building. I hope we will establish new milestones in the new Parliament building. I also expect that the members will abstain from certain past incidents, especially carrying placards and causing organised disruptions, and establish highest democratic traditions," he said.

"I also expect that in the new complex, with new energy and resolve, we will hold debates of high quality, surpassing those that have been held in the old building," the speaker said.

Birla said he had an attachment with the old building, having spent four years and a half there as the speaker.

"I have experienced how, on many serious issues, the entire Parliament has taken decisions in one voice in the interest of the country and I hope that in the new building too, the members will take even better decisions in the interest of the country, so that the prestige of India's democracy rises further in the world," he said.

The Indian democracy plays the role of the guiding light for the world, he added.

In the Rajya Sabha, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said, "The House stands adjourned to meet at 2:15 pm on Tuesday, September 19, in the Rajya Sabha chamber of the new building of Parliament."

Initiating the discussion in the Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauded the vision of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of independent India, and subsequent leaders, including Lal Bahadur Shastri, P V Narasimha Rao and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Earlier in the day, Birla said the old Parliament building has made an "unparalleled" contribution to India's democratic journey as collective decisions were taken there for the country's welfare.

'Women's reservation bill...

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The Women's Reservation Bill passed by the Rajya Sabha in 2010 had provision for 33 per cent reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies.

Earlier addressing the media, the Prime Minister said that "historic decisions" will be taken this Parliament session which may be of short duration but is big on occasion. The cabinet meeting was attended by Union ministers including Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Piyush Goyal, Pralhad Joshi, S Jaishankar, Nirmala Sitharaman, Dharmendra Pradhan, Nitin Gadkari and Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Ever since it was announced that the Parliament session would be held from September 18-22, there has been speculation on various bills, including the women's reservation bill.

In his remarks in Lok Sabha on the discussion on 75 years of Parliament, he asserted that the contribution of women parliamentarians has been on the rise over the years.

Congress spokesman Jairam Ramesh welcomed the "reported decision" of the Union Cabinet.

"It's been a long-standing demand of the Congress party to implement women's reservation.

"We welcome the reported decision of the Union Cabinet and await the details of the Bill. This could have very well been discussed in the all-party meeting before the Special Session, and consensus could have been built instead of operating under a veil of secrecy," Ramesh said on X.

Contribution of women...

has increased gradually," Modi said.

The Prime Minister said more than 7,500 public representatives have served in both Houses whereas the number of women representatives has been approximately 600.

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Four chargesheeted for...

was initiated and the allegations were prima facie established and subsequently, the instant case was registered for in-depth investigation, the spokesperson said.

He said relevant records and statements of witnesses were recorded and scientific, circumstantial and other material evidence was gathered, which revealed that 53 unemployed youth were duped of Rs 41.9 lakh. However, investigation is continuing to get more leads for thoroughly busting this deep-rooted employment racket, the spokesperson said.



Anantnag anti-terror...

dense forest area with several cave-like hideouts where the terrorists are believed to be holed up since Wednesday, the officials said.

The security cordon was extended to the neighbouring Posh Kreeri area on Sunday as a precautionary measure to ensure that the terrorists do not slip into civilian areas.

Addressing a function here late on Sunday evening, the LG said every drop of blood of the slain security personnel will be avenged and the terrorist handlers will have to pay a heavy price. "We have complete faith in our soldiers.... The entire nation stands in solidarity with the jawans," Sinha said.

He claimed that the attack on security forces in Anantnag was a result of the frustration among the terrorist ranks due to the successful conduct of the G20 Summit and the crackdown on conflict profiteers in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sinha said the time had come to put an end to terrorism and the ecosystem that has suppressed the common man in the Union Territory.

Top officials of the security grid in Kashmir, including the director general of police (DGP) and general officer commanding (GOC) of the Army's 15 Corps, have been monitoring the operation. The Northern Army commander visited the site of the gunfight on Saturday to take stock of the operational situation.

Police believe two to three terrorists are trapped in the forest area.

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

SEC notifies schedule...

reference to January 1, 2023 as the qualifying date and the final Panchayat Electoral Rolls have been published on October 10, 2023. Likewise, the term of the present Panchayats is finishing on January 9, 2024 and as per section 42 of the Jammu & Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, the Elections to Halqa Panchayat shall be held one month prior to the expiry of the term.

The document added that the State Election Commission has, in view of the upcoming elections to constitute new Halqa Panchayats, decided to give one more opportunity to the left out voters/voters to get their names added, deleted, corrected, transposed with reference to January 1, 2023 as the qualifying date.

Therefore the names in the last updated Electoral Roll published on February 10, 2023 with reference to January 1, 2023 as the qualifying date shall be put in public domain for preparation of 2nd Supplement to the Panchayat Electoral Roll, 2023. The qualifying date for the current updation of Panchayat Roll shall, however, remain same as January 1, 2023.

For any assistance in this behalf, the concerned District Panchayat Election Officer (DEPO), Electoral Registration Officer (ERO), Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and Panchayat Election Booth Official (PEBO) may be contacted. Their details are available in the offices of the concerned District Panchayat Election Officer and also on the official website of J&K, State Election Commission @ (secjk.nic.in).

600 self-neutralising...

production. It has been completed. It is now in demand. It has been inducted into the Indian Army. Six hundred mines have been inducted (recently)," an official of the manufacturing company told PTT.

Designed and developed completely indigenously in a joint venture with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in India, "Vibhav" is a point-attack anti-tank munition, the officials said.

They said the mines are designed to provide mobility kill against all enemy armoured vehicles.

"Made from new age plastic, the mines have adequate strength and durability to withstand the requirements of storage, handling and operating in varying field conditions," the official mentioned above said.

The munition can be laid both mechanically or manually, he added.

A host of safety and actuation mechanisms have been incorporated in "Vibhav" to make it safe to handle, lethal against targets and reliable, the officials said.

The integrated explosive, mechanical and electronic safety features ensure utmost operator safety, they added.

On the other hand, the lethality of the munition ensures effectiveness against all current and futuristic armoured vehicles, the officials said.

The munition also incorporates an electronic anti-handling and anti-lift device (EAHALD) that stays active for 120 days once armed, they said.

"We have made three changes in this mine. It has mechanical timers now. Due to this, after 120 days, it will be self-neutralised. It was not available in the earlier mines," one of the officials said.

The munition is under production by Kalyani Group for the Indian Army. It has a storage life of 10 years with no special storage requirements, he added.

90,000 visit Shankri...

mountains and lush green forests.

While addressing the gathering, District Development Council Chairperson Lal Chand and Deputy Commissioner Saloni Rai emphasised that such temple fairs play a crucial role in exchanging cultural and traditional values and spreading the message of brotherhood, peace, and prosperity.

Stressing that these melas are an indispensable part of Jammu's culture, they said it is important to preserve them as they represent the region's rich culture and traditional values.

Visitors to the three-day mela witnessed exhilarating performances, including folk music and dance besides theme-based skits depicting the cultural traditions the region enacted by students of local educational institutions and folk artists, officials said. Numerous departmental stalls, temporary sweet shops, toy shops and other fun items set up by local and outside vendors were the main attractions for the general public visiting the fair, they added.

CS administers oath...

water policy for the UT for ensuring water security.

Dr Mehta further advised that the measures for better management of our water resources is necessary. He continued that the water requirements for domestic, irrigation and industrial purposes should clearly laid down. He called for laying more focus on dual piping system or other such techniques as employed in bigger cities to deal with water stress.

Dr Mehta advised formulation of action plan for water security of the UT. He also

asked for carrying out basin studies in J&K for appropriate action. He maintained that the such concepts should seep in here in our society as well for taking pre-emptive measures to deal with future challenges better.

The Chief Secretary took this occasion to ask the Jal Shakti Department to enhance the capacity of their staff so that they gets fully acquainted with new techniques. He also called upon the officers to switch to monthly billing for the convenience of customers. He also enjoined upon them to adhere to principles of transparency and probity under all situations and work towards it despite challenges from corrupt elements in the society.

On the occasion the ACS, Jal Shakti Department, Shaleen Kabra informed the gathering that the regulatory authority has now become fully functional as its senior member, KC Naik has been elevated as its officiating Chairperson and today added with another member. He gave out that the Authority has an essential duty of regulating water resources in the UT. He said that its mandate includes ensuring judicious, equitable and sustainable management, allocation and utilization of these resources, fixing the rates for use of water, and all other relevant matters.

Pertinent to mention here that Iftikhar Kakroo was Chief Engineer, Srinagar Smart City Limited and had a career spanning to around 40 years including 37 years in the Jal Shakti Department in various positions till his superannuation in the year 2020.

Three detained under...

the recommendations of the police, they said.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Khalil Poswal said the three are "hard-core" OGWs and named in various cases registered in different police stations.

"Due to their continued engagement in anti-national activities and role in motivating local youths to join banned (terrorist) organisations, the imposition of the PSA was deemed necessary," the officer said.

Poswal said the operation to detain the three was executed meticulously after obtaining PSA orders from the competent authority.

Several teams were formed and the three individuals were apprehended from different locations in Kishtwar and subsequently lodged in different jails of Jammu province, he said. He said the police are pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to address the issue of anti-national elements. "On one front, awareness programmes are being conducted throughout the district, while on the other strict actions will be taken against anti-national and anti-social elements to ensure the safety and well-being of the public," the SSP said, adding, "There is no room for such activities in Kishtwar." He asked such elements to shun their anti-national activities and return to mainstream society as failing to do so will result in "uncompromising consequences". "The general public is once again urged to play an active role in maintaining the security of Kishtwar by reporting any information related to anti-national, anti-social or drug-related activities in their vicinity to police," the SSP said.

Terrorist fires on...

chowk around 7.00 pm, the officials said.

He fled from the spot after firing, they said, adding there was no death or injury in the incident. There was an attempted attack by a terrorist on the bullet-proof vehicle of the CRPF in Khanyar area which was repelled by alert personnel, a police spokesman said. "The terrorist was chased away by personnel, who showed wise restraint due to potential collateral damage. No injury to life or property reported," the Srinagar Police posted on X.

ESL takes out rally in memory of Rajouri & Anantnag martyrs

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BHADARWAH: Condemning terrorism and paying tributes to Army personnel, police personnel who lost their lives in Anantnag Kokernag and Narla Rajouri encounters, Ex-Servicemen League (ESL) Doda along with locals took out rally in Bhadarwah on Monday.



The Ex-servicemen league Doda saluted the supreme sacrifice of 4 personnel including a CO, Major and a DySP in an encounter at Anantnag district and one Jawan of Army in District Rajouri of Jammu and Kashmir and offered condolences to their families.

The Ex-servicemen league gathered at Bhadarwah under the leadership of it's District President Raj Singh Charak to pay tributes to the slain personnel who laid their lives for the sovereignty of the nation.

The tribute paying function was organised in Seri Bazar Park of Bhadarwah in which beside Ex-servicemen of the area, senior citizens, Locals and others also participated.

All expressed grief over the incident in which the soldiers have lost their lives in the terror activity which was carried out by the cowardly terrorists on the behest of Pakistan.

Besides District President Ex-servicemen league Doda Raj Singh Charak and other members, BJP Leader Advocate Manjeet Razdan, Neeraj Singh Manhas and others also paid floral tributes to Martyrs of Anantnag and Rajouri.

They raised slogans against terrorism calling for an end to it terming terrorism as biggest threat to the society.

Floral tributes were also paid to army personnel as well as police personnel and participants said that martyrs shall always remain alive in heart of every countrymen and their sacrifices will always be remembered.

Raj Singh Charak, District President Ex-servicemen league Doda while talking to Media after paying floral tribute to the Martyrs said, "Today we gathered here to pay rich tributes to our brave soldiers who got martyrdom in Rajouri and Anantnag encounters. We salute our Braveheart Javans and we are proud of them."

He urged the Government to crush terrorism from grassroot. "Pakistan is conducting these terror activities to disturb the peaceful atmosphere of J&K," Charak added.

Expressing solidarity with the bereaved families of the paratroopers who laid down their lives for the sake of motherland, Neeraj Singh Manhas said that time for a decision fight has come and soon the Modi Government will root out terrorism from the soil of J&K.

He appreciated the role of security forces for maintaining peace and stability within and on the borders of Jammu and Kashmir.

He criticized the anti-peace elements who are hell bent upon to disturb peace in J&K. Ex Hav Nirmal Singh, Ex N/Sub Narender Singh, Ex Nk Girdhari Lal, Ex Nk Kulbhusan Singh, N/Sub Omkar Singh, Ex Hav Shamis Din, Ex Hav Satish Kumar, Ex Hav Shyam Lal, Ex Nk Narender Kumar Ex Hav Shankar Singh, Ex Hav Bhagi Ram and others.

Sanjay Kumar sentenced to 2 yrs imprisonment, fine Rs 6000

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RAMNAGAR: Sub Judge Court Ramnagar has convicted the accused Sanjay Kumar son of Bhagat Ram resident of Chakal, Basantgarh in case FIR 42/2019 under section 457, 380,201 RPC of Police Station Ramnagar. The court has awarded two years imprisonment and fine of Rs 6,000 to the convict. APP Yuvraj Singh appeared on behalf of the State. Brief facts of the case are that on May 15, 2019 at mid night the accused Sanjay Kumar broken the locks of shop Anil Enterprises in ward No 5, Ramnagar and had stolen amount of ERs 4800 from said shop. The said that such criminal act of theft was also recorded on CCTV camera.

Pipping ceremony held at Traffic Police Headquarter Ramban

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RAMBAN: Rohit Baskotra, Sr. Superintendent of Police (SSP) Traffic Police National Highway Ramban, held a Pipping ceremony in his office chamber at TPO Ramban in respect of SGT's of the unit, who have been promoted to the rank of HC's by the Zonal Police Headquarters Jammu. SSP Traffic National Highway congratulated the newly promoted HC's and encouraged them to serve with sense of honesty, zeal and dedication in future. On the occasion other officers/officials of the Traffic Police department were also present.

