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Pak using terror, proxy wars to stay relevant: Modi

August 5 and today's Jammu and Kashmir is talking about a new future full of dreams.

Modi gave examples of progress in Jammu and Kashmir and mentioned G20 meetings being held in the union territory.

"This heaven on earth is swiftly moving in the direction of peace and prosperity," the prime minister added.

Before his address, Modi remotely carried out the "first blast" of the strategic Shinkun La Tunnel project that will be constructed at an altitude of around 15,800 feet on the Nimu-Padum-Darcha road to provide all-weather connectivity to Leh.

"This tunnel will open doors of new possibilities for the development and better future of Ladakh," he said.

The prime minister said the tunnel will make the lives of people of Ladakh easier given the numerous hardships they face due to the region's extreme weather.

Underlining the government's efforts to boost ease of living and provide more services for the people of Ladakh, Modi mentioned an approximate six-time increase in the budget from Rs 1,100 crore to Rs 6,000 crore in the last five years.

"Be it roads, electricity, water, education, power supply, employment, every direction of Ladakh is transforming," he said.

Referring to the ambitious targets for the border areas, the prime minister informed that the Border Road Organisation (BRO) has completed more than 330 projects, including the Sela Tunnel, showcasing "New India's" capabilities and direction.

"Agnipath scheme is an example of necessary reforms undertaken by Army," he said and accused the opposition of playing politics over the recruitment process aimed at keeping the average age in armed forces young.

He said some people were playing politics over a sensitive issue related to national security and rubbished claims that the Agnipath scheme was launched to save pension money.

"The aim of Agnipath is to make the forces young... The aim of Agnipath is to keep the armies continuously fit for war," he said.

"Unfortunately, such a sensitive issue related to national security has been made a subject of politics by some people. Some people are playing politics of lies for their personal interests even on this reform of the army," he said.

The prime minister said Angipath scheme is an example of necessary reforms done by Army.

"For decades, there have been discussions in Parliament and various committees on making the armed forces younger. The average age of Indian soldiers being higher than the global average has been a matter of concern," he added.

He said this issue was raised in many committees for years but the will to resolve this national security challenge was not shown earlier.

"The country has addressed this concern through the Agnipath scheme," he said.

Hitting out at the opposition, Modi said, "These are the same people who weakened our forces by committing scams worth thousands of crores in the forces."

He said these people did not want the Indian Air Force to get modern fighter jets and they had "made preparations to lock the Tejas fighter plane in a box."

The prime minister also rubbished the claims that Agnipath scheme was launched to save pension money.

"Some people are also spreading the misconception that the government has come up with this scheme to save pension money. I want to ask such people, the question of pension for today's recruits will arise after 30 years. Why would the government take a decision today?" he asked.

Modi said his government has respected the decision taken by the forces as "for us the security of the country is paramount, not politics".

"Those who are misleading the youth of the country... history is witness to the fact that they do not care about the soldiers. These are the same people who lied about One Rank One Pension by showing Rs 500 crore. It is our government which implemented One Rank One Pension and gave more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore to ex-servicemen," he added.

Doval speaks of combating terrorism, drug trafficking

stride towards enhancing regional security cooperation. This development was highlighted during the Senior Officials Meeting held in Naypyitaw to prepare for the upcoming 4th Meeting of BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs.

The meeting in Myanmar's capital city convened to strategize and coordinate initiatives crucial for addressing common security challenges faced by member states.

The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a multilateral grouping that promotes economic cooperation and regional connectivity among seven countries in the Bay of Bengal region. India is a founding member of this initiative.

Construction of GMCs in 4 distts approved

The revised approvals shall enable expeditious funding for development of site and logistic services as well as essential components such as road connectivity, water supply, power, construction of protection walls, development of HVAC, accommodation requirements for construction of male/female hostels for residents & interns.

The decision shall ensure smooth functioning of medical colleges and provide tertiary healthcare to the public living in peripheral areas of Kathua, Doda, Anantnag and Baramulla districts in the coming days.

Sinha pays tributes to Kargil war martyrs

month-long battle on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh. The day is observed as 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the war.

Govt nod to raising facilities for staff, students at dental hospital land, paver block, demolishing and E&M works at IG-GDH.

The council accorded approval for taking up the project at an estimated cost of Rs 42.50 cr. These assets shall enable efficient functioning of the dental institute with adequate facilities to the faculty and students to bring the Institute at par in ranking with the colleges of national repute.

Drone-dropped pistol, bullets seized

village early this morning. During searches, the troops recovered a pistol, its two magazines and 37 bullets, the officials added.

The consignment was taken by the forces into their custody. Searches were continuing in the area when reports last came in.

Other details were awaited. NEET UG revised results out

textbook. The NTA had conducted the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (UG) for more than 24 lakh candidates on May 5 at 4,750 different centres located in 571 cities. The re-examination for 1,563 candidates who had experienced time loss during the exam on May 5 was held on June 23.

The document below mentions the list of top 100 candidates in NEET (UG)-2024, the list of 20 male and female toppers in the medical entrance exam, along with the list of unreserved category and OBC-NCL category toppers.

With the release of the NEET-UG 2024 scorecards, the National Testing Agency (NTA) will soon commence the NEET-UG 2024 counselling process.

Congress slams govt over J&K Budget

Rs 12,000 crore last year. This year, Budget documents reveal that the actual borrowings were twice the amount, at Rs 24,000 crore. Borrowings have risen five-fold in the last two years. This is unprecedented fiscal mismanagement," he said.

Last year, the finance minister promised to raise Rs 7,800 crore in Additional Resource Mobilisation (ARM) and managed to raise only Rs 1,000 crore, he said.

"The fiscal deficit which was pegged at 1.6 per cent has turned out to be 5.36 per cent in FY24 – more than three times the original estimate. Capex has been slashed by 10. Meanwhile, under the Union Government's tutelage, the

share of J&K in national GDP has declined from 0.9 per cent in 2015-16 to 0.8 per cent in 22/23," Ramesh said.

Posing questions to the finance minister, the Congress leader asked how does the grim reality of the state's finances square up with the tax/GDP ratio of the state increasing from 5 per cent to 8 per cent in three years.

"Are the people of J&K being subject to heavy taxation without any corresponding increase in their welfare," he asked.

Since the government takes great credit for fiscal prudence at the national level, will it take the blame for this fiscal profligacy at the state level, Ramesh added.

"The unemployment rate in February 23 in J&K was 17 per cent compared to 6.6 per cent in Andhra and 12.3 per cent in Bihar. Why has the FM chosen to be benevolent to AP and Bihar, but not to J&K," he asked.

He said the last, and perhaps the most "worrying development" is the finance minister's announcement that "the Union Government has agreed to take the entire burden of the budget of police" in J&K by spending Rs 12,000 crores.

"This was earlier being done by the Union Government as part of the Security Reimbursement Expenditure (SRE), since the onset of militancy in the early 1990s. When this is not a unique, new financial obligation, why has it been repackaged from a 'reimbursement'," Ramesh asked.

Has the police salary liability been taken over by the Union government in perpetuity or is it a one-time support, he added.

"Does it reflect the government's intention to rule the state from Delhi in perpetuity by retaining the home affairs of J&K with the Union Government? Will the FM commit in the House that taking over police salary liability is not a Trojan horse – and that when J&K is upgraded back to being a state, police and security matters continue to be with the state," the Congress general secretary said.

Industrial Land Allotment Policy amended

amendments have been incorporated to elucidate different clauses of the existing policy with a view to provide simplification of processes and efficiency in land allotments. Periodic revision of lease premium, wide publicity for inviting applications, allotment of land on competitive merit basis, analysis of applicant/promoter/companies background including qualification and experience, sector specific evaluation criteria for sector specific allotments, functions and jurisdiction of land allotment committees, timelines for restoration of cancelled allotments etc have been provided in the amendments to the policy.

To encourage large investments having strategic importance to economy of UT, Government may allot land on preferential basis to mega projects viz. industrial/service sector units with minimum capital investment (excluding land and working capital) of at least Rs 4,000 cr.

The amendments shall ensure equity and transparency amongst applicants. The amendments in the Jammu & Kashmir Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30 shall help in realizing large investments and this will be a fillip to employment generation in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

India replaces China as Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre

Thailand -- are the founding members of ADPC, they said, adding that the country also chaired the fifth Board of Trustee meeting of ADPC held on July 25 in Bangkok.

Explore possibility to table Shah Commission report on Emergency: Dhankhar

This report was published in three volumes. "Indira Gandhi led government came in 1980. This report was destroyed. But one copy of the Shah Commission report is available in the National Library of Australia. This report will reveal the real facts of the Emergency," he said.

He demanded that the Shah Commission report should be made public.

Meanwhile, Sushmita Deb, a Trinamool MP from West Bengal, demanded the release of funds to deal with the situation arising from Assam floods.

AAP MP from Punjab demanded to convert Bhakra Beas Management Board Hospital in Talwara into either a post graduate institute (PGI) or All India Institute of Medical Science.

Property of narco-terrorist attached

(CrPC). The attachment order was issued by the court of principal sessions judge, Poonch.

The operation was conducted by SIA with the help of Havelli tehsildar Azhar Majid. In a statement to media, Majid said the entire process was executed under the court orders.

"The seizure of Liyaqat's property is a crucial move in the ongoing battle against narco-terrorism in the region. Authorities are intensifying their search for Liyaqat and continue to investigate the networks facilitating these illegal activities," officials said.

Over 200 proposals sent by collegiums at various stages

sends it to the SC Collegium to take a call. As on date, 205 proposals recommended by the various high court Collegiums are at various stages of processing, he said.

Appointment of SC and HC judges is a continuous, integrated and collaborative process between the Executive and the Judiciary. It requires consultation and approval from various constitutional authorities both at state and central level, he noted.

AC approves transfer of land for development of industrial estates

Bhatnagar, chief secretary Atal Dulloo and LG's principal secretary Mandeep K Bhandari were also present in the meeting.

The industrial development has been the main focus area of the LG's administration to increase the economy of the UT of J&K. As part of its this initiative, the LG himself has used different platforms at the national level to invite big industrialists to J&K. The idea is to raise the J&K's economy and make it self dependant.

Some BJP politicians too have used different platforms to invite industrialists from Mumbai and other parts of the country to J&K.

Soldiers displayed ultimate valour during Kargil war: Shah

resolve of the valour of the brave soldiers of the Army, he said.

"During the Kargil War, the brave soldiers displayed the ultimate valour in the inaccessible hills of the Himalayas and forced the enemy army to kneel and made the country proud by hoisting the Tricolour again in Kargil," Shah said in a post on X.

The home minister said the grateful nation would never forget the sacrifice and dedication of the Indian soldiers.

"Today, on Kargil Vijay Diwas, I salute the brave soldiers who protected the motherland with their courage in this war," he said in the post in Hindi.

On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of 'Operation Vijay', declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh.

The day is observed as Kargil Vijay Diwas to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in the war.

2,566 pilgrims leave for holy Amarnathji Yatra

where more than 50 officials from various departments have been deputed to provide real-time assistance to the pilgrims," officials said.

Pilgrims, who come here from different parts of the country and abroad, undertake the yatra from two valley routes – Pahalgam & Baltal – to reach the holy cave shrine of Almighty Shiva to have a glimpse of the naturally formed ice-Shivalingam.

Elaborate security arrangements have been made for the safety of pilgrims as there always remains a threat from the Pakistan-sponsored terrorists. Troops deployed along the yatra routes and along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway. The base camps in Jammu and the valley also remain well guarded to avoid any untoward incident.

The borders also remain on high alert as chances of infiltration by the terrorists based in PoJK and Pakistan increase during yatra days and on other important occasions. In the past over a fortnight, security forces have foiled two infiltration bids, killing two terrorists near the IB in Kathua district's Kootah Morh area and two terrorists in Uri area of the valley. Three terrorists, all suspected to be Pakistanis, were killed by security forces in an encounter with them in Doda district of Jammu.

Justice Tashi exhorts citizens to perform their duties as enshrined in Indian Constitution

JAMMU, JULY 26: Jammu & Kashmir Legal Services Authority, in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority, Jammu and Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Jammu, today organized an awareness programme on "Duties of a Citizen Under the Constitution of India" at IIM Jammu.

Acting Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, Justice Tashi Rabstan, was the chief guest on the occasion who was accompanied by M. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary and Amit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Professor B. S. Sahai, Director, IIM Jammu, Dean Academic, Cmr Kesavan Baskaran, Chief Administrative Officer, IIM Jammu and Smriti Sharma, Secretary, DLSA Jammu, as well as other faculty members of the Institute were present.

The visit commenced with a comprehensive tour of the IIM Jammu, inspecting the institute's state-of-art facilities and infrastructure that included a world-class library, e-enabled lecture rooms and well maintained administrative block.

Following the campus tour, Justice Tashi Rabstan participated in a sapling plantation ceremony, symbolizing growth and a commitment towards environmental sustainability.

On the occasion, the NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) Theme Song was presented/showcased.

Justice Tashi Rabstan, expressed gratitude to IIM Jammu for organizing the program, emphasizing its importance, particularly for the students. He highlighted the significance of the constitution of India, noting that it is one of the best in the world and addresses every aspect concerning Indian citizens. He urged upon the students to spend five minutes reading the preamble, which can easily be found on Google. He read the preamble, pointing out that it starts with "We, the people," and beautifully frames the objectives of political unity and integrity of the nation. He requested everyone to take two minutes to go through it to understand their duties.

Justice Tashi Rabstan also mentioned Article 51A, which details the duties of citizens and was subsequently amended. He emphasized the relevance of the topic, stating that people often forget their duties toward the nation.

These duties are shared in equality, and respecting and protecting India, safeguarding its stability, and reading the Constitution are indispensable.

He mentioned that understanding and performing these duties promote appreciation for adversity, critical thinking, and meaningful contribution to society. He pointed out that it is especially important for the younger generation to understand their duty toward the nation, which includes protecting national property like gardens and monuments. He reminded everyone that damaging national property results in a loss for everyone.

Justice Tashi Rabstan encouraged everyone to read Article 51A of the Constitution. He was impressed by the state-of-the-art library, Nalanda, which is unique and first of its kind, and the smart classrooms, which are equipped with the latest technology. He urged the students to take advantage of these facilities and congratulated Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu, and his team for establishing such a state-of-the-art facility in the city of Jammu.

In his welcome address, Prof. B. S. Sahay, Director of IIM Jammu, remarked that IIM Jammu, despite being a new campus, is quickly making its mark. Though considered one of the newer IIMs, it has grown rapidly since its inception by the Ministry of Education. From just 47 students, it has expanded to a community of 1,000 students, and its efforts have been recognized with a ranking of 15th among all IIMs in India in NIRF Rankings, he added.

He emphasized the importance of remembering both rights and duties as citizens of the largest democracy in the world. Often, people tend to forget their responsibilities as citizens, but contributing to nation-building is a duty shared by all. He affirmed that IIM Jammu is committed towards upholding the Constitution, adhering to the laws and policies of the country, and striving for excellence in all endeavours. He called for respect for the national flag and awareness of rights and duties as responsible citizens. He encouraged everyone to continue working together for the betterment of the nation and to strive for excellence in every pursuit.

Prof. Jabir Ali, Dean Academics, IIM Jammu, in his address, briefed the audience about IIM Jammu, its activities, and its mission of making responsible citizens of the country.

DC Jammu aims to spearhead 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign

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Deputy Commissioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya, chaired a meeting aimed at driving forward the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign focussed on tree plantation across the district. The meeting saw the participation of key officers, including DFO Suresh Manda.

The DC briefed Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Chief Education Officers, Chief Medical Officer and other district officers on their roles in the campaign.

He emphasised the importance of involving panchayat ghars and the rural population to ensure widespread participation and success.

The meeting delved into identifying tree species that are best suited to the local environment and easy to propagate.

Discussions also covered the numerous benefits of afforestation and strategies for protecting young trees. The DC reminded all participants to plant trees in their offices and homes,



and to plant trees in memory of the nation's martyrs. He highlighted the ambitious goal of planting one lakh trees in the district.

"All panchayats and Urban Local Bodies in the district will participate in the campaign," stated Sachin Kumar. "Plantation will be carried out at all government facilities, including panchayat ghars, tehsil offices, health institutions and government schools. District officers will coordinate and execute the mission on the ground, with

SDMs and the DFO ensuring comprehensive implementation throughout the district."

The DC also discussed with the DFO ways to ensure the preservation and protection of the newly planted trees.

In a subsequent meeting, the DC addressed solid waste management plans for both rural areas and ULBs. The discussion covered waste segregation strategies and the management of legacy waste. The DC called for regular re-

views of the progress made on waste management objectives and addressed operational challenges and future steps.

Key attendees at the meeting also included Additional District Development Commissioner Sher Singh, Chief Planning Officer Uttam Singh, Assistant Commissioner Revenue Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Assistant Commissioner Development Dr. Vikas Sharma besides SDMs among other district officers.