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to task. Clean, clear and stable governance is mandatory for continuing a nation's development journey," he said. Asserting that India's diplomacy reached new heights in the past 30 days, the prime minister said the G20 Summit could have been limited to a diplomatic and Delhi-centric programme but India made it a people-driven national movement.

Six more countries have joined BRICS community due to India's efforts, the prime minister said. "No occasion should be treated as small and that effort should be made to convert every activity into a benchmark. A 100 per cent consensus on the Delhi declaration made global headlines...some decisions taken during the G20 Summit have potential to change the 21st century's direction...In today's polarised international atmosphere, it is not a small thing to get so many countries together on one platform," he said.

Talking about the transformative decisions take at the G20 Summit, Modi mentioned the inclusion of the African Union as a permanent member, International Biofuels Alliance led by India, India Middle East European Economic Corridor.

Listing out the achievements of his government in the past 30 days, the prime minister said several initiatives were taken to empower the poor, SCs, STs, OBCs and the middle class.

"The government launched the PM Vishwakarma Yojana for artisans. In last 30 days, over one lakh youths have been given central government jobs through 'Rozgar Mela'. The women's reservation bill became the first bill passed in the new Parliament building and it filled the country with a sense of pride," he said.

Modi said he is not surprised at the success of the G20 Summit as when youths get associated with any event, its success is assured. "Youths progress only where there is optimism, opportunities and openness. My message to the youth is - 'Think Big'," he said.

Noting that India's college and university campuses can become crucial centres for his "vocal for local" mantra, the prime minister urged the students to make Khadi a fashion statement on the campus. He suggested conducting Khadi fashion shows and promoting the work of Vishwakarmas (local artisans) at college cultural fests.

The prime minister said that unlike the freedom struggle stalwarts "we did not get an opportunity to die for the country but we have all the opportunity to live for the nation".

"The youths of the decade-a-century-ago had decided on the grand goal of Independence and that nation-wide energy freed the nation from colonial powers. Friends, come walk with me, I invite you. 25 years are in front of us, what happened 100 years ago, they moved for Swaraj, we can move for Snriddhi (prosperity)", the prime minister said, exhorting the youths.

"Aatmirbhar Bharat opens new doors of prosperity and takes self-belief to new heights. I will take India into the top three economies. That is why I need your support and cooperation for Maa Bharati and for 140 crore Indians," he concluded.

The G20 University Connect initiative was undertaken with the aim to build an understanding of India's G20 Presidency among the country's youths and enhance their participation in different G20 events.

The programme engaged over one lakh students from universities across India. Initially planned for 75 universities to commemorate India's 75 years of independence, the initiative eventually expanded its reach to 101 universities across India.

Reiterating the importance of the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal, the prime minister underlined the criticality of the period for both the nation and the youth.

Dwelling on the convergence of the contributing factors, the prime minister said India is among the fastest growing economies as the nation became the fifth largest economy from the 10th in a very short time.

"The global trust in India is strong and there is record foreign investment in the country. The export, manufacturing and services sector is scaling new heights. In just five years, 13.5 crore people have come out of poverty, transitioning into India's neo-middle class. Strides in physical, social and digital infrastructure are ensuring new speed in development. Physical infrastructure is seeing an investment of 10 lakh crore," he added.

### Eid-I-Milad..

hereby ordered that the holiday on account of 'Eid-e-Milad-ul-Nabi shall be observed in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 28.09.2023 (Thursday) instead of 27.09.2023 (Wednesday).

### SPO found dead..

Pathania said. He said Hussain, who was posted in district police lines Poonch, had suffered head injuries and preliminary investigation suggested that he died in a road accident.

The body of the deceased was sent to district hospital Poonch for postmortem, the officer said, adding police have started inquest proceedings.

### Anti-drone system..

terrorism. He said in the last five years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the role of zonal councils has changed from advisory nature to action platforms.

Shah said the Northern Zonal Council has an important place from the point of view of development and security of the country, with 21 per cent of the country's land and 13 per cent of the population. More than 35 per cent of the food grains are produced in the Northern region, he said.

Shah said the majority of personnel in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Army, guarding the country's borders, come from the states and Union Territories in the Northern Zonal Council.

He asked all the member states and UTs to pay special attention to collective priority issues such as cooperative movement in the country, dropout rate of school-children and malnutrition.

The home minister said not even a single child should remain malnourished in the country.

It is the responsibility of everyone to reduce the school dropout rate, he said, adding giving impetus to the cooperative movement will help in taking more than 60 crore people of the country towards prosperity.

He urged all member state and UTs to adopt natural and organic farming, as it will be hugely beneficial for the farmers of the country.

He assured all possible help from the Centre to the Himachal Pradesh government in dealing with the situation arising out of the recent floods and said the whole country is standing by the state in this hour of crisis.

On the call of the home minister, the Northern Zonal Council welcomed the spectacular success of Chandrayaan-3, the worldwide appreciation of India's leadership at the G20 Summit and the women's reservation bill passed by the Parliament.

The Zonal Councils provide the opportunity for personal interaction at the highest level amongst the members and serve as a useful forum for resolving issues of difficult and complex nature in an atmosphere of amity and goodwill.

Through discussion and exchange of views, the Zonal Councils help in developing a coordinated approach among the states on important issues of socio and economic development.

### After moon mission..

atmospheres. The ExoWorlds mission will study the atmosphere of exo-planets and whether they are livable or they host life.

Somanath said the plans for a Mars Lander Mission too were at the conceptual stage.

On the need to study Venus, the ISRO chief said the planet also has an atmosphere with atmospheric pressure 100 times that of earth near the surface.

He said the scientists don't know the reasons for high atmospheric pressure near the Venusian surface.

He said the thick clouds enveloping Venus are full of acids and one cannot even penetrate the surface.

"It is important to understand the evolution of planetary bodies. Only if you look at Venus, Mars one can actually study what effects are there in your activities on the earth that actually makes it habitable or non-habitable. All this will depend on your understanding of it and the ability to act on it," Somanath said.

### Terrorist, 8 associates..

pistol magazine and eight live rounds were recovered from his possession, the SSP said.

During questioning, Shah disclosed the name of his other associate as Parvaiz Ahmad, resident of Takiya Wagoora.

Accordingly, security forces raided his residence and subsequently arrested him, the SSP said.

Upon his disclosure, two hand grenades were also recovered from his possession, he added.

The next day, the SSP said, during the further course of interrogation of the terrorist, and on his disclosure, a pistol, a pistol magazine and eight live rounds were again recovered from his house at Janbazzora.

Shah disclosed the names of his women associates as Nigeena, resident of Vijipora

Hajin, and Aafreena alias Aayat, resident of Patpora Shalteng Srinagar and upon their disclosure, two hand grenades were recovered from their possession, Nagpure said.

On Monday, during further questioning of Shah and Ahmad, they disclosed the names of two more associates as Mudasar Ahmad Rather, resident of Takiya Wagoora, and Showkat Ahmad Malik, resident of Wagila Wagoora, the police officer said.

Upon their disclosure, he said, a Chinese grenade, a pistol, a pistol magazine and eight live rounds were recovered from their possession.

The investigation has revealed that the terrorist along with his five associates were operating on the directions from Pakistan-based handlers and were planning to recruit more terrorists and carry out terrorist activities in Baramulla and nearby areas, the SSP added.

A case under sections of UA(P) and Arms Act has been registered and further investigation is going on.

In another operation, the SSP said, a terror module was unearthed with the arrest of three terrorist associates of LeT outfit.

During checking at Parapeelan Bridge Uri, security forces noticed two suspected persons coming from Dachi towards Parapeelan Bridge and tried to flee while noticing the naka party, but were apprehended tactfully, Nagpure said.

During their search, two Glock pistols, four pistol magazines, two pistol silencers, five Chinese grenades and 29 live pistol rounds were recovered from them.

They were taken into custody and have been identified as Zaid Hassan Malla, resident of Mir Sahib Baramulla, and Mohammad Arif Channa, resident of Stadium Colony Baramulla.

The police said the terror associates were involved in cross-border smuggling of arms and ammunition at the behest of Pakistan-based terror handlers and its further distribution to LeT terrorists for carrying out terror activities.

A case under the Indian Arms Act and UA (P) Act was registered and investigations was taken up.

During the course of investigation, they disclosed the name of their associate as Aftaar Ahmad Lohar, resident of Surankote Poonch, who was subsequently arrested, the SSP said.

### SIA raids four..

and Over Ground Workers (OWGS) are using different mobile app's including WhatsApp calling and passing vital information to Pakistan based terrorists and handlers as well as terror groups. The Pakistan based handlers and terror groups are desperate to revive the terrorist activities in the hinterland of UT Jammu and Kashmir. On these reports, the State Investigation Agency Jammu, obtained search warrant from the court in case FIR No .2/2022 U/sec.13,18,19,21,23,38,39,40 of UAP Act JIC SIA Jammu and conducted searches in the residential premises of Nazir Ahmed, son of Ghulam Haider; Mohammed Rafiq, Son of Ali Mohammed and Altaf Hussain, son of Mohammed Yousf, all the three residents of Basant Garh in Udhampur district besides the house of Mohd Iqbal at Peer Bagh locality of Sunjwan in the early hours.

The officials said that Iqbal, originally a resident of village Khor in Mahore Tehsil of Reasi district, was a former terrorist associate and the raid was conducted on the suspicion that he still has connections with terrorists. The raiding team confiscated a mobile phone and two SIM cards for examination, they said.

During searches electric gadgets and relevant documents etc were recovered. The searches were conducted in presence of Executive Magistrate and with the active participation of district police Udhampur and Jammu.

### Dont allow 'political..

the killing of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Jaishankar's remarks on the "political convenience" appears to be directed at Canada whose Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently alleged "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of a Khalistani extremist on his country's soil on June 18 in British Columbia, a charge angrily rejected by New Delhi as "absurd" and "motivated".

"They (Canadians) have made the allegations, they have taken action on them. To us, it seems or it appears that these allegations by the government of Canada are primarily politically driven," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagehi said last week.

Canada has a Sikh population of more than 770,000 (about 2 per cent of its total population) and are considered a crucial voting bloc.

Later, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations Robert Rae said that his country "cannot bend the rules of state-to-state relations for political expediency".

"Because we've seen and continue to see the extent to which democracies are under threat through various means of foreign interference. But the truth is if we don't adhere to the rules that we've agreed to the very fabric of our open and of our free societies, they start to tear," Rae said in his address to the UN General Assembly, without naming any country.

Canada has announced to hold a public inquiry into whether China, Russia and other countries interfered in Canadian federal elections in 2019 and 2021 that re-elected Prime Minister Trudeau's Liberals.

Jaishankar in his address said, "we often advocate the promotion of a rules-based order. From time to time, respect for the UN Charter is also invoked. But for all the talk, it is still a few nations who shape the agenda and seek to define the norms. This cannot go on indefinitely. Nor will it go unchallenged."

He asserted that a "fair, equitable and democratic order" will surely emerge, "once we all put our minds to it. And for a start, that means ensuring that rule makers do not subjugate rule takers. After all, rules will work only when they apply equally to all."

"Even as we encourage collective endeavours, India seeks to promote cooperation with diverse partners. From the era of non-alignment, we have now evolved to that of Vishwa Mitra (a friend to the world). This is reflected in our ability and willingness to engage with a broad range of nations," he said, referring to the rapid growth of the Quad, and expansion of the BRICS grouping.

"All countries pursue their national interests. We, in India, have never seen that as being in contradiction with global good. When we aspire to be a leading power, this is not for self-aggrandisement but to take on greater responsibility and make more contributions," he added.

Underlining that the world is witnessing an exceptional period of turmoil, Jaishankar said it was with a sense of exceptional responsibility that India took up the Presidency of the G20. "Our vision of One Earth, One Family, One Future' sought to focus on the key concerns of the many, not just the narrow interests of a few," he said.

"In the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it was to bridge divides, dismantle barriers and sow seeds of collaboration that nourish a world, where unity prevails over discord and where shared destiny eclipses isolation. The New Delhi G-20 Leaders' Declaration articulates our collective ability to do so," he said.

He said the international order is diverse and we must cater for divergences, if not differences. "The days when a few nations set the agenda and expected others to fall in line are over," he added.

Jaishankar said that the African Union's inclusion in the G20 was a "significant step."

"This significant step in reform should inspire the United Nations, a much older organization, to also make the Security Council contemporary. Broad representation is a pre-requisite for both effectiveness and credibility," Jaishankar told the United Nations General Assembly.

"As the United Nations itself symbolises, finding common ground is an imperative. To listen to others and to respect their viewpoints is not a weakness; it is the basics of cooperation. Only then can collective efforts on global issues be successful," he said.

### J&K SHA receives..

Health Agencies were asked to showcase the best practices adopted in their respective states.

Bhupinder Kumar representing J&K State Health Agency showcased the best practices adopted in successful implementation of Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the UT.

J&K SHA received the award in all the four segments including gender equity in service delivery, above 90% families with at least one Ayushman card, prompt Anti-Fraud Action, full utilization of allocated funds and highest Ayushman card creation.

During the function, Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, J&K, also received an award for "Highest in Scan and Share" Category. The award was received by Additional Mission Director, Dr Shafiqat Khan.

Bhupinder Kumar also highlighted the progress of J&K in beneficiary identification and feedback mechanism under Ayushman Bharat.

During the Valedictory function, Union Health Minister appreciated the efforts put in by the J&K government in generation of golden cards. Notably, J&K has covered 90% of the beneficiary families in terms of golden card generation, so far.

The innovative practices adopted by J&K in generation of golden cards has resulted in better utilization of services by the beneficiaries.

State Health Agency (SHA) has rolled out ambitious door-to-door exercise to achieve 100 percent saturation under the Ayushman Bharat PMJAY SEHAT

scheme. Besides, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) SEHAT has crossed a major milestone of providing 5 lakh free treatments to citizens of J&K UT recently.

### Govt extends export..

It operates under a budgetary framework and an amount of Rs 15,070 crore is available to support 10,610 products for 2023-24.

It will help the exporting community to negotiate export contracts in the present international environment on better terms.

The RoDTEP Committee has again been constituted in the Department of Revenue to review and recommend the ceiling rates under the RoDTEP Scheme for different export sectors, it said.

The Committee held its first interaction today here with the EPCs/Chamber of Commerce and discussed the methodology and other issues relating to the Scheme and its implementation.

The EPCs (export promotion councils) in their observations emphasized the need for enhancing the RoDTEP budget allocation and for higher rates to be made available to all export items to help them secure greater market access abroad.

This scheme is a replacement for the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) which ended last year.

At present, over 10,342 export items get the RoDTEP credits.

The incentive is paid in the form of transferable duty credit scrip which can be used to pay import duties or sold in the market by exporters.

### 'Historic' women's reservation..

government and also all the parties who supported the bill," he added.

On the recent seizure of properties of a US-based Khalistani separatist in Amritsar and Chandigarh, Parkash said, "Any power which talks about disintegrating the country has to face the government."

"It is the responsibility of the government to safeguard the unity and integrity of the nation and the government is accordingly acting against them as per the law of the land," he said.

On the Rozgar Mela, the minister said it was the ninth such job fair organised by the government to provide job letters to unemployed youth across the country.

"Modi government has promised jobs to the youth and today 51,000 jobs in central government departments are being provided to them at 45 locations across the country. Likewise 105 people were given jobs in Jammu," the minister said.

He added that the central government has introduced various schemes like Startup India and Make in India to provide soft loans to address the issue of unemployment in the country.

## Dal, Nigeen lakes will soon have floating sewage treatment plants

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SRINAGAR: The Dal and Nigeen lakes here will soon have floating sewage systems that connect the houseboats to treatment plants, protecting the lakes from pollution in the process.

The Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), which manages and conserves the water bodies and waterways of Jammu and Kashmir, said the project will collect sewage from the houseboats and keep the lakes clean. Both lakes have over the years suffered a great deal of pollution.

The Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA), which looks after, manages, and conserves the water bodies and waterways of J-K, said the project will totally arrest the sewerage from the houseboats and render the lakes clean.

Speaking to PTI, LCMA vice chairman Bashir Ahmad Bhat said that the refuse from houseboats currently go directly into the two lakes. Since the problem of sewage seeping into the lake has persisted, the government has decided to connect the houseboats through a proper sewage system.

Last year, the LCMA started a programme under which they planned to connect all the houseboats in the Dal and Nigeen lakes to the sewerage line, Bhat said.

"The western shore houseboats of Nigeen Lake were connected last year. Then the Dal Lake project got started and currently, we have completed 60 to 70 per cent of the work. We are hopeful that by the end of October, all the houseboats of both lakes will be connected to the sewerage line," he said.

The houseboats in the lakes are being connected with a sewage treatment plant through a floating sewage system.

"Basically, it is to arrest all the refuse that gets into the lake so as to improve the water quality. The goal (of LCMA) is to restore Dal Lake to its pristine glory," Bhat said, adding that it was a challenging project as many experiments on collecting sewage have failed in the past. He added that there are 950 houseboats in both lakes.

Tanveer Ahmad, Assistant Executive Engineer, LCMA, said the project was designed to scientifically dispose of sewage from houseboats.

For the Dal Lake part of the project, the water body has been divided into 11 clusters. Each cluster has about 70 houseboats. The work on the project is taken cluster after cluster, he said.

"These clusters will have an individual sump in which the sewage is collected. After the collection, it will be pumped out and will be carried to the shores where it will get treated in a nearby sewage treatment plant," Ahmad said.

Ahmad said while the project deadline is November 15, the LCMA is trying to complete it before time.

He said houseboat owners would benefit from the project as the lakes would be cleaner which would lead to an increase in tourism.

"We have the support of houseboat owners and houseboat associations. They want this network to develop so that the lake remains clean," he added.

Houseboat owners have welcomed the move and have thanked the authorities for it. "We want the sewerage system to be constructed as we live around water, and for many years now, it has been polluted," said Zahoor Ahmad, a houseboat owner.

He added that if the project is implemented properly "after three to four years, the water of the lakes will be fit for drinking". "Due to this sewerage system, our own health and the environment will get better which will be beneficial to everyone," he said.

### Farewell accorded to SO ADGP Ashok Kumar

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JAMMU: A warm farewell accorded to Ashok Kumar Sharma, SSP Staff Officer to Addl Director General of Police Jammu Zone at Provincial G.P Fund Police Cell ZPHQ Jammu on Tuesday, who will be attaining superannuation on September 30th 2023.



Ashok Kumar Sharma, (SSP) Staff Officer to ADGP Jammu Zone being given farewell.

To recognize the stewardship of retiring Officer FA/CAO Provincial GP Fund Police Cell ZPHQ Jammu, Monika Hans along with her staff organized a farewell party and appreciated the directions/guidance put in by the officer from time to time during his tenure as Staff Officer to ADGP Jammu Zone and thanks the officer for the welfare of office of Provincial G.P Fund Police Cell ZPHQ Jammu.

## American delegation also visited J&K: Garcetti on US Pak envoy's PoK visit

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NEW DELHI: Amid a row over the US envoy to Islamabad visiting Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti on Tuesday said the American delegation has visited Jammu and Kashmir as well for G20 meetings.

Garcetti was reacting to questions on US Ambassador to Pakistan Donald Blome's six-day visit to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) last week.

"It's not my place to react to the US Ambassador in Pakistan but he's been before and we obviously had part of our delegation in Jammu and Kashmir during G20 as well," the American envoy told reporters on the sidelines of the 20th Indo-US Economic Summit.

At the same time, Garcetti made it clear that the Jammu and Kashmir issue has to be resolved bilaterally by India and Pakistan and not by any third party, including the US. "We'll stay engaged but this is an issue we very religiously know that has to be resolved between India and Pakistan not by any third party including the US," he said.

US Ambassador to Pakistan Blome visited the Gilgit-Baltistan region of PoK and interacted with the locals there, according to a Pakistani media report.