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Army Comdr reviews yatra security

The annual 62-long Command's Raising Day, the spokesman said.

Addressing the gathering, Lt Gen Sengupta praised the efforts of all involved in the planning and execution of the project.

The High Mast Flag installed at Pachouri Park symbolises national pride, unity, hope, progress and will constantly remind people of Udhampur of the strength and resilience," he said.

The locals also appreciated the Indian Army for the unique initiative which will remain etched in the history of the Udhampur and reflect the sense of patriotism of the local populace, the spokesman said.

The Udhampur-based Northern Command has been at the forefront of the nation's effort on the western and northern borders as well as to counter security challenges posed by terrorism and externally sponsored proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir.

ICJ chief on way to Lal Chowk to hoist tricolor returns following threat

was not only wise but has also taken the wind out of Pakistan's sails on the Kashmir issue despite Pakistan's never-ending nefarious designs," he said.

The ICJ chief further said, "I have co-authored, along with American author Elisabeth Horan, a book 'Narendra Modi Harbinger of Prosperity & Apostle of World Peace'.

"With this incident, I feel that there has been a conspiracy to eliminate me in Kashmir as I was going to unfurl the national flag at Lal Chowk, Srinagar," he said adding, "I seek indent probe

Amarnath yatra example of communal harmony: Farooq

months help them surviving during the harsh winter period. To a question, he said shortage of electricity is causing concern every year. He hoped that electricity could be improved and urged the Government to take measures for providing uninterrupted electricity to the consumers.

He said there has been water scarcity also, although it is not yet so

WEATHER
JAMMU:
Possibility of light rain/thundershowers
TEMPERATURE
Max: 39.4 Degree C
Min: 27.7 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 46.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 61.0 per cent
Sunset on Monday: 07.41 p.m.
Sunrise on Tuesday: 05.25 a.m.
SRINAGAR:
Partly cloudy
TEMPERATURE
Max: 31.8 Degree C
Min: 17.0 Degree C
RELATIVE HUMIDITY
RH-I (Morning): 61.0 per cent
RH-II (Evening): 32.0 per cent
LEH:
TEMPERATURE
Max: 21.4 Degree C
Min: 6.9 Degree C

CINEMA

APSA AUDI 1: 1. ADIPURUSH - (HIN) - 09:45 AM, 1:00 PM, 4:15 PM, 7:30 PM, 11:00 PM
HARI THEATRE: 1. 2018 - 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM
PVR KC AUDI 1: 1. (2D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) - 10:00 AM, 1:45 PM, 5:30 PM, 9:15 PM
PVR KC AUDI 2: 1. (3D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) - 9:00 AM, 2. THE FLASH - (ENG) - 12:35 PM, 3. (3D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) 3:40 PM 4. THE FLASH - (ENG) (U/A) - 07:25 PM, 5. (3D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) 10:35 PM
WAVE CINEMA AUDI 1: (3D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) (U) - 9:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 11:00 PM
WAVE CINEMA AUDI 2: 1. FLASH - (HIN) (U/A) - 10:15 AM 2. ZARA HATKE ZARA BACHKE (U/A) - 1:10 PM, 3. GODDADY GODDADY CH. (PUNJ) (U/A) 3:45 PM, 5. (2D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) (U) - 6:30 PM, 10:00 PM
WAVE CINEMA AUDI 3: 1. (2D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) (U) - 10:00 AM, 2. TRANSFORMERS (RISE OF THE BEASTS-2D HINDI) (U/A) - 1:30 PM, 3. FLASH - (HIN) (U/A) - 4:05 PM, 4. MAURH (PUNJ) (U/A) - 7:00 PM, 5. FLASH - (ENG) (U/A) - 9:50 PM
PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 1: 1. (2D) THE FLASH - (ENG) - 10:00 AM, 2. (3D) ADIPURUSH (HIN) - 12:25 PM, 3:35 PM, 3. (2D) THE FLASH - (ENG) - 6:45 PM, 4. (3D) ADIPURUSH (HIN) 9:15 PM, 5. (3D) ADIPURUSH (HIN) 11:15 AM
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PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 3: 1. (2D) THE FLASH - (ENG) - 11:30 AM 2. ZARA HATKE ZARA BACHKE - 2:00 PM, 3. (2D) THE FLASH - (HIN) - 4:15 PM, 4. 2D) ADIPURUSH (HIN)- 6:45 PM, 10:00 PM
INDIA AUDI 1: 1. (2D) THE FLASH (ENG) - 09:30 AM, 2. (3D) ADIPURUSH (HIN) - 12:00 NOON, 3.15 PM, 6:30 PM, 10:00 PM
INDIA AUDI 2: 1. (3D) ADIPURUSH (HIN) - 9:30 AM, 12:35 PM, 3:45 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:25 PM
INDIA AUDI 3: 1. ZARA HATKE ZARA BACHKE - 9:00 AM, 2. (2D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) - 11:15 AM, 2:30 PM, 5:40 PM, 8:45 PM
MOONLIGHT CINEPLEX (KATHUA) : (2D) ADIPURUSH - (HIN) - 09:45 AM, 01:00 PM, 04:15 PM, 07:30 PM

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Present pace of development in J&K never seen in past: LG

He termed upcoming annual pilgrimage to holy cave shrine of Shri Amarnath Ji in South Kashmir Himalayas, beginning July 1, as a symbol of welfare of humanity and upliftment of all sections of society saying the pilgrimage is also linked to local economy and employment opportunities here.

"Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra is starting from 1st July. This pilgrimage is also a symbol of the welfare of humanity, upliftment of all sections of the society and exchange of new ideas. Local economy and employment opportunities are also linked to this Yatra," Sinha said.

He said since ages, the entire society, followers of all sects, come together to welcome the devotees from different parts of the country and this year also they will together make the yatra a success.

Sinha also referred to successful conduct of G20 meeting in Srinagar last month saying its success will go a long way in boosting tourism in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Active participation of all the citizens will definitely make this year's Yatra and festivity of culture and spirituality successful," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He highlighted the efforts of the UT Government to encourage citizens' participation in governance and working with commitment towards nation building. "Awaam Ki Awaaz is transforming creative ideas of people into realities. If there is a change in our thinking and deep sense of purpose for prosperity of all and preservation of cultural heritage, then nothing can stop the progress of a modern society," he added.

It is important that social upliftment, human welfare, nation building becomes top priority for every individual. This is the golden period for J&K. The entire society should become one mind, one soul and work together to make their dreams come true in Amrit Kaal, he observed.

"We have to move forward unitedly and remove every hurdle on the path leading to the holistic development of Jammu Kashmir," he said.

Meanwhile, in an inspiring display of innovation and commitment toward a sustainable future, Muffareh Majeed, a talented young girl from North Kashmir's Sopore, has garnered praise for her groundbreaking invention of a boat that operates on solar and steam energy.

Sinha lauded Muffareh's remarkable achievement, emphasizing the importance of her environmentally friendly approach.

Muffareh, the LG said, has dedicated over a year to developing her project, which centres around a boat powered by both solar and steam energy.

He noted that her creation aims to harness renewable sources of energy, aligning with the global trend of eco-conscious practices. The LG stated that with the successful creation of a prototype, Muffareh now embarks on the ambitious mission of implementing her innovation on a larger scale.

While talking to Excelsior after LG lauded her innovation, Muffareh said that she feels honoured that her innovation captivated the attention of LG Manoj Sinha and the public alike.

Addressing LG Sinha, she stated, "Thank you so much for your kind words and appreciation of my invention. Your recognition means a great deal to me, and I am truly honoured to receive your commendation."

An official statement said : Women are the most ideal architects

Thunderstorm damages public property, power infrastructure in Jammu

As windstorm along with heavy rain damaged electricity infrastructure and led to power crisis, water supply shall remain partially affected in Jammu city on June 19. This was officially conveyed by Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) city Division number 1.

Metrologist Mohinder Singh told the Excelsior that windstorm developed in hilly area because of convection and moved to plains. "It moved with a speed of 20 to 30 kilometers per hour and reached Jammu with 40 Kms per hour speed," he informed.

PC expels Bukhari

Kreeri, native constituency of Sreed Basharat Bukhari, have been dissolved.

It said that all units of JKPC

Explosives haul in Poonch

ing a joint search operation by police and security forces, they said.

The officials said the explosive material, which also included a number of grenades, was found hidden underneath the rocks, apparently kept there by terrorists over two decades ago.

All the explosive material, numbering nearly 50, was later destroyed in a controlled explosion by the experts of the bomb disposal squad, they said.

Huge cache of arms, ammunition recovered from terror hideout in Poonch on Sunday. -Excelsior/Rahi Kapoor

Tourism, G20 meet lead to lot of discussion on J&K in country: PM

district into symbol of a new white revolution.

"During last two and a half to three years, more than 500 dairy units have come up. The dairy industry of Baramulla is a testimony to the fact that every part of our country is full of possibilities. Collective will of the people of a region can achieve any goal," the Prime Minister said.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has expressed heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for referring to new white revolution in Baramulla district.

"Heartfelt gratitude to PM Narendra Modi. Congratulations to Dr Syed Shehish Asghar, team DC Baramulla. It's a shining example of our commitment to create a peaceful, prosperous, self-reliant and self-confident Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory," Office of LG J&K tweeted.

PTI adds: Describing the Emergency a "dark period" in India's history, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said those who supported democracy at that time were tortured and a glance at such crimes endangering the country's freedom would make it easier for the young generation to understand the meaning and significance of democracy.

In his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio broadcast, Modi said India is the mother of democracy and "we consider our democratic ideals as paramount and our Constitution supreme".

"Therefore, we can never forget June 25th. This is the very day when Emergency was imposed on our country. It was a dark period in the history of India," the prime minister said.

"Lakhs of people opposed the Fast industrialisation taking place in J&K after 370 abrogation: Puri

seen a lot of development in the UT as compared to earlier years.

Puri said the development in the UT is visible on ground. He, however, said more needs to be done and Government is on the job and assured that Central Government is already supporting the UT administration.

In response to a question about holding of Assembly poll, Puri said that elections will be held in time and at present the Centre is providing good funding to the UT administration for the development.

Accusing opposition parties of exploiting the people for vote bank politics, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh said that rising above vote politics, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has, in the last nine years, ensured equitable development of every region and justice to all.

Addressing a massive public rally, Dr Jitendra Singh said, he has followed the same spirit and sought to emulate the same culture in his Parliamentary constituency of Udhampur-Kathua - Doda and the best example of this is the Keediyani-Gadialy bridge which was constructed at a cost of Rs 150 cr just to cater to one and a half Panchayat who had been demanding it for several decades.

The Minister said, this is the place where Dr Shyama Prasad Mookherjee was arrested before he passed away mysteriously thus laying down his life for integration of Jammu & Kashmir. While Modi videdicated Mukherjee by abrogating Article 370, it is the duty of Karyakartas like us to develop this town of Kathua and the entire constituency with full commitment befitting the legacy of these great leaders, he said.

On the occasion, a Coffee Table Book depicting major projects brought by Dr Jitendra Singh as MP over the last nine years was released by Union Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri who was on Lok Sabha Pravas.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the 'Udhampur-Kathua-Doda' Parliamentary constituency is the most developed constituency in India among 543 Parliamentary Constituencies in country, has seen tremendous development in the last nine years under PM Narendra Modi.

Dr. Jitendra Singh further said, 'Udhampur-Doda-Kathua' Parliamentary constituency is the only constituency in India having three Centrally funded Medical Colleges and the best infrastructure located in this constituency making it the best constituency in India with the state-of-the-art healthcare facilities.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said, this constituency has earned its name in India and in the world as the birthplace of 'Purple Revolution' which has given rise to more than 3000 Agri-tech start-ups not only in J&K but across the country. This Parliamentary constituency has all the potential to contribute in the Start-up movement promoted by PM Narendra Modi, Dr. Jitendra Singh added.

Enumerating various infrastructural developments that have taken place from last many years in this constituency, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the highest railway

Terrorists used to come from Pak, ahead our jawans but previous Govt stayed mum: Shah

the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) dispensation in Punjab.

The Government here has no concerns for problems of Punjab, he said, adding that "the Chief Minister is touring the entire country. One can understand if he does so on his own, but as Kejriwal's pilot?"

Addressing a rally in Gurdaspur as part of the BJP's outreach campaign to mark the completion of nine years of the Narendra Modi Government, Shah said, "In my entire life, I have not seen a Government like the one led by AAP, which makes hollow promises."

Attacking Mann, he said, "The Chief Minister has only one job. If Kejriwal has to go to Chennai, then he goes to Delhi in the aircraft to take him to Chennai. If he (Kejriwal) has to go to Kolkata, then again he (Mann) takes the aircraft and take

Work on 532 mts span bridge over Ujh river abandoned near Jathana in Kathua

to JKPC in March 2015. The proposed bridge site was shifted downstream as recommended by High Powered Committee of PW(R&B) Department in December 2015.

The shifting of bridge site to new location resulted in in-crease of span length from 445 mts to 500 mts. The bids were invited by the agency on design and built basis for 500 mts span of bridge and reduced approach lengths of 1875 mts at a cost of Rs 36.80 crores. The contractor started work in February 2017 and within one and half years more than seventy percent of bridge work was completed, leaving aside approach roads.

Interestingly, the agency JKPC again increased the length of the bridge by 32 meters, to outflank the river banks to avoid direct hit of flood-river water of Ujh for the safety of the bridge. After this, a dispute emerged between the agency and the contractor and he abandoned the work, stating that it was not possible for him to execute work with the project cost of Rs 29.61 cr for 500 mt span bridge.

BDC Chairperson Block Bamoti, Ch Brijeshwar Singh (Indu) when contacted said that this bridge has been abandoned for the last over two years after some dispute between agency and contractor. He said sub structure of the bridge has already been completed and superstructure work was in the process of launching but in between the contractor left the work and withdrawn its machinery from the site. He said with this, a large number of students, office going employees and even patients are facing lot of hardships.

During floods, the people of Jathana and over a dozen hamlets and three Panchayats on that side of the bridge face problems. The students from Jathana and these hamlets come to study in Govt Higher Secondary School at Forlan. There is massive risk to their lives while crossing during flood. From bank side pillars, people climb with the help of steel stairs/ladder. Even during recent floods, a weak hearted villager, Krishan Singh of Jangerh hamlet, who was crossing over a narrow beam of this bridge died of heart attack.

The BDC Chairperson said that over 10,000 people of villages like Jathana, Barari, Jambali, Kulad, Khabhal, Tadwal, Kangli, Samundra, Mayali, Jangara etc have been affected with non-completion of this bridge. He said this bridge should have been completed before March 2020 but even three more years have passed, but work has not been resumed due to best known to the people at the helm of affairs. This is the most popular demand of the people of this area.

Managing Director of JKPC, R K Shavan when contacted said this bridge was delayed due to change of site and then increase in the length of span by 32 mtrs. "We have sent revised cost of the bridge to the R&B authorities and the Chief Engineer R&B Jammu has forwarded to the Principal Secretary for clearance. The revised cost is now Rs 31.20 crores instead of Rs 29.61 crores for 532 mts span bridge. The proposal was sent on May 27, 2023 and it is hoped that work will be started within a fortnight."

When asked whether the same contractor was willing to work as he has shifted all his machinery from the site, the MD said that he has spoken to the contractor over phone and persuaded him to start work with revised cost. He has agreed to resume work, the MD maintained.

General Manager, JKPC Sushil Kumar, however, said that all the hurdles have now been re-moved. This project was sanctioned under CRF and then shifted to Languishing Projects. The new revised proposal was sent for clearance to the higher authorities in R&B and work is likely to resume maximum within 15 days on this project and it will be completed by next six months including approach roads, the GM claimed.

Ladakh reps to meet MoS Home today

under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The meeting comes months after several socio-religious, political and youth organisations from Leh and Kargil rejected a high-powered committee set by the Home Ministry to "ensure the protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh.

Six representatives from Leh and Kargil will meet the Union Minister for discussion on their demands, including Statehood for Ladakh and its special status under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The demands included separate Lok Sabha seats for Leh and Kargil and a recruitment drive for the local educated youth.

The Sixth Schedule provides for greater administrative and political autonomy to certain tribal areas.

The representatives scheduled to meet Rai are three representatives from the Leh Apex Body - former MP Thupstan Chhewang and former State Ministers Chering Dorjee and Nawang Rigzin Jora -- and three from the Kargil Democratic Alliance -- former minister Qamar Ali Akhoun, former MLA Haji Asgar Ali Karbalaiya and Sajjad Hussain, a prominent social-political activist.

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Ladakh was carved out of the Fresh tremors rock Doda, Ladakh

According to the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), a 4.1 magnitude earthquake having a depth of 11 km at a latitude of 32.96 degrees north and a longitude of 75.79 degrees east struck Doda at 3.50 am.

The second tremor at a depth of 10 km at a latitude of 33.01 degrees north and a longitude of 75.78 degrees east was felt at 5:22 am, the nodal Government agency for monitoring of earthquake activity said.

Officials said the first earthquake woke people from their

him to Kolkata."

"His entire time is consumed by Kejriwal's tours and as a result of this, Punjab's law and order is going from bad to worse," he said, adding people are not safe here.

While the drug trade is increasing, Shah said, the Chief Minister has no time to address it or farmers' woes.

Many BJP leaders have alleged that Delhi Chief Minister and party national convener Arvind Kejriwal took along Mann during his visits to different parts of the country so that he could fly in Mann's State aircraft.

Attacking the AAP over its poll promises, Shah said, "I have come here to ask Bhagwant Mann and Kejriwal that you had promised Rs 1,000 to every woman in the State, but they are still waiting for that. What to talk of Rs 1,000, not even 1,000 paisa has been transferred into their accounts." (PTI)

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sleep and forced them to rush out of their homes.

So far, 10 tremors with a varied intensity have jolted Doda in the past six days. A 5.4 magnitude earthquake hit the district on June 13, causing cracks in dozens of buildings, including houses.

On Saturday, the NCS reported a 3.9 magnitude earthquake in Ladakh at 10.38 pm and a 4.5 magnitude earthquake Leh at 9.44 pm.

The tremor was recorded 215 km north-east of Leh at a depth of 10 km, it said.