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Union Home Secy to review implementation of various flagship schemes in J&K UT today

achievement of 94%. Similarly, there is an achievement of 89.17% as far as QR installation under One Nation One Fertilizer scheme is concerned.

As far as developing districts as Export Hubs is concerned, 8 products of J&K UT have already received GI certification while as 14 more products are in the pipeline. These include copper ware, Gabba, Zari, Leather embroidery and Basohli paintings. Moreover, there is perceptible improvement in overall ranking of J&K in export promotion and UT has reached at the 3rd position among the UTs in Export Promotion Index.

With regard to PM Formulation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises, Project Implementation Plan for the years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 have already been approved by the Union Government and District Resource Persons have been appointed in all the 20 districts of UT.

Under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, 51,37,485 Health

IDs have been generated and 99.58% public facilities registered. Further, 100% private facilities have been registered, 61.38% private doctors registered and 7953 health ID linked cards issued.

Moreover, a total of 25,72,243 eligible families have been covered under AB PM-JAY and AB PM-SEHAT. Likewise, a total of 7794839 beneficiaries have been verified in AB PM-JAY and SEHAT and 779029 e-cards issued. At least one member of a total of 2315325 families has been verified in AB PM-JAY and SEHAT, total of 290 hospitals have been empanelled and 179456 claims involving an amount of Rs 288.64 crore settled in J&K UT.

"During the review of implementation of these schemes in J&K UT, the Union Home Secretary will pass on necessary instructions for plugging the gaps, if any, although the performance of J&K is satisfactory as per the scheme-wise details prepared by the Government", sources said.

Ladakh can now implement plans for overall development: Mathur

Councillors, Chairpersons of Block Development Councils (BDCs), Sarpanch and Panch of various villages; Advisor Umang Narula; General Officer Commanding (GOC) 14 Corps, Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta; officials from armed forces; Administrative Secretaries; AGDP Ladakh Police SS Khandare; DIG Ladakh Police, Shaikh Junaid; Deputy Commissioner Leh, Shrikant Balasahb Suse; SSP Leh, PD Nitya, district officials, students from different schools, volunteers from Nehru Yuva Kendra and a large number of people were present during the function.

Mathur congratulated the people of Ladakh on the successful completion of three years as a Union Territory. He stated that the most important development that took place after the formation of Ladakh as a UT is that now the region can dream its own dream, fulfil its potential through focused attention and implement plans for the overall development and benefit of the people.

He requested the people of Ladakh to appreciate the achievements, provide their cooperation in development works and take Ladakh forward.

Stating that various laws of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir giving protections and safeguards are still in place, LG Mathur stated that the formation of Ladakh as a Union Territory is a gift from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to develop Ladakh. He stated that the Prime Minister has given the mantra of development viz. carbon neutral Ladakh. To achieve this, he has also announced a 7.5 GW solar-based power project. He further stated that the Administration along with both the Hill Councils and Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) bodies are making efforts to fulfil the aspirations of the people of Ladakh.

Terming youth as important at all levels, Mathur emphasised the need for harnessing the youth power for their own welfare and the overall development of the region. He further stated that efforts would be made to fill up vacant posts in the next one year and also to make Ladakh one of the top Union Territories in the country in the future.

Mathur virtually laid foundations stones of Tehsil Office Complex at Nyoma; Tehsil Office

at Chiktan and Drass; Inspection and Certificate Centre of the Transport Department; the construction of museums at heritage sites at Hanley and Bodh Kharbu; installation of the astronomical telescope at Punguk in Hanley; the construction of doctors and staff quarters at Primary Health Centre (PHC) Khatlsi, Nyoma, Temisgam, Saspol and Skurbuchan; the construction of the 30-bedded hospital at PHC Tangse; construction of 6.3 MVA, 66/11 KV Receiving Station at Namsuru, Mangbour and 66 KV transmission line from Kargil GIS Station to Lalung Substation; the construction of 33/11 KV 3.15 MVA at Henachi, Nubra; inauguration of wayside amenities at Khatlsi and Likir Thang; inauguration of wayside amenities at Purtikchey, Zangla, Himling and Bodh Kharbu; the inauguration of Tehsil Office Complex at Sumoor; distribution of telescopes and dark sky lights to beneficiaries of Hanley; launch of School Enterprise Resource Planner to facilitate digital records and school management systems in government schools across Ladakh; inauguration of Skill Development Centre with 5KV solar back-up facility at Nyoma and Nubra; inauguration of Liquid Nitrogen Plant in Kargil and strengthening of EPF Farm Padum; inauguration of 175 nomadic pre-fabricated houses for nomads of Changthang; inauguration of Block Development Office/Block Development Council offices at Drass, Bimbat, Shargole, Lotchum, Taisuru and Karsha; inauguration of Common Facility Centres (CFCs) at Samrah, Tumul and Faraona, CFC/ Panchayat Ghar at GM Pore and Zanskar and Public Park at Barsoo.

Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tashi Gyalson, stated that the journey of Ladakh as a Union Territory is challenging as everything had to be started from scratch. He appreciated the Government officials for their hard work in laying a strong foundation for the overall development of the region. He shared various initiatives taken since the formation of the Union Territory for the development of Ladakh.

Chairman, LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmed Khan, highlighted the manifold increase in the Capex budget and subsidy component of the Hill Councils and appreciated the officials for their hard work

despite challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic. He also shared various ongoing developmental projects in Kargil district.

Earlier, Advisor Umang Narula welcomed the guests.

Meanwhile, NC vice president Omar Abdullah during his visit to Drass in Kargil alleged that his mike was taken away by the administration when he was addressing the people.

He said he was also denied entry to Dak Bunglow in Drass.

No one indulging in corrupt practices will be spared: LG

good governance reach the last person in the queue without any discrimination, said the Lt Governor.

He said the system is being strengthened through the use of cutting-edge technology and administrative reforms leaving no scope for randomness and discretion. "We continue to build efficient, transparent and accountable system at all levels for seamless delivery of services".

Sinha observed that honesty, integrity and moral values are the real capital of a society and for J&K to become Aatma-Nirbhar, we must work for a shared ambition to create a future in which everyone live these values for a better life and developmental efforts yield desired results.

The Lt Governor commended Anti Corruption Bureau for working tirelessly to prevent and investigate corruption-related matters and bringing culprits to Justice. He asked the Anti Corruption Bureau to work with redoubled determination to further strengthen the people's trust.

Offenders in the system are being identified and this year, action has been taken against 445 accused, he added.

"Vigilance department in J&K administration is the need of the hour. We have to set big goals and make collective efforts to speed up our socio-economic development and achieve the targets within the timeline. The policies and decision-making must reflect the people's participation, their needs and aspirations", Sinha said.

"No one should be declared black sheep on the basis of prejudice and no one should protect or defend those indulging in corrupt practices, howsoever highly placed the offender may be. The whole administrative setup should adopt a common approach to make the working of administration more effective", the Lt Governor told officers.

Highlighting the significance of effective use of Information Technology and dissemination of

As militants spell doom for them, 16 KP families demand registration as migrants

He said they have left their village out of insecurity and it is up to the Government to provide them registration.

Puran Krishan Bhat was gunned down by the militants outside his ancestral house in Choudharygund village on October 15.

Monish Kumar and Ram Sagar were killed in a grenade attack by the militants while they were asleep in their rented accommodation in Shopian on October 18.

In the application, the families said they had migrated to Jammu following Bhat's killing in broad daylight.

"The incident of brutal killing compelled us to leave our native village to save our lives. We, the residents of Choudharygund, bore the brunt of militancy and shared agonies with our brethren for the last 32 years but killing of Bhat compelled us to leave the Valley," they said.

They said prior to Bhat's killing, a Government primary school was attacked but fortunately three teachers belonging to the minority community had a narrow escape.

On the same day, a letter was circulated on Social Media by Jihadi groups which threatened Kashmiri Pandits to leave Kashmir or face similar consequences, the families said in the application.

"We are not prepared to live there in danger and shifted to Jammu with our families. Our parents, wives and young kids are in trauma after this horrible incident of killing".

"We made a lot of sacrifices in order to be able to stand there holding the Tricolour. Considering the aforementioned details, we hope that your office would register us as migrants just like any other migrant," the application said.

On Thursday, authorities in Shopian had attempted to put a brave face by claiming that no exodus of Kashmiri Pandits had taken place from the district.

The members of the minority community, who have since been camping in Jammu, ruled out having any plan to return to the Valley.

A verified Twitter handle of the Information and Public Relations Department of Shopian had claimed that the news about leaving of

"Kashmiri non-migrant Hindu population" was "baseless".

However, Ashwani Kumar Bhat, whose brother Puran Krishan Bhat was gunned down, had told reporters in Jammu that he has migrated and will never return to the Valley.

Ashwani Kumar Bhat has pleaded with the authorities that the family of Puran Krishan be given adequate ex-gratia for their sustenance. Puran Krishan had left behind his wife and two small children. His wife is in shock since the killing of her husband.

Ashwani Kumar who is a teacher by profession also appealed the authorities to adjust him in Jammu as he has to look after the two families now after this catastrophe.

He said though other militancy victims were given Government job, over Rs five lakh as ex-gratia but except some meagre amount deposited by DC Shopian, family received no other help from Government side.

Same is the case with family of Sunil Bhat from Chotigam Shopian who was killed by militants on August 16 in his native village while his brother Pinto Ji received grievous injuries in the attack.

Except Rs one lakh as ex-gratia, the family was not paid anything more by Government till date. Sunil has left behind his young wife and four school going children. It has no source of income. The demand of registering them as migrants has not been conceded by the Government till date, said Pinto, brother of Sunil.

He said the authorities are reluctant to register them as migrants and except allotment of a quarter at Buta Nagar, no other assistance was given to family. "Our request of granting admission to the children in KV was not conceded till date as the family is unable to bear the fee in private schools", he added.

Balkrishan of Chotigam Shopian who too was attacked prior to targeting of Sunil and his brother is also running from pillar to post for his registration as migrant as he too has no source of livelihood after being forced to leave Valley by militants and murderers of humanity.

Vivek, Kohli among 4 get HM's medal

Special Operation Medal for the year 2022.

The medals from J&K Police were conferred upon DIG Vivek Gupta, SSP Chandan Kohli, DySP Sachit Sharma and SgCt Vicky Kumar for showing their valour during an operation.

DGP Dilbag Singh has congratulated all the awardees for

their achievement and hoped that this will boost their morale and will also serve as a beacon light for the others to follow. He thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Lt Governor J&K Manoj Sinha and the Government for recognising the professionalism and dedication of JKP officers and jawans time and again.

Army capable to foil infiltration bids: GOC

required, there should be no looking back," he said.

Asked how the Army has evolved in the last 75 years in the context of changing nature of warfare, the Corps Commander said from the 1947-48 to now, in these 75 years, the "capacities and the capabilities of the Indian Army have got upgraded manifold".

Today, technology has been absorbed in the system and in the organisation in a "big way", he added.

"It's all getting integrated in a very seamless kind of a manner. Where we were 75 years ago and where we are today, we are fully prepared to fight a very comprehensive, integrated battle which will unfold in the future by virtue of absorbing all the facets," Lt Gen Aujla said.

The GOC of the Chinor Corps said the year has been "pretty good for the general environment of the Valley".

This year, infiltration cases have been minimum, eight terrorists possibly infiltrated, three of them were eliminated. So it is the lowest in the last 32 years since the insurgency in the Valley, he said.

"We have seen a huge influx of tourists and lot of developmental activities have taken place on the ground. In terms of terror action also, we have come down pretty heavily on them," Lt Gen Aujla said.

As far as terrorist regimes are concerned, their entire leadership has been wiped out. And, things are looking much, much better, he said.

"But still a lot of ground needs to be covered. That is where all our efforts and resources will be aligned to. God willing, in times to come, we will see a much better situation unfolding as far as the Kashmir valley is concerned," the Corps Commander said.

On infiltration bids being made amid the ceasefire understanding, he said, a few days ago, "we foiled an infiltration bid in Tangdhar sector in north Kashmir".

"Efforts are on from their side so that terrorists can be let in as the opportunity comes. But we are capable that if any such incidents happen at the LoC or the hinterland then a befitting reply is given or bids are foiled. That is how this entire strategy is. It is not alone in the Army, it is a synergetic kind of efforts of every agency operating here whether it is the JK Police, administration or intelligence agencies," Lt Gen Aujla said.

"In fact, I would not be wrong to say that even the 'awam', the people, has come out in a big way, in a very positive manner to support us in all our kinetic endeavours," he asserted. (PTI)

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Need to stand firm against enemies: PM

been engaged in the rescue work and the Central Government is providing every possible assistance, he said.

Sardar Patel's birth anniversary is observed as the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day.

Modi said for India, its unity has never been a compulsion, but has been its uniqueness.

"This unity of our country has been an eyeshore for our enemies. Not just today, but from thousands of years and even during the period of our slavery, all foreign attackers did whatever they wanted to do to break this unity," he said.

"The poison which was spread in that long period, the country is facing problems due to it today also. We saw the country's partition and enemies taking advantage of it," Modi said.

Those forces are still prevalent, they want to make the people of the country fight in the name of caste, region and language, he said, adding that history is also presented in such a way that people cannot stand with each other.

"We should note that these forces are not just our known enemies from outside, but many a times those forces enter into our system in the form of slave mentality, those forces present themselves sometimes to us as a selfish motive, appeasement, nepotism, greed and corruption," he said.

"We have to answer them as the son of this country, we have to remain one," Modi said.

It is difficult to imagine the situation if India's integration was not led by leaders like Sardar Patel. What would have happened if more than 550 princely States were not amalgamated? the PM said.

"If our princely States would have not shown a deep sense of sacrifice and faith in Maa Bharati and decided not to join us, what would have happened? This impossible

Bridge collapse death toll rises to 134

scores of visitors seen walking on the swaying British-era structure which reopened five days ago after extensive repair but sans a fitness certificate.

"Nine people have been arrested in the Morbi bridge collapse case. They include two managers and two ticket booking clerks of Oveva group that was managing the bridge," Rajkot Range IG Ashok Yadav said, informing media of the criminal investigation into the tragedy that has shocked the country. The death toll in the bridge collapse has mounted to 134, he said.

A day after the bridge crammed with visitors came crashing down, sending people tumbling into the river below, rescue operation continued as authorities looked for survivors.

Srinagar gets Gold, Ramban Silver Award for excellence in e-Governance

Meanwhile, the Department of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Govt of India has conferred Silver Award on district Ramban under the prestigious National Awards for e-Governance for the year 2021-22.

The district won the award for achieving 'Excellence in District Level Initiative in e-Governance' under its project e-SuvidhaRamban.

In a communication addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam, the Department of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, GoI, has informed that the Silver Award for district Ramban carries a certificate, trophy and a cash award of Rs 3 lakh for the Department. The

New school timings in Kashmir

falling outside the Municipal limits of Srinagar, it said, will be from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm.

"The order/instructions shall

Winter session in old building

be adhered to strictly by all the concerned institutions. Any deviation in this regard shall be viewed seriously," the order added.

A senior Government functionary said the winter session is likely to be held in the old Parliament building.

With construction work on the Parliament premises, several of its entry and exit points are closed.

The new triangular Parliament building is part of the redevelopment project of the Central Vista - the nation's power corridor. The project also envisages a common central secretariat, new Prime Minister's residence and Prime Minister's Office, and new vice-president's enclave, among others.

Even after the building is fully furnished, the sources said, around 15-20 days would be required to acquaint and train staffers to ensure smooth conduct of Parliament sessions and all assistance to MPs.

For this, mock drills and exercises would be organised for Lok Sabha Secretariat, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, National Informatics Centre, ITDC and house keeping staffers, they said. (PTI)

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are being made to infiltrate" from the "other side" but the Army is capable to foil such bids or give a befitting reply, said the Commander of the Srinagar-based corps responsible for guarding the Line of Control (LoC) in the Kashmir valley.

India and Pakistan had on February 25 last year released a joint statement announcing a ceasefire along the LoC following talks between their Director Generals of Military Operations. The two countries had earlier signed a ceasefire agreement in 2003 but it was repeatedly violated.

During an interaction held recently at the 15 Corps headquarters in Srinagar, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Corps, said, the situation is very much under control at the LoC or the hinterland.

"A lot of parameters are showing signs of normalcy. And, challenge for us is to ensure that we are able to sustain this ceasefire and phase of normalcy that we are seeing on a daily basis," Lt Gen Aujla said, adding that the "huge influx" of tourists this year is a "great positive" among these parameters.

Asked if the ceasefire understanding of 2021 has had any impact on operational preparedness of the Army, the Corps Commander said there have been "many positives" related to it as the period gave time to "upgrade our defences".

"The overall defence preparedness of the Indian Army has got a huge kind of an impetus in these last 20 months that we have been observing the ceasefire agreement," Lt Gen Aujla said.

"Not only has it enhanced our capabilities and capacity but many a thing, which otherwise, we would not be able to do by virtue of those fire engagements that used to take place on a regular basis along the LoC. Now we have been able to do," he said.

The readiness and defence preparedness is at a "very good level" and if any reason or opportunity comes where it is needed to be displayed, then a "very different impact" of it will be seen, the Commander added.

Asked about the remarks made by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Gilgit-Baltistan during the Infantry Day celebrations on October 27 at the Srinagar airfield, he said, "The Army is fully prepared, whenever such a decision is taken" and when the orders come, it will come to the Indian Armed Forces.

"We are refining our conventional capabilities, trainings being done and enhancing those capabilities. So, that whenever it is

WEATHER

JAMMU: Partly cloudy

TEMPERATURE
Max: 29.8 Degree C
Min: 16.8 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 72.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 68.0 per cent
Sunset on Tuesday: 05.43 p.m.
Sunrise on Wednesday: 06.50 a.m.

SRINAGAR:
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers

TEMPERATURE
Max: 15.8 Degree C
Min: 3.9 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 84.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 54.0 per cent

LEH:
TEMPERATURE
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