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Every file embodies hopes, lives of citizens: Modi tells IAS officers

numbers, but as a reflection of the collective lives, challenges and aspirations of millions of people. He asked the officers to regularly verify whether policies are effectively translating into outcomes on the ground. The prime minister also highlighted the growing role of women in nation-building, noting that more than 40 per cent of the current batch comprises women officers. He expressed confidence that their energy, talent and dedication would play a pivotal role in taking India's development journey to new heights.

LG recommends 'Village Innovation Lab' for every panchayat

ple First' approach, we revolutionised public service delivery. From just 35 online services in 2020 to more than 1,100 by 2023, the UT topped the national e-service delivery rankings," he said. "We put the common person's aspirations at the core of administration. By ensuring accountability and citizen participation, we have translated a commitment to multi-generational change into reality within three years and rebuilt a powerful relationship of trust with citizens," the LG said. He urged the participants from Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to study the grassroots service delivery models of Jammu & Kashmir including BEAMS-EMPOWERMENT, Aapki Zameen-Aapki Nigrani and "Your Mobile -Our Office" which had transformed service delivery and programme implementation in villages.

He highlighted the Government of India's report which said that between 2016 and 2018 Jammu & Kashmir had recorded 20 million digital transactions over three years. In contrast, in the first six months of 2023 alone there were 50 cr digital transactions - far exceeding many large states such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Odisha, Karnataka, and Kerala. "More than 15,000 CSC (Common Service Centre) outlets are operational in Jammu Kashmir today. Of the 4,290 panchayats, 4,211 are connected to this network, representing an impressive 98.16 pc coverage. The remaining 79 panchayats are in very remote and border areas where connectivity remains a challenge," he said. "We must also strengthen a culture of knowledge exchange. It is essential to share successful models, best practices, and innovations from each state and Union Territory so that service delivery at the last mile becomes more effective. I believe events like this will foster mutual learning and cooperation. A successful panchayat model in Haryana can inspire a panchayat in Karnataka. Similarly, an innovative initiative from Jammu Kashmir can open new possibilities in Jharkhand," he added. The LG said the regional conference on service delivery was a reflection of three core traits of India- unity in diversity, strength through cooperation, and prosperity through service.

"I am confident these qualities together will build local governance rooted in collaboration, participation, and a spirit of change. Our objective must be clear: to develop panchayats where every citizen can access services digitally, grievances are resolved quickly, decisions are taken collectively, and accountability is systemic. We must remember that the panchayat of the future will not be merely an administrative unit. They will be a dynamic centre of innovation, equal opportunity, sustainable development, and public trust," he said. He shared key recommendations with the participants to implement in their respective states. The focus remains on strengthening grassroots service delivery and driving innovation across the nation. As part of the workshop, Panditpora Gram Panchayat from Kupwara and Syed Waris Hafiz, a dedicated CSC Village Level Entrepreneur from Budgam, along with outstanding Gram Panchayats and Common Service Centres (CSCs) from participating states were recognised and felicitated. Among others, the function was attended by Javid Ahmad Dar, Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj; Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Saurabh Bhagat, Secretary, Information Technology, J&K; Palka Sahni, Joint Secretary, MoPR; Pravin Chandekar, Chief Operating Officer, Common Service Centres; Rehana Batul, Director General, J&K IMPARD; Mohammad Aijaz Asad, Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj; Rajiv Omprakash, DIG CKR; G V Sundeeb Chakravarthy, SSP Srinagar; Akshay Labroo, Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar; Anoo Malhotra, DG Rural Sanitation, J&K; panchayat functionaries, elected representatives, Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), and senior officials.

Sinha reviews Muharram arrangements

need for close coordination among all stakeholder departments to ensure timely and effective delivery of services. He directed for uninterrupted power and potable water supply, adequate sanitation and medical facilities, availability of ambulances and fire and emergency response teams at procession routes. He directed senior officials to remain accessible on the ground for real time monitoring and quick redressal of public grievances. The IGP traffic was also asked to conduct meetings with field officers and strengthen coordination with all stakeholder agencies for effective implementation of the traffic management plan. Sinha also directed officials to raise awareness about traffic SOPs and cut-off timings, while increasing the number of RFID card counters to better facilitate devotees of Baba Barfani. The meeting was attended by chief secretary Atal Dulloo, DGP Nalin Prabhakar, additional chief secretary (jal shakti department) Shaleen Kabra, additional chief secretary (power development department) Ashwani Kumar, additional chief secretary (public works (R&B) department) Anil Kumar Singh, principal secretary (home) Chandraker Bharti, special DG coordination (PHQ) S J M. Gillani, ADGP (CID) Nitish Kumar, LG's principal secretary Mandeep K Bhandari, administrative secretaries, IGP's, divisional commissioners, municipal commissioners and other senior officers.

Saxena inaugurates Pratham Sindhu Kumbh

itual traditions and national unity. The festival commemorates 30th Sindhu Darshan Yatra and has brought together thousands of devotees, spiritual leaders, scholars, cultural representatives and international dignitaries on the banks of the revered Sindhu (Indus) River in Leh. The landmark gathering witnessed participation from ambassadors and high commissioners of eight countries, including Fiji, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago, Ecuador, Chile and Ireland, reflecting the growing international significance of the event. Highlighting the significance of the Indus River, Saxena observed Sindhu is among the oldest known rivers in human history and nurtured the Indus Valley Civilisation, one of the world's earliest and most significant cradles of

civilisation. He noted that the river occupies a profound place in India's civilisational consciousness and continues to live in the nation's traditions and collective memory. He remarked that the very name "India" is derived from the word Sindhu, underscoring how deeply the river is intertwined with the identity and heritage of the nation. The LG recalled that the Sindhu Darshan initiative, launched in 1997, was conceived as a visionary movement to revive and strengthen the cultural and spiritual bond of the people of India with the iconic river. Over the years, it has evolved into the Sindhu Darshan Mahakumbh, marked by greater participation and richer cultural expression. Referring to the unique tradition of devotees bringing water from rivers across the country and ceremonially merging it with the Sindhu, he said the practice beautifully symbolises the confluence of India's diverse identities into one unified national stream. "Sindhu Darshan Mahakumbh is a living expression of the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and provides a unique platform where India's many languages, traditions and customs come together to celebrate a shared civilisational heritage," he said. Emphasising the ecological significance of the Indus River, Saxena said "Sindhu stands not only as a profound spiritual symbol but also as a vital ecological asset that reminds humanity of its dual responsibility to revere and protect. "At a time when climate change and environmental degradation are increasingly threatening fragile Himalayan ecosystems like Ladakh, spirituality must go hand in hand with sustainability. True reverence for nature must find expression in conscious and responsible actions. Rivers must be viewed as living entities deserving respect, protection and mindful care," he said. On the occasion, Saxena informed devotees about the UT Administration's recent decision to impose a strict ban on single-use plastics and littering across Ladakh and urged all visitors to maintain the sanctity of the sacred Sindhu River by ensuring cleanliness and avoiding littering while enjoying the unparalleled beauty of Ladakh. In a deeply symbolic gesture reflecting the universal appeal of the Sindhu civilisation, water collected from water bodies of 156 countries was ceremonially immersed in the sacred Indus River by LG Saxena.

J&K govt should observe 'Holocaust Day': Chugh

who raided the then princely state in 1947 disguised as tribal people. "The Pakistan army, disguised as tribal people, attacked here and killed Kashmiri citizens, raped the daughters here, continuously looted Jammu and Kashmir for 96 hours, killing and plundering. It was a holocaust. "The J&K government should observe a 'Holocaust Day' on this," Chugh, national general secretary of the BJP, said. The BJP leader was here to pay tributes to the founder of Jansangh, Syama Prasad Mookerjee, on his 73rd death anniversary. He said a documentary should be made to depict the events and it should be shown to everyone. "Books should be written about it. The records of the killings from that era should be brought to the people," he said. On the performance of the NC government, Chugh said the elected government should present its report card on governance. "The public is seeking answers -- what have you done? Show your report card now. "Fulfill the promises made in your manifesto. Instead of fulfilling promises and presenting their report, the incompetent and unsuccessful Omar Abdullah government is asking questions. He should account for his work," he added. Regarding the fire incident in Lucknow, Chugh said it was a very "unfortunate incident". "The Chief Minister (Yogi Adityanath) and Deputy Chief Minister (Brajesh Pathak) reached the spot and efforts were made to save people from that massive fire. The incident is very tragic. "An investigation is going on. The guilty will not be spared," he said.

Nabin calls Art 370 abrogation true tribute to Mookerjee

Paying floral tributes on his 73rd martyrdom day at the party headquarters, Nabin said Dr Mookerjee dedicated his life to the cause of national unity and integrity and remained committed to the idea of a strong and united India. "He was a fierce nationalist, a great thinker, and the first Industry Minister of this country. The dream he envisioned and the sacrifice he made are now being realized before us. The abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is, I believe, a true tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee," he said. "Nabin was accompanied by BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B L Santosh and senior party leader Vasundhara Raje. One of the founding figures of the erstwhile Jana Sangh, BJP's predecessor, Mookerjee was a vehement critic of Article 370, which granted special autonomous status to Jammu and Kashmir. He believed it compromised national integration and coined the iconic slogan: "Ek desh mein do vidhan, do pradhan aur do nishan nahi challenge" (One country cannot have two constitutions, two prime ministers, and two flags). BJP leaders across the country observed the day by paying floral tributes and remembering his contribution to nation-building. In Delhi, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Delhi BJP President Harsh Malhotra, and other leaders paid floral tributes and planted saplings on Dr Mookerjee's death anniversary.

US senators flag Pak's history of harbouring terrorists

post on X on Monday. The Florida senator's remarks came against the backdrop of Vance's "we love Pakistan" remark in Switzerland, where he, along with leaders from Pakistan and Qatar, were negotiating technical details of a peace deal with Iran. "There is still room for a workable agreement that benefits everyone. HOWEVER, what everybody needs to get through their heads here is that there is ZERO chance Iran comes out of this able to build a nuclear weapon," Scott said. Senator Tim Sheehy from Montana, in an interview to Fox News, also flagged the role of Pakistan in sheltering Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. "Pakistan, let's not forget, Pakistan hid bin Laden for a decade. They funded Ayatollah through ISI insurances," Sheehy said. He said if Pakistan and Qatar were at the negotiating table, the US should also have the UAE, Israel and Saudi Arabia join the talks. Sheehy said the UAE, Israel and Saudi Arabia were the real allies of the US in the Middle East. He also said that in the last three months, he talked to Munir more than "anybody else".

Administration of justice must remain human endeavour: CJI

cently notified by the Supreme Court, which seeks to ensure responsible deployment of AI while preserving judicial independence and human oversight. He said the supreme courts of India and the Russian Federation serve societies of immense scale and diversity. Justice Kant said although the legal traditions of the two countries have evolved along different historical paths, "we share a common challenge: how to preserve public confidence in the administration of justice while adapting to a rapidly-changing world". He said the effectiveness of modern judiciaries increasingly depends upon two closely-connected factors -- their ability to harness technology intelligently and responsibly, and commitment to investing in people through sustained judicial education and professional development. "While technology may expand the reach of courts, it is ultimately the learning, integrity and commitment of the judges who serve within them that determine the quality of justice delivered," he said. The CJI said the Indian approach towards integrating technology with judicial functioning rests upon the principle that technology is an indispensable and integral part of the justice-delivery system though it need not be utilised to replace judicial values. "From the outset, our efforts at digital transformation have been motivated by a desire to create a robust judicial mechanism, which can remove practical barriers that prevent citizens from accessing courts efficiently and effectively," he said. Justice Kant said technology is a means through which courts can become more accessible, transparent and responsive to the people they serve. remain among the judiciary's greatest strengths. He said across jurisdictions, courts are grappling with similar questions -- how to harness technology responsibly, how to maintain public confidence in an increasingly-digital environment and how to prepare judicial institutions for challenges that were scarcely imaginable only a decade ago. Justice Kant said these shared concerns create a natural basis for closer cooperation between the two jurisdictions. "There is considerable scope for collaboration through exchanges between judicial academies, joint training programmes, research partnerships and the sharing of best practices between Indian and Russian judiciaries," he said. Justice Kant said the future of justice will depend upon the ability to combine technological innovation with enduring human values.

Vaishno Devi pilgrimage crosses 50-lakh mark

able pilgrimage experience for devotees," he added. "Continuous improvements in infrastructure, accommodation facilities, sanitation, crowd management systems, healthcare services, battery car operations, ropeway services, disaster management preparedness and digital initiatives have significantly enhanced pilgrim convenience and overall service delivery," he said. The official said the crossing of the 50-lakh mark at this stage of the year was indicative of the growing enthusiasm among devotees and augurs well for the continued progress of the yatra during the remaining months of the year. Kavinder pays tributes to Virbhadr Singh on his birth anniversary and recognition. "The late leader's public life, leadership qualities, and unwavering commitment to public service continue to serve as an inspiration for all," he said. He emphasised that imbibing his ideals and following his guidance in life would be the most meaningful tribute to his legacy. Gupta wife Bindu Gupta, Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh, Shimla Municipal Corporation Mayor Surender Chauhan, HIMUDA Vice Chairman Yashwant Chhajta, and other dignitaries were among those present on the occasion. Shutdown in Ladakh as LAB, KDA push for 'credible dialogue' and Kargil, in response to the bandh call. However, transport services, exempted from the strike due to the ongoing tourism season, continued to operate normally. According to LAB co-chairman Chering Dorjay, it was also agreed during the talks that the bureaucracy, including the chief secretary, would function under the authority of an executive led by the people of Ladakh. However, the organisations maintain that such understandings were not properly reflected in the minutes issued subsequently. Doval calls for tackling non-traditional security threats the NSA meeting would also discuss the outcomes of the two BRICS joint working groups on counter-terrorism. "We will also discuss the outcomes of the two BRICS joint working groups on counter-terrorism and on the security in the use of information and communication technologies. I look forward to your valuable interventions," he stated. Earlier, Doval hailed the BRICS group as a "very special coalition", expressing elation over its growth, and stating that the member and partner economies have "got a very special role to play in this world." He said that the meeting assumes importance amid the ongoing "geopolitical uncertainties." "We are meeting at a very tumultuous time. The world is beleaguered by military conflicts and complex security problems. It is facing geopolitical uncertainties, economic strains, and disruptive technology. Not only that the threats are compounding, but the instruments and institutional mechanisms are increasingly finding themselves to be inadequate to resolve or mitigate these conflicts. Multilateralism is on the decline," he said. The BRICS National Security Advisers' meeting began with NSA Ajit Doval welcoming the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Russian Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu and Iran's Deputy Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council Ghadir Nezami-pour, Secretary-General of the UAE Supreme Council for National Security Ali Mohammed Hammad Al Shamsi and Khumbudzo Ntshavheni, Minister in the Presidency of South Africa. Then, a group photo with all the heads of security of all participating countries was taken. 'Respect' from Iran key to resolving war: Trump Ghaliabaf and the Foreign Minister, Abbas Araghchi, arrived on Monday night in Oman where they met with the

Ramban GDC's Red Ribbon Club conducts special awareness prog on HIV/STI prevention

RAMBAN, JUNE 23: The Red Ribbon Club of Government Degree College (GDC), Ramban, organized a special awareness programme today to educate youth on HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) prevention. As detailed in the official press release document image.png, the event focused on introducing students to NACO's "Breakfree" platform, an IT-enabled virtual strategy designed to offer confidential, accessible, and cost-free services directly to young people. The main objective of this initiative is to encourage students to expand health awareness within their com-

munities while empowering them with timely, confidential access to healthcare services. The Breakfree digital platform provides comprehensive resources, including online risk assessments, vir-

tual counseling, and tools to locate nearby testing and treatment centers. During the event, College Principal Prof. Sanjay Kumar Katal highlighted the vital importance of the Breakfree initiative in dis-

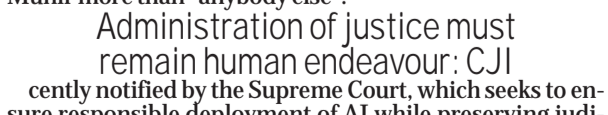
pellling myths and providing students with proper guidance. Programme convener Dr. Sanjay Kumar, who also serves as the HOD of Urdu and Convener of the Red Ribbon Club, emphasized that early diagnosis and timely treatment are critical components in preventing the spread of HIV. The event was successfully executed with the support of club members Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad Mir, Dr. Ranjeet Singh Katoch, Prof. Neetu Sharma, and Prof. Samir Ahmad, all of whom played a key role in sharing this vital information to help strengthen prevention efforts and improve quality of life.

country's Foreign Minister Badr al Busaidi to discuss the peace efforts and ensure safe navigation in the Strait of Hormuz. The US Treasury issued a 60-day license on Monday waiving sanctions on Iranian oil as part of the interim agreement. Notably, the license allows Iranian oil to be imported into the US, which has not imported significant amounts of Iranian oil since the 1990s. In the markets, Brent crude oil fell 3.2 per cent to USD 77.52 per barrel, closer to its roughly USD 70 price from before the war. Benchmark US crude oil fell 2.6 per cent to USD 73.86 per barrel.

India important neighbour of China: Wang

consensus" reached by the leaders of both countries. Wang, who is in New Delhi to attend the BRICS NSA conference, made the remarks during his meeting with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, according to China's state-run Xinhua news agency. During their meeting, Wang and Doval discussed the bilateral relations and progress of the normalisation process. Both Wang and Doval are the Special Representatives of the India-China border issue. "India is an important neighbour of China, and bilateral relations have returned to the track of recovery and improvement," said Wang, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the ruling Communist Party of China and director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs. He noted that the leaders of the two countries agreed that China and India are partners instead of rivals, thus forming the most important strategic consensus between the two sides, providing an important impetus and strategic guarantee for the healthy and stable development of China-India relations, according to an official press release issued here on Monday night on the Doval-Wang meeting. As the two economies with the largest populations, China and India should not only view bilateral relations from a long-term perspective, but also promote cooperation between the two countries from a global perspective, Wang said. He noted that both sides should take concrete actions to implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, promote their respective development and revitalisation through cooperation, and accelerate the modernisation process of the Global South. "It is imperative to respect each other's core interests, properly handle sensitive issues, and place the China-India border issue in an appropriate position, so that it doesn't affect the overall situation of bilateral relations," Wang said. He also underlined the need to advance the restoration of dialogue mechanisms and promote exchanges in various fields, such as trade, finance, law enforcement and media, Xinhua reported, quoting the official press release. The two sides should also actively guide all sectors of society to form a correct understanding, and lay a solid public opinion and social foundation for improving bilateral relations, Wang added. In New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal on Monday said that the Doval-Wang discussions were "constructive and forward-looking". "NSA Doval underlined that stable, predictable and constructive bilateral relations contribute to building of trust and better understanding between the two sides," he said. India and China rolled out a series of measures in the last over one year to rebuild their relationship after it witnessed a major downturn following the deadly Galwan Valley clashes in 2020 and the subsequent military face-off that lasted for over four years. In August last year, Doval and Wang held Special Representatives dialogue in New Delhi that produced a number of outcomes to maintain peace along the border. PM must stop appeasing 'good friend' Trump: Cong with America following the US Supreme Court's verdict. "The US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer is in New Delhi today and tomorrow. On the request of PM Modi, while he was under pressure from Rahul Gandhi's expose in Parliament of his cowardice in front of China, an India-US Joint statement on trade was issued on February 6, 2026," Ramesh said on X. "The US promised to reduce tariffs on Indian exports from 25% to 18%. India promised to eliminate its tariffs or reduce them deeply on US agricultural commodities and industrial products and purchase up to USD 500 billion from the US over five years," he said. Ramesh pointed out that on February 20, 2026, the Supreme Court of the US ruled that President Trump's reciprocal tariff strategy was illegal. Even if a deal is signed, what and where is the guarantee that tariffs will not be unilaterally imposed or threatened to be imposed thereafter, Ramesh asked. "There is absolutely no need for India to be bamboozled into signing any trade agreement which as it stands now is heavily against India's interests," Ramesh said. "PM Modi must stop appeasing his good friend President Trump, who has claimed that he halted Operation Sindoor but is yet to be challenged by Modi on that claim," the Congress leader said. Greer is visiting India to take forward the discussions on the interim trade deal agreed to by Prime Minister Modi and President Trump in February. Trump and Modi met on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting in France last week where the US president said that India and the US were very close to finalising the trade agreement.

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