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"Panchayat elections had not taken place since 2000 and Block Development Council and District Development Council polls had never taken place... After 2014, I tried to bring forth the young leadership, holding panchayat polls in 2018, BDC elections in 2019, and DDC in 2020.

"The reason for holding these elections was to take democracy to the grassroots so that the youth could take charge," Modi said.

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"In the last 10 years, the change witnessed in J-K is nothing short of a dream come true. The stone that used to be thrown at police and the Army is now being utilised for building a new Jammu and Kashmir... This was not done by Modi but by the people of Jammu and Kashmir," the prime minister said.

He said the enemies of the country benefitted from the policies of the three families as they promoted terrorism to make their shops run. "Due to their sins, thousands of our youths lost their lives."

Referring to the peak of militancy when shops and business establishments used to be closed before dusk, he said the home minister of the previous Congress-led government was "frightened" to visit Lal Chowk, the nerve centre of Srinagar.

He said the J-K BJP has promised in its manifesto the return and rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrant Pandits to provide them their rights.

"The BJP also promised to bring white paper to provide justice to all victims of terrorism and you are aware that BJP keeps its promise," he said.

"We and you, together, will build a secure and prosperous J-K and this is Modi's guarantee," he said.

The prime minister said the political parties that ruled J-K for decades "deprived your children of facilities because they never accepted you as their own. You were only a ladder for them to reach the power."

However, he said, "Modi is the person who cares for your children and your future and that is the reason that the BJP-led government opened a number of educational institutions and medical colleges to fulfil your long pending dreams".

The statehood will be restored to J-K by the BJP government, he said but added, "You have to remain cautious of those who for their interests have taken your rights."

"They are the ones who deprived Gujjars and other communities of their right to reservation and deprived sections of the society of their voting rights as guaranteed by the Constitution.

"They have exploited the constitution for their own benefit...", he said.

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The Prime Minister said the BJP gave ticket to terror victim Shagun Parihar to reflect the party's "determination" to wipe out terrorism from Jammu and Kashmir.

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He said the BJP wants to make Jammu and Kashmir "free of terrorism and heaven for tourists".

"I am reminded of the old days, especially Bhaderwah where shooting for films was hit after the eruption of terrorism as film-makers stopped coming to this place. After 10 years of hard work we are not only seeking to bring back film-makers of our country to this place, but also we are working in the direction to pave the way for international film-makers to come here.

"A new film policy has already been framed and Jammu and Kashmir will once again come on the silver screen," PM Modi said.

He said lakhs of holiday-makers have started coming to the valley where new hotels are coming up. "We will further boost tourism and improve connectivity," he said.

Asking people to go through the NC-Congress manifesto and the BJP's poll promises, PM Modi said, "You should know what they are saying and what its outcome will be. The NC, Congress and PDP are talking of the restoration of Article 370.

"What does it mean to you? It implies that the three families will take away your reservations, deprive those who have been given voting rights after decades of wait, and also snatch the rights of daughters and sisters by bringing back Article 35A.

"If their manifesto gets implemented, schools will start burning again, stones will be back in children's hands, strikes will affect the business, the youth will be jobless. Do you want them to bring those frightening days back?"

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The Prime Minister said the Congress was the country's "most dishonest party" led by a corrupt dynasty and manipulates elections to come to power.

He also expressed concern over the alleged beating of an Indian journalist by Congress workers in the US.

"Does such treatment of an Indian journalist reflect well on India's dignity? "Congress is India's most dishonest party. Congress's royal family is India's biggest corrupt dynasty. You have to remain vigilant against them. They use all methods of dishonesty to win elections in a bid to come to power," Modi said at the rally.

"I warned the people of this country about their (Congress) designs but I was mocked... Today, everyone can see what's happening in the Congress-ruled states where their governments, in a very short period of rule, have created troubles for the people," Modi said.

Modi said the Congress made "false promises" to come to power and cited the example of Himachal Pradesh.

"Congress made false promises to the people in a bid to get votes in Himachal Pradesh. Now, they have destroyed the state. No development is taking place, employees are not getting salaries, and the youth are not getting jobs," he said.

Referring to Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge's remarks in Srinagar that BJP leaders would have been in jail had the opposition INDIA bloc won 20 more seats more in the recent Lok Sabha elections, Modi said that was the only agenda of the opposition party. "Their ideology and vision have become clear through the statements of their president... Do you want to come to power to send us to jail or to work for the welfare of the people? Is this your only agenda?" he said.

The people of the country have chosen us in 2014, 2019, and 2024 for the welfare of the people, not to send opposition leaders to jail.

"We run the government to remove corruption and provide the best facilities to the poor people. As they (Congress) don't have a positive vision, their only agenda is to send opposition leaders to jail. He (Kharge) should have talked about the welfare of the people of J-K but instead highlighted his jail agenda," he said.

Modi said the Congress has an "agenda of hate".

"Jammu has also been a victim of their hate. The Congress and the NC have always discriminated against Jammu. They made worst remarks against Maharaja Hari Singh and other kings," he said.

Three terrorists killed...

and three terrorists were killed in an exchange of fire in the morning, he said.

The identity and group affiliation of the slain terrorists are being ascertained, he said, adding that the operation was underway.

Soldier injured as...

terrorists in Nowshera in the past week. Earlier on September 9, two heavily armed terrorists were killed near the LoC in the Laam area of this sector.

Army troops noticed some terrorists and challenged them, leading to a gunfight which continued for some time, the officials said, adding the terrorists fled into the nearby forest and a massive search operation is on to track down and neutralize them.

Ensure effective seizures...

instructed all the financial institutions including Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and UTLBC to keep a strict vigil on the suspicious digital transactions by banks and the institutions were instructed for the onward submission of such transactions to the Income Tax Department for appropriate action under the laid down financial laws. Giving reference to the guidelines laid out by the Election Commission of India (ECI), the CEO asked J&K Excise Department to ensure the strict implementation of all the restrictions provided in Excise Act on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises.

"The Excise Act must be vigorously enforced during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of poll as envisaged in guidelines laid out by the ECI", the CEO stressed.

Additionally, the Excise Department was also directed to ensure strict enforcement of restrictions on dry days.

The CEO also directed the J&K Excise Department to launch special drives to unearth illicit liquor making factories; destruction of illicit liquor; and establish backward linkages for liquor intercepted in neighboring states of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and UT of Ladakh.

To curb the cultivation of Opium and Cannabis, the excise department was asked to utilize the services of Lumberdars and Chowkidars of hotspot villages in J&K UT.

Meanwhile, the agency-wise seizures made till date from the announcement of J&K Assembly Elections 2024 were also discussed and all the agencies were asked to gear up their efforts to ensure effective seizures during election process so as to uphold the guidelines of ECI regarding conduct of inducement free and fair Elections.

PM Modi's visit...

last days in Jammu and Kashmir," Chugh said and stressed that the upcoming elections in J&K will play a decisive role in shaping the J&K's future, in line with Modi's vision of a terror free and prosperous region.

Chugh said ever since abolition of Article 370 life of common man in J&K has witnessed a new vision of hope and progress.

"Political dynasties that have historically ruled Jammu and Kashmir fostering separatism and terrorism for decades needed to be ousted", he added.

Chugh echoed this sentiment, saying, "The leadership of these families has only brought instability and suffering to J&K, while our government has focused on empowering the common people and fostering peace."

Referring to the Prime Minister's promise to restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, Chugh reinforced the BJP's dedication to building a region free from terrorism and flourishing as a major tourist hub.

"Our government is committed to transforming J&K into a paradise for tourists and a symbol of peace. The upcoming elections will solidify this transition," he said.

Chugh also touched on the transformative infrastructure projects announced by Prime Minister Modi, stating that these will bring the region at par with the rest of the country in terms of development.

Responding to criticisms from National Conference leader Omar Abdullah regarding today's encounter incident in North Kashmir, Chugh said, "The government has made substantial achievements in restoring security and ensuring long term peace in the region." He also blamed the dynastic and separatist parties for their selfish agendas, which kept the region mired in conflict, terrorism and youth involvement in stone pelting. "It was these parties, when in power, that encouraged and sowed the seeds of terrorism in J&K. Now, the people of J&K can feel the difference, as the region has witnessed peace and prosperity."

Chugh reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to uplifting marginalized communities in Jammu and Kashmir. "Our initiatives, such as increasing the PM Samman Nidhi for farmers, providing free healthcare and financial support for women, demonstrate our government's resolve to support every citizen in J&K," he said while contrasting this with opposition manifestos that advocate reinstating Article 370 and removing reservations for marginalized groups such as Paharis, Gujjars, Bakerwals, and Dalits.

"This will push the region back into darkness", he added.

"Our Prime Minister's vision is clear: we are building a Jammu and Kashmir that is terror free, prosperous and inclusive and the people are with us in this mission," Chugh said.

Incumbent to identify...

in Punjab where unmanned aerial vehicles are used to drop arms and ammunition from across the border.

The home minister also emphasised the need for increased cooperation and coordination between the National Investigation Agency and the State Anti-Terrorist Squads to strengthen the counter-terrorism architecture.

He underscored that substantial progress has been achieved in solving legacy national security concerns in Jammu and Kashmir, Left Wing Extremism affected areas and the Northeast.

1,80,989 cases settled...

To facilitate maximum settlements of disputes, Pre-lokadalat sittings and pre-counselling sessions were organized well before the date of National Lok Adalat so that the parties get ample opportunity to engage in dialogue with their opponents to arrive at a consensus to resolve the dispute permanently. Besides, webinars and virtual meetings were also organized to sensitize the stakeholders, officers of Legal Services Institutions, LADCs, Panel Lawyers, PLVs and others involved in strengthening Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms, regarding the importance of Lok Adalat and to persuade the parties to take maximum benefit out of it.

As per the information received from various Legal Services Institutions working in different districts of UT of J&K, out of the total1,99,876 cases taken up by 126 Benches in the day long National Lok Adalat across the UT of J&K, 1,80,989cases were amicably settled and disposed off involving settlement amount of Rs.58,61,39,416/-paid as compensation etc. in cases like Motor Accident Claims, civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills, Land Acquisition, Family matters, cheque dishonor and Bank Recovery etc.

Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Amit Kumar Gupta, appreciated the efforts of all the Judicial Officers, Secretaries DLSA's, Advocates, staff of the district and tehsil courts as well as Legal Services Institutions as also litigants for their whole hearted participation in the National Lok Adalat. He further highlighted that the high participation and settlement of disputes is a testament to the public's preference for resolving disputes through ADR mechanisms, which offer a quick and more affordable alternative to litigation.

While talking to media persons, Gupta expressed his gratitude to all stakeholders, particularly the litigants who participated in large numbers. He emphasized the importance of ADR in reducing the burden on traditional courts while ensuring that justice is served efficiently. He further informed that those who could not settle their cases during the 3rd National Lok Adalat or take advantage of the

opportunity may do so in future Lok Adalat sessions. The success of the 3rd National Lok Adalat demonstrates the continued dedication of the J&K Legal Services Authority in ensuring that justice is accessible, timely, and amicable for all citizens of the Union Territory.

Anti-terror operations...

so far, they said. A massive search operation is also underway in the upper reaches of Khandara Top, Kudwah and Raichak in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district where two terrorists of the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) were eliminated on September 11, the officials said. They said security forces are also carrying out searches in the forest areas of Surankote in Poonch and Nowshera and Thanamandi in Rajouri district.

Petrol Pump operating illegally & delivering short fuel to customers seized

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: The Enforcement Unit of Legal Metrology Srinagar today inspected and sealed a Petrol Pump at Khonmoh Srinagar for delivering short fuel to the consumers and operating without any license.

Following the surprise inspection, during which the delivery of fuel was checked in presence of the Consumers and management of this outlet, it was noticed that the two existing Nozzles were delivering short by about 200 MI against every 5 Litres which is a serious offence under Section 30 of Legal Metrology Act 2009.

The consumers were shown the wrong reading which was not matching with the actual delivery. The shortage was not only resulting in the unfair trade practice on account of this outlet but was also causing huge loss to Consumers who were fueling their vehicles from this illegal outlet.

It was also revealed during the inspection that this outlet was operating without any valid license or document from either the Government or the Oil Marketing companies and it remains to be seen where from it was sourcing the fuel in absence of these valid documents.

2 bovine smugglers arrested; 8 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Police has foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Samba, arrested two bovine smugglers, rescued eight bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized vehicle.

A Police team of Police Station Samba led by I/C Naka Nud headed by SHO PS Samba while performing vehicle checking duty at Naka Nud, intercepted a truck bearing registration No. JK22B-0991 for its checking.During checking of the vehicle, eight bovines were found laden inside which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. All the rescued bovines have been shifted to a safer place.

The arrested bovine smugglers have been identified as Adil Ahmed S/o Shabir Ahmed R/o Shopian and Farooq Ahmed Dar S/o Bashir Ahmed R/o LaranuKukernag. A case FIR No. 239/2024 U/S 223 BNS 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police StationSamba and investigation started.

Approx 20 litres of illicit liquor recovered; 1 arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: Continuing its efforts to discourage the trade & transportation of illicit liquor, J&K Police Kathua arrested 01 person in the Chabbe Chack area of PS Rajbagh & recovered 20 litres of illicit liquor from his possession.

A police team of PS Rajbagh under the supervision of SDPO Border & SHO PS Rajbagh during naka/ checking at Chabba Chak apprehended one person namely 1. Deepak Kumar S/o Jagdish Raj R/o Chack Drab Khan Tehsil & District Kathua who was involved in the illegal trade of selling illicit liquor at Chabba Chak area.During checking approx. 20 litres of Illicit liquor was recovered from his illegal possession which he had kept in order to gain illegitimate profit by selling same to people of the area. Meanwhile all the recovered consignment approx. 20 litres illicit liquor (Desi) was seized and one person arrested. In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 195/2024 U/S 48 (a) Excise Act stands registered at PS Rajbagh and investigation has been initiated.

Cyber Cell Kathua solves online cyber fraud amounting to Rs 30 K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA: District Cyber Cell Kathua under overall supervision of SSP Kathua has once again demonstrated its commitment to combat cyber crime by recovering online defrauded amount of ₹ 30,000.

Brief facts of the case are that on 09/05/2024, an online complaint was received at Cyber Cell Kathua through NCCR portal in which a complaint namely Shubankit Badwal, resident of Patel Nagar Kathua reported online fraud of Rs 30,000 from his bank account. The unknown fraudster impersonating himself as employee of trading application Groww manipulated him to send him money for investment in share market on his behalf.

During the investigation, the Cyber Cell Kathua team headed by IC Cyber Cell Kathua SI Shubham Mahajan acted swiftly and exhibited hectic efforts and freedzed the fraudster accounts in which the defrauded amount was transferred. Today on 14/08/2024, the defrauded amount of Rs 30,000 has been recovered and credited back to the account of victim on the implementation of Court order while further investigation is in progress.

Police reunites missing person with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Police has reunited a missing person with his family whose missing report was lodged at Police Post Rajpurafalling under Police Station Samba.

On September 10, 2024, a written report was lodged at Police Post Rajpuraby the father of missing Person namely Vishal Sharma S/o KasturiLal R/o Rajpura, Samba stating therein that his son went to the market and did not return. All efforts were made out by the family members but the whereabouts of the missing person could not be ascertained.

Acting on complaint, a missing report vide DD No. 16 dated 10.09.2024 was entered at Police Post Rajpura and search started to trace out the said missing person. With continuous strenuous efforts, a police team of Police Post Rajpura has traced out the said missing person and handed over to his legal heirs after completing all legal formalities.

Narco smuggler nabbed with 6.5 grams heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Continuing its war against drug abuse District Police Udhampur arrested one drug peddler and recovered 6.5 grams of heroin (chitta) like contraband substance from his possession in the jurisdiction of Police Station Rehambal.

Police Team of Police Station Rehambal led by its SHO while performing routine vehicle checking duty at Phalata naka point intercepted one suspicious person, who on seeing police party tried to escape from the spot but was apprehended by the police party.

On frisking of said apprehended person. Police team recovered 6.5 grams of Heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person who has been arrested on spot. In this regard, A Case FIR No. 208/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered in PS Rehambal.

Jammu police starts proceedings against PSA absconder

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU : Jammu police in a initiative to send the clear message to criminals and absconders against whom the warrants are pending have set in motion the proceedings under the supervision of SSP Jammu under section 84 BNSS against a PSA absconder namely Mohd Asgar alias Tola S/o Bashir Ahmed R/o Chowadhi Jammu who was evading his arrest since long.

A history sheetor of PS Channi Himmat namely Mohd Asgar alias Tola was willfully evading his arrest since long against a warrant issued by DM Jammu.

In this connection proclamation proceedings mandated under provisions of sections 12(a) & (b) of Public Safety Act 1978 was issued by Chief Judicial Magistrate Jammu on the recommendations of DM Jammu to ensure the presence of the absconder so that the arrest warrant is executed.

As per the Court order, the accused has been directed to surrender before competent authority within a period of 30 days failing which action warranted under laws shall be taken against him.

Notice was served to the family members of the accused Mohd Asgar and was also pasted on the prominent places of Chowadhi by joint team of Police Station Channi Jammu under the supervision of SP South and SDPO City East Jammu.

This unique initiative has been taken by Jammu police to ensure the presence of PSA absconder & a clear deterrent to other criminals elements .

