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Top brass of MHA, CAPFs, Intl agencies to accompany Shah during J&K visit

Institution (PRI) representatives in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions. Some chairpersons and vice chairpersons of the District Development Councils (DDCs), Block Development Councils (BDCs) and Sarpanchs are likely to brief Shah on working of three-tier Panchayati Raj System in the Union Territory, which has been established for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Home Minister will also

address mega public rally, organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), at Bhagwati Nagar Jammu on October 24.

Sources said Shah will fly straight to Srinagar from New Delhi on October 23. He will come to Jammu from Srinagar on October 24 and return to the Valley the same day in the evening. He will fly back to New Delhi in the evening of October 25 from Srinagar.

Vaccine doses cross 100 cr mark

adorned three Boeing 737 aircraft of SpiceJet.

Mandaviya was also present during the unveiling.

Besides that, some mobile networks caller tunes mentioning completion of 100 crore doses was also introduced.

Also, banners were put up at some Central Government hospitals and refreshments were distributed among the hospital staff and beneficiaries who had come for vaccination to celebrate the milestone.

The Archaeological Survey of India will light up 100 of its heritage monuments in colours of the tricolour to mark the milestone which will be a tribute to health professionals, frontline workers, scientists, vaccine manufacturers and the citizens of the country who bravely fought the pandemic.

Congratulating the country on the vaccination landmark, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO, South-East Asia, said it was not possible without strong political leadership.

"Huge congratulations to India for marking yet another milestone—a billion COVID-19 vaccine doses administered. This extraordinary feat in a short span was not possible without strong leadership, inter-sectoral convergence, dedicated efforts of the entire health and frontline workforce and the people themselves," she said.

India's progress must be viewed in the context of the country's commendable commitment and efforts to ensure that these life-saving vaccines are accessible globally, she said.

According to official sources, over 75 per cent of India's all eligible adult population has been administered at least the first dose and over 31 per cent has received both the doses of the vaccine.

So far, all adult people in nine States and Union Territories — Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Dadra and Nagar Haveli — have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

The top five States which have administered the highest number of doses are Uttar Pradesh followed by Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

The UNICEF India also congratulated the Government on reaching the milestone while welcoming strides that India has made in recent months to ramp up vaccinations.

"This is a tremendous achievement, given the logistical complexity of administering 1 billion doses in less than a year, in a country as vast and diverse as India. As Indian families recover from the recent devastating COVID-19 wave, for many this milestone means hope," the UNICEF India said.

"Over the last few months, we have seen health workers working round-the-clock to accelerate vaccination coverage in every part of the country. Many travelled across difficult terrains to vaccinate people, including in the most remote and hard-to-reach areas. We salute the commitment and hard work of every one of these health workers. Without them, and the dedication of the scientists, doctors, manufacturers, policy makers and health managers, we would not have been able to achieve this milestone," it added.

Won't rest till militancy is eradicated from J&K: LG

that the administration, police and other forces won't rest till we root-out militancy from the J&K soil," he said.

The LG said that police are working on multiple fronts. "J&K Police has been on the forefront of fighting militancy and its men have protected the integrity of the country with their blood. I pay homage to all policemen who were killed in militant attacks, fighting militancy or in line of duty or action," he said. The LG announced that Srinagar will have a hostel-cum-school facility for the children of police martyrs soon. He added that while crime cases are rising, police are upgrading its technical capabilities to deal and fight various social crimes in J&K.

"Be it fighting COVID pandemic, implementing COVID appropriate behaviour, maintaining law and order or fighting militancy, the police are on the forefront. J&K Police is not popular in UT only but in the entire country for its capabilities and responsibilities," the LG said.

Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh in his address said that killing of civilians and minority community members in J&K was a move to disrupt peace and to trigger a communal fissure.

"We will not allow disruption of peace and damage to the communal fabric of J&K at any cost," he said.

The DGP said killing of civilians was not just to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere but also hit the livelihood of common masses of Kashmir and the tourism as well. "We have given a befitting reply to the enemies of peace and will continue to do that," the DGP said.

He said that this year so far 370 policemen and other security forces personnel were killed in line of duty across India. The DGP paid rich tributes to all the policemen killed in line of action stating that police is committed to protect the integrity of country and to keep the peace intact in J&K.

through video conferencing", read the SC order.

The HC's have been directed to designate a Judicial Officer for all such cases, who shall try these cases on priority basis and the Judicial Officer can be allotted their work depending on the workload, number and nature of criminal cases against MPs and MLAs and such Judicial Officer shall have continuity of tenure for minimum period of two years.

"In view of directions contained in the order dated 16.09.2020 of the Supreme Court passed in writ petition directing for monitoring the progress of the trial of cases pending against the sitting and former legislators (MPs or MLAs), on the directions of Chief Justice, the Registry has registered this PIL as "Court on its own motion versus Union of India and others", the DB said.

Hate has become weapon to win elections in India: Farooq

Abdullah accused the BJP of propagating the politics of hate and divide to win elections in UP. "Last election was also won in Balakote. The BJP Government came to power. Today, they are doing the same thing. Today, they are again spreading hate even in Jammu to win elections in UP," he said, referring to the Balakote air strike following the Pulwama terror attack in 2019.

"Has the Line (Line of Control) changed. Have we taken back any area from Pakistan? The line exists on the ground. They were instrumental in shooting down their own plan there," he said.

Maintaining that the National Conference (NC) will save J&K from disintegration, he said that Jammu is the gateway to Kashmir and Kashmir is the gateway to Ladakh. "If they (BJP Government) think they will break this State, I want to tell them: Beware, do not have this mindset. This country will not survive," he said.

Abdullah warned the ruling party in Delhi that growing hatred can disintegrate India. "If this hatred continues to grow here, I want to tell those who are ruling in Delhi that beware, India will be disintegrated in parts that they cannot stop. They cannot save it."

"Unless we have brotherhood here, nothing will happen. There is no threat from outside but from inside if brotherhood ends here. We don't have

Centre hikes DA by 3 pc

(DA) to Central Government employees and dearness relief (DR) to pensioners with effect from July 1, 2021, representing a 3 per cent increase over the existing 28 per cent of the basic pay/pension, to compensate for price rise, an official release said.

The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both dearness allowance and dearness relief would be Rs 9,488.70 crore per annum.

This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

Earlier in July, the Government had restored the dearness allowance and dearness relief and increased the rate of allowance from 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Central Government had frozen the three additional instalments of the DA and DR, which were due from January 1, 2020, July 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021. (PTI)

The officials said a Bomb Disposal Squad was rushed to the spot which took the IED to an isolated place and safely defused it.

"Security forces detected an IED

Dogra Rulers not given their due place in history: Dr Karan Singh



A book being released by Dr Karan Singh during function at Amar Mahal in Jammu on Thursday. — Excelsior/Rakesh

87 cases in J&K, 3 in Ladakh

reported 74 fresh cases of COVID-19.

Those who tested positive include 43 from Srinagar, 6 from Baramulla, 10 from Budgam, 1 from Pulwama, 3 from Kupwara, 2 from Anantnag, 3 from Bandipora, 4 from Ganderbal and 2 from Kulgam.

The number of cases in Kashmir division has reached 207,158 including 204,220 recoveries and 2,254 deaths.

The number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 814 including 684 from Kashmir division and 130 from Jammu division.

With 73 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 326,143 which is 98.42 percent of the total cases.

Women in Ladakh village turn homestay hosts

entrepreneurs by helping them turn into homestay hosts.

As part of this SEWA-Airbnb partnership, 10 homes in Phyang village have been listed on the travel portal, and the number is expected to increase in the coming years.

"We are proud to extend our partnership with SEWA in Ladakh and help empower local women Hosts on Airbnb to secure their financial independence and bring valuable tourism dollars into their communities."

"As part of our broader efforts to help rebuild tourism for the benefit of local communities, we aim to work together with these micro-entrepreneurs to promote sustainable and responsible travel and stays that contribute to resilient local economies and support jobs," said Amanpreet Bajaj, general manager, Airbnb India, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

The initiative is critical to the process of empowerment, both social as well as financial, in Phyang village.

In most households here, women are the central figure doing all kinds of jobs, including cooking and cleaning within the homes and farming outside. Their work, much like household work throughout the country, has traditionally gone unrecognised.

But change is afoot and the women, visibly shy and under confident, are looking at becoming arbiters of their lives and that of their families.

Like Tsering, turning homestay host has opened windows for Tsewang Dolma, whose world came crashing down in 2010 when her husband suddenly passed away. Tsewang, now 50, had spent much of her life being dependent on first her father, then her husband.

When her husband died, she had to fend for herself and her three children, the oldest of whom was only 10 at the time. She monetised the one skill she had — cooking — but that got

Pak to remain on FATF's 'Grey List'

detected in a jurisdiction's policies to prevent money laundering and the terror financing, according to an IMF working paper.

Not as severe as black listing, inclusion in the 'Grey List' shows that a country is working to remove flagged deficiencies.

Player said that Pakistan has two concurrent action plans, actions against UN-designated terror groups and anti-money laundering, along with 34 action plan items.

It has now largely addressed 30 of the items, the president of the Paris-based FATF said.

Regarding its earlier action plan, which focused on terrorist financing issues, and dates back to June 2018, Pakistan is still assessed to have largely addressed 26 out of 27 items, Player said.

"Pakistan has taken a number of important steps but needs to further demonstrate that investigations and prosecutions are being pursued against the senior leadership of UN-designated terror groups," he said.

FATF is a global body which focuses on setting standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.



Security personnel in action near the site of an encounter with militants at Nar Khas area at Mendhar in Poonch district on Thursday. —Excelsior/Rahi Kapoor

IED defused, youth detained in Poonch; searches continue

Mendhar by the security personnel and later handed over to police.

Sources said an Army patrol party detected the IED fitted in the branch of a tree in the forest area of Sawalkot in Ratangir ridge of Poonch district.

"A Bomb Disposal Squad was rushed to the spot which destroyed the IED. With the destruction of the IED, a potential tragedy was averted," sources said, adding the IED was capable of causing extensive damage.

Earlier in the day, troops detained a youth who was clicking photographs of sensitive locations with his mobile telephone at Chack Post in Bhimber Gali area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch district.

He has been identified as Mohammad Jameel, 24, son of Mohammad Aalam, a resident of Dargaloon.

HC seeks appearance of Comm/Secys

Court observed that till date nothing has been brought on record to indicate that the demarcation work has been accomplished.

The Government counsel requested that he may be granted some time to bring a fresh report in this regard on record.

"Already sufficient time has been allowed to the authorities for demarcation of the Sindh Nallah (river) but the work is not being completed for one reason or the other", Division Bench of Chief Justice Pankaj Mishra and Justice Sanjay Dhar said and directed for personal appearance of Commissioner / Secretaries of Revenue and I&FC departments in case reports on demarcation of river is not filed by next date of hearing in the matter.

The Court previously had directed the Advocate General to inform as to the time within which demarcation of River Sindh would be completed and removal of encroachment would be done. "In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, we require a compliance report to be filed not only by the Secretary, Revenue Department but also by the Secretary, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, clearly stating as to what has been done till date for the purposes of demarcation of the river and as to how much time is proposed to be taken for completion of the above task", the DB today directed.

The Court is seized of the matter pertaining to prevent the River Sindh situated in Central Kashmir's District Ganderbal, from pollutants and

the extent that she hails from district Ramban and is presently putting up at Toll Post Nagrota, Jammu, with her minor daughter.

She was contesting a case and in this regard she met the accused through a lady namely Jyoti for seeking legal support. Later, the complainant started working in the house of accused in order to provide better education to her daughter. The accused promised her to pay Rs 5000 per month as salary. The accused even dissolved complainant's marriage with her husband by getting divorce deed.

Thereafter, the accused solemnized marriage with her in his house at Roop Nagar in presence of PSO Ashok Jammwal, his friend Darshan Gupta and one Pandit from Doda. After one year of marriage with the accused the complainant came to know that accused has betrayed her by marrying her during the life time of wife namely Neetu Bala who was his second wife and first wife namely Surbhi was divorced by the accused.

Thereafter, a complaint was lodged with SSP Jammu and the matter was communicated to Registrar General of High Court of J&K where from, police concerned was directed to proceed in the matter under law. Accordingly, FIR No. 06 of 2018 for the commission of offences under Section 420 and 376 RPC was registered and investigation commenced.

On January 23, 2018 the accused surrendered before CJM Jammu and on the same day he was arrested. After completion of investigation accused was found to be involved for the commission

of offence punishable under Sections 420 and 376/RPC. Since, the accused was Judicial Officer as such permission was sought from the High Court for presentation of challan.

After hearing APP Suresh Sharma for the prosecution whereas Advocate Prince Khanna for the accused, the Presiding Officer Khalil Choudhary observed, "persons of influence, keeping in view their reach, impact and authority they wield on the general public or the specific class to which they belong owe a duty and have to be more responsible they are expected to know and perceive the meaning of authority and law with experience and knowledge", adding "it is reasonable to hold that they would be careful in their lives as the reasonable man's test would always taken into consideration the maker."

"The conclusion that emerges is that all the evidence on record unerringly point toward the guilt of the accused. There is a complete chain of events and facts to indicate that within all human probability the crime was committed by the accused and all the circumstances brought on record and established are consistent with the guilt of the accused and inconsistent with his innocence", the court said, adding "it appears to be a squarely liable for commission of rape with the victim".

"Thus, he is convicted for the offences under Section 420 and 376 (2) (K) RPC. The matter with regard to quantum of sentence will be heard on 23-10-2021", the court said.

IAF much better prepared now: Chaudhari

adequate clothing, shelters for people to live there. So, we have overcome all those shortages now, and I think, we are better prepared, in case there is a long haul, we are prepared this winter, much better than what we were last year," he said.

During the 89th IAF Day speech at Hindon Airbase on October 8, Chaudhari had asserted that the IAF's prompt actions in response to developments in eastern Ladakh last year were a testament to its combat readiness.

The year gone by was "quite challenging yet extremely rewarding", he had said.

In response to another question on threats faced by India, he said, "I can assure you that we are fully aware of the threats that we face, and our acquisitions, training, and tactics developed to counter such a threat".

The IAF chief also said that the ability to "seamlessly integrate" new weapons, new data, into the network and train its personnel to operate them, and keep them "future-ready" was the way forward.

"I can say with some degree of confidence that the way we go about analysing the threat perception, carrying out global scan of the political situation, of the acquisitions and modernisation of the adversaries, and to counter that we plan are our own acquisition for air force, and linked to that is training, and development of new tactics," he said.

"Every time you find there is an imbalance in technology and pure numbers, we counter it with better tactics and better training," the IAF chief added. (PTI)

Two more held in Phallian Mandal weapon dropping

contact with the handler in Pakistan and they had information about the weapons dropped by drones, they said.

Earlier one person was taken into custody in this case and during his interrogation, some vital clues were received by a special investigating team and an OGW from Anantnag was put under scanner who was found in constant touch

with some militant outfits from across the border.

The terror associate has also confessed that he was in continuous touch with handlers across the border and is also associated with LeT, said police.

One AK series rifle, three magazines, 30 rounds, and one Optical sight was recovered from the site of air weapon dropping.

WEATHER

JAMMU:
Mainly dry

TEMPERATURE
Max: 31.3 Degree C
Min: 17.7 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 73.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 61.0 per cent
Sunset on Friday: 05.50 p.m.
Sunrise on Saturday: 06.41 a.m.

SRINAGAR:
Mainly dry

TEMPERATURE
Max: 23.5 Degree C
Min: 7.2 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 93.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 68.0 per cent

LEH:

TEMPERATURE
Max: 19.9 Degree C
Min: -2.0 Degree C

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