

From Page 1

LG directs ...

said. The Lieutenant Governor said that our future won't be scripted in documents but forged through decisions of this people's movement in the next three months.

"We have crafted a well-planned 100-day roadmap- six phased steps fueling systematic resolve. Month one ignites awareness and mobilization; month two deepens community/family penetration; month three cements sustainability.

Next three months won't just run a campaign but they will sow seeds for lasting change in J&K. The campaign's cornerstone is compassionate rehabilitation. We must shift our mindset: addicts are patients and they need our help and support," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor stressed the need for a more effective, accessible, humane rehabilitation centers where lives are reclaimed.

"We will crack down hard on traffickers and criminals, but those trapped need empathy and mercy. If a youth strays, we help him recover," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor directed the police officials to prepare 'Top Drug Peddlers' lists at all Police Stations and take decisive action to dismantle drug networks within 30 days.

He asked the police authorities to adopt a focused and time-bound approach for complete elimination of drug syndicate.

Warning drug syndicates of an impending crackdown, the Lieutenant Governor stated that a groundbreaking Standard Operating Procedure, recently notified, will ruthlessly crush smugglers by revoking their passports, driving licenses, Aadhaar cards, and arms licenses.

"Under the NDPS Act, we will confiscate all movable and immovable assets, freeze bank accounts, and launch exhaustive financial probes. I want to assure the people of Jammu Kashmir that no perpetrator will escape justice," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon women's self-help groups to form a Women Vigilance Squad for monitoring the drug abuse cases and informing senior officials about the activities in their areas.

"People say, 'This isn't my problem.'" This mindset must go. We must remember that true prosperity stems not just from wealth, but vigilant and collective resolve.

Government and society must unite for surveillance, rally anti-drug support, and cultivate drug-free villages and towns. We have empowered our police and agencies with full authority to dismantle drug syndicates, the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said a youth who grasps life's purpose becomes our strongest weapon against drugs. He entrusted upon the NGOs and activists to drive grassroots efforts and feedback.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor administered an 'Anti Drug Pledge' and launched the Nasha Mukta Jammu Kashmir Anthem. The event also featured powerful awareness video by DIPR and programs, where renowned artists and students used Nukkad Nataks, cultural performances, songs, and poetry to mobilize the public against the menace of narcotics.

Forces launch ...

operation was also launched yesterday across the Samba district based on the reports of suspicious movements.

Meanwhile, police and army are also continuing searches for the second day in SIDCO forest area of nearby Samba district, which was launched early Sunday after two suspected persons were noticed moving under the cover of darkness, the officials said.

Meanwhile, an old rusted mortar shell was found in a forward village in Mendhar sector of Poonch district today, officials said.

The mortar shell was noticed by villagers in an open field near Sandote in Balakote area of Mendhar, they said.

The officials said the Army's Bomb Disposal Squad was summoned and later the mortar shell was safely destroyed in a controlled explosion.

Sinha, Omar ...

unwavering commitment to his principles and build a united, just, and compassionate society rooted in mutual trust and brotherhood."

Meanwhile, CM Omar Abdullah today extended warm greetings to the people on the joyous occasion of Baisakhi, highlighting the festival's cultural and spiritual significance.

In his message, the Chief Minister said that Baisakhi marks the harvest season and symbolizes prosperity, hope and new beginnings. He noted that the festival reflects the rich cultural diversity and communal harmony of Jammu and Kashmir, where people of different faiths celebrate each other's traditions with mutual respect and enthusiasm.

The Chief Minister emphasized that such occasions strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and reinforce the values of unity and inclusiveness in society.

He expressed hope that the festival would bring peace, happiness and prosperity to every household and prayed for the well-being of the farming community, whose hard work sustains the region's economy.

Omar Abdullah also paid rich tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on his birth anniversary, describing him as a visionary leader, social reformer, and the principal architect of the Indian Constitution.

In his message, the Chief Minister said that Dr. Ambedkar's lifelong struggle for social justice, equality and the upliftment of marginalized sections continues to inspire generations. He highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's invaluable contribution in laying the foundation of a democratic and inclusive India based on the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity.

The Chief Minister called upon the people, especially the youth, to draw inspiration from Dr. Ambedkar's ideals and work towards building a just and equitable society.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to inclusive development, the Chief Minister said that the true tribute to Dr. Ambedkar lies in upholding his vision of social justice and ensuring equal opportunities for all.

Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister, Surinder Choudhary, today extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasions of Baisakhi and Ambedkar Jayanti.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that both the occasions hold immense significance for the people of Jammu and Kashmir, who celebrate these festivals with great fervour and enthusiasm. He highlighted that Baisakhi marks the harvest season and symbolizes prosperity, joy and gratitude among the farming communities across the region.

He said that April 14 marks the birth anniversary of B. R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, whose life and ideals continue to inspire the generations towards equality, justice and social empowerment.

Minister for Health and Medical Education, Social Welfare and Education, Sakeena Itoo today extended her warm greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir on the occasion of Baisakhi.

Sakeena Itoo also paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on his Birth anniversary.

Minister for Agriculture Production, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar, today extended warm greetings to the people on the auspicious occasions of Baisakhi,

Foundation Day of Khalsa Panth and birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar being observed on April 14.

Paying rich tributes to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the Minister remarked that his pioneering role in framing the Constitution of India continues to inspire the generations. He lauded his relentless efforts towards promoting social justice, equality and education, describing him as a guiding force for building an inclusive and progressive society.

Shri Machail ...

The floods also washed away a bridge and damaged several other structures, severely disrupting connectivity and leaving the area's infrastructure in shambles.

The deputy commissioner reviewed the progress of ongoing development works, with a focus on road connectivity, bridge construction and creation of basic facilities, the officials said.

Sharma directed the concerned departments to ensure adequate provision of basic amenities, including drinking water, electricity supply, sanitation facilities, and healthcare services, for the convenience and safety of pilgrims.

Sharma said the administration will issue RFID cards this year, stressing the need to create awareness among pilgrims regarding the usage of such cards for effective crowd management and security.

He also directed the police to strengthen security arrangements with additional deployment of personnel, installation of surveillance systems and establishment of checkpoints along the Yatra route.

Sharma directed the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to construct a temporary Bailey bridge at village Chisoti on the Atholi-Machail Road for better connectivity, as the previous bridge was washed away in last year's cloudburst.

He informed that the work on the permanent bridge shall be taken up subsequently by the BRO, the officials said, adding that the deputy commissioner also directed them to expedite work on the Atholi-Pallali road and accelerate the construction of the Massu bridge to enhance connectivity in the area.

The Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) was directed to complete ongoing works at Machail, including the Yatri Bhawan and Tehsil Office and to put in place an effective queue management system for the smooth conduct of the Yatra, officials said.

They said the health department was directed to deploy medical teams, including doctors at both Gulabgarh and Machail, equipped with essential diagnostic facilities, life-saving drugs, and deployment of ambulances at strategic locations to handle emergencies.

The Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited was directed to make concrete arrangements for uninterrupted power supply at Machail with adequate backup arrangements, including generators at critical locations, while telecom service providers were directed to strengthen mobile connectivity along the Yatra route for the convenience of pilgrims, the officials said.

Vaibhav Kohli ...

who was Special Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, has been transferred and posted as the Jammu and Kashmir Excise Commissioner. Subash Chander Chhibber, who was holding the post, shall await further orders of adjustment in the J&K General Administration Department (GAD).

Ranjit Singh, Special Secretary in the Home Department, is transferred and posted as Special Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

Similarly, Sunil Sharma, Additional Secretary in the Home Department, is transferred and posted as Additional Secretary in the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat.

Parliamentary Standing ...

systems in the region.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah welcomed the Committee members and appreciated their keen interest in assessing the energy scenario of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized the importance of sustained investments in the power sector to meet the growing demand and to ensure reliable and affordable electricity for all sections of society.

The Chief Minister also underlined the government's focus on harnessing Jammu and Kashmir's vast hydroelectric potential and promoting clean and renewable energy initiatives.

The Committee and the Chief Minister also discussed various challenges faced by the sector. The Chief Minister assured full cooperation and support from the Jammu and Kashmir Government in facilitating the Committee's work and implementing recommendations that would contribute to strengthening the energy sector.

It is pertinent to mention that the study group is part of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy, tasked with examining subjects related to the Ministry of Power and allied sectors.

MLA Gulmarg Pirzada Farooq Ahmed Shah was also present on the occasion.

Women's quota ...

are expected to be brought for consideration and passage. "Our country's Parliament is close to creating a new history. A new history that will realise the visions of the past; that will fulfil the resolutions of the future. A resolve for an India that is egalitarian, where social justice is not merely a slogan, but a natural part of our work culture, our decision-making process," he said at the conference.

He also said that when the law was introduced in 2023, it was passed unanimously by all parties and there was a collective demand, particularly from the opposition, for its implementation by 2029.

The Prime Minister said from the state assemblies to the country's Parliament, the time to end decades of waiting is April 16, 17 and 18 — when the extended Budget session has been scheduled for the consideration and passage of the amendments.

"In 2023, in the new Parliament, we took the first step in the form of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act... Amidst these crucial milestones in our nation's development journey, India stands on the brink of making one of the most significant decisions of the 21st century.

"I say with great responsibility that this decision will be among the most important of our time. It is a decision dedicated to the empowerment of women, a true tribute to the strength and reverence of womanhood," he said.

In September 2023, Parliament passed the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam', commonly known as the Women's Reservation Act, marking a significant step towards enhancing women's representation in legislative bodies.

The Act provided for the reservation of one-third of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative Assemblies.

The amendments to the Women's Reservation Act, when passed, will ensure an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816, of which 273 will be reserved for women.

The provision to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was brought by amending the Constitution in 2023.

Under the current law, the reservation for women would not have become enforceable before 2034, as it was tied to the completion of the delimitation exercise post 2027 Census.

To implement it from the 2029 Lok Sabha elections, changes were needed in the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam;

hence, the government is holding special sitting to pass the amendments to the law.

Lt Gen Mishra ...

focused on assessment of counter-infiltration measures, integration of new generation equipment and overall operational synergy," the Army said in a post on X.

It said Lt Gen Mishra commended the formation for induction and integration of niche technologies and exhorted all ranks to sustain a robust, agile and responsive counter-infiltration posture.

Meanwhile, Army troops are on high alert in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri and Poonch districts and are fully prepared to deliver a befitting response to any hostile act by the enemy, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Ace of Spades Division, Maj Gen Kaushik Mukherji said on Monday.

Addressing a well-attended gathering at the 'Rajouri Day' event in the border district, he lauded the role of the local populace and said they will continue to work together in coordination to foil the nefarious designs of the enemy.

'Rajouri Day' is being celebrated on April 13 every year to commemorate the bravery and valour of the soldiers who laid down their lives for the liberation of Rajouri district from Pakistan Army personnel who had infiltrated from across the border in 1947-48.

"Going forward as well, the people of Pir Panjal, the administration, and the security forces will continue to work together in coordination and will always foil the nefarious designs of the enemy. I assure you that our army is fully alert at the borders and is ready to give a befitting response to every hostile act of the enemy," the officer said.

Maj Gen Mukherji said when the Army protects the borders, the local population stands shoulder to shoulder with the forces, strengthening internal security.

"This trust, partnership, and sense of patriotism constitute the greatest strengths of our region," he said.

He paid heartfelt tributes to those who lost their lives during Operation Sindoor, including Additional District Development Commissioner, Rajouri Raj Kumar Thapa, Subedar Major Pawan Kumar, Havaladar Sunil Kumar, Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar and Agniveer Mund Murlil Nayak — all awarded Sena Medal, posthumously in May last year.

The army officer also shared information about a number of new initiatives being taken by the Army in Rajouri and the nearby Poonch district for the welfare of the local population.

To address pollution caused by plastic waste, the GOC said the Army, in coordination with the civil administration, is set to install a plant that will convert waste plastic into interlocking tiles. These tiles will be used for constructing tracks in forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC).

He said the initiative would not only help curb plastic pollution but also generate employment for local residents, while aiding Army troops along the LoC by improving mobility in forward areas.

The Army officer also spoke about the 'Digital Bharat Darshan' initiative, stating that under the programme, the Army will facilitate students of government schools to virtually visit a major city every month from within their classrooms.

He said the initiative aims to expose students to the development taking place across the country and help connect those from border areas with mainstream cities.

He said that the 'Digital Bharat Darshan' is an upgraded version of the earlier Bharat Darshan tours, where only a limited number of students could travel, but now every student will be able to benefit through a digital platform.

Man ferrying ...

along with SDPO Choudhary, were on the spot and trying to persuade the protesters, who have been protesting for over five hours now.

Additional policemen have been rushed to the scene to maintain law and order, the officials said.

Condemning the incident, National Conference MLA Sajad Shaheen said, "Such barbaric acts have no place in a civilised society and appear to be a direct attempt to vitiate the hard-earned peace and harmony of our otherwise peaceful Ramban district."

Shaheen visited the scene and urged the people to maintain law and order while calling for a time-bound and impartial investigation.

Ramban MLA Arjun Singh Raju and senior Congress leader Vikar Rasool Wani also expressed their concerns over the incident, demanding a thorough investigation and strict punishment for the culprits.

Meanwhile, Beopar Mandal president Banihal Shadab Wani called off a one-day strike to protest against the incident, saying that the police had assured them of stern action against the culprits.

WB will ...

Birbhum district, he said the writing on the wall is that the BJP will form a government in Bengal as the people of the state have decided to bid "Ta Ta Bye Bye" to TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee.

"Let the people bid adieu to the Mamata government. The BJP will then take up the task of hanging the syndicate and cut-money promoters upside down to make them straight," Shah said.

Alleging that TMC-sheltered criminals have tortured BJP workers in Bengal for a long time, the home minister said that after May 5, a day after counting of votes, saffron party workers will drag their torturers out of the netherworld and bring them to justice.

"I advise TMC goons to stay in their homes on April 23 (the first phase of polling), else we will pick them up one by one on May 4 and throw them in jail."

Birbhum will go to the polls in the first phase on April 23. The second phase of polling is on April 29, and the counting of votes will be held on May 4.

Accusing the chief minister of trying to "terrorise" the state's majority community, Shah said that this assembly election is to drive out infiltrators from Bengal and also from the rest of the country.

"Didi, we have been living here for centuries. Who are you to intimidate us?" Shah asked, alleging that riots took place in Murshidabad, attacks were perpetrated on Ram Navami processions, and Saraswati Puja was not allowed at some places under Mamata Banerjee's rule.

"Can Mamata Banerjee or her nephew (Abhishek Banerjee) throw infiltrators out? They do not even allot land for border fencing."

The BJP will finish the task of land allotment for fencing of our borders with Bangladesh within 45 days of assuming power in West Bengal, Shah said. "And not just from Bengal, we will pick infiltrators one by one from the whole country and throw them out."

Shah reiterated his party's resolve to implement a Uniform Civil Code in the state. "Once enforced, the UCC will put an end to the practice of certain members getting married four times," the home minister said.

He lashed out at the TMC for allegedly indulging in multiple scams and claimed the party embezzled public money to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore.

"They were responsible for the cash-for-query scam in Parliament, for taking away the jobs of 26,000 school teachers, for SSC and civic body recruitment irregularities, cattle smuggling, ration distribution scam, as well as stealing MN-REGA and PM Awas money. We will make the scamsters return every penny to the people after we come to power," the former BJP chief said.

Shah took on the chief minister for her alleged comments on women in public spaces post sundown.

"Shame on Mamata Banerjee for saying that women should stay at home after 7 pm. We will ensure an environment where young girls can ride their scooters at 1 am," Shah said.

He promised that there would be no repeat of Sandeshkhali, R G Kar, South Calcutta Law College and Durgapur Law College-like incidents under BJP rule in the state.

Referring to the BJP's poll manifesto, the home minister pledged the enforcement of the 7th pay commission recommendations for government employees within 45 days, Rs 3000 per month to women and unemployed youth, Rs 21,000 to pregnant women, and Rs 2,000 to specially-abled people.

"There will be 33 per cent women's reservation in government jobs, free rides for women in state buses and Rs 5 lakh free health insurance cover under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. We will also increase the annual grant to farmers from its current Rs 6,000 to Rs 9,000," he said.

"Mamata Banerjee's only aim is to elevate her nephew to the chair of the chief minister. Modiji, on the other hand, aims to empower the youth of Bengal," he said.

Shah said that once a 'double-engine' government is formed, Central funds would reach the people of the state and several welfare schemes would be implemented for the women, youths and the poor.

J&K Govt ...

come into immediate effect.

Inspectors including Riyaz Mustafa, Mir Zahid Hussain, Arif Ahmad Aghar, Ashwani Kumar Angotra, Nasir Syed Kirmani, Tahir Ahmed Qazi, Iftikhar Ahmed Mir, Ramesh Kumar Pandita, Raj Kumar Dhar, Sunil Kumar Ganjoo, Javid Akhtar, Ajay Bhat, Arun Kotwal, Vijay Kotwal, Mohd Arif, Shabir Ahmad, Kulbir Singh, Manzoor Hussain, Chaman Lal, Sanjeev Kumar, Sunil Kumar, Jagjiven Ram, Naveen Angral, and Som Raj, were promoted as DySPs.

The promotions shall be subject to the outcome of writ petition(s), if any, pending before any competent Court of Law.

Spiritual wisdom ...

something special about our existence that it has not been wiped out. This existence is the knowledge we have received from our saints and great souls," he said.

The world doesn't possess the spiritual knowledge that our ancestors possessed, he said, adding that whenever the world faces crises, India shows the way forward

Will 'prosecute' ...

for vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz to and from non-Iranian ports," the Central Command said.

Trump said the US blockade is an effort to stop Iran from policing the strait and benefiting economically while the rest of the world suffers from its closure.

"At all point, we will reach an 'ALL BEING ALLOWED TO GO IN, ALL BEING ALLOWED TO GO OUT' basis, but Iran has not allowed that to happen by merely saying, 'There may be a mine out there somewhere, that nobody knows about but them,'" he said in a post on Truth Social.

"THIS IS WORLD EXTORTION, and Leaders of Countries, especially the United States of America, will never be extorted," he said.

Trump, speaking on Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures," said the effort will be a "complete blockade" and "all or none," meaning no ship will be allowed to pass until Iran relents.

Trump also announced in the post that the US Navy will "seek and interdict every vessel in International Waters that has paid a toll to Iran."

CENTCOM said additional information will be provided to commercial mariners through a formal notice prior to the start of the blockade.

All mariners are advised to monitor Notice to Mariners broadcasts and contact US naval forces on bridge-to-bridge channel 16 when operating in the Gulf of Oman and Strait of Hormuz approaches.

Last week, CENTCOM began preparations for mine clearance operations in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Arleigh Burke-class DDGs USS Frank E. Petersen Jr. (DDG 121) and USS Michael Murphy (DDG 112) transited the strait to establish a "safe pathway" for global commerce following reports of sea mines laid by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC).

This is part of a broader mission to ensure the strait is "fully clear" of sea mines laid by the IRGC, CENTCOM said.

CHETAN ACADEMY

PROPOSED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

S.No.	Name / Parentage	Address	Occupation	Qualification	Designation	Mob No.	Aadhar No.	Signature
1	Jyoti Balaria W/o. Raj Gopal	Bajalta	Principal of this School	B.A., M.A., B.ED., B.LIB	Principal	6006435959	7870 3514 3978	
2	Samriti Patyal D/o. Swarn Singh	Bajalta	Teacher of this School	B.A., B.ED., M.A	Teacher Member	9906605989	3551 2696 9650	
3	Rajinder Kumar S/o. Girdhari Lal	Pargalta	Private	12 th	Member	7889750281	8912 6497 4058	
4	Suman Bala W/o. Kuldeep Raj	Pargalta	Ex Panch	12 th	Member	8082012799	6072 0894 2021	
5	Mohd. Farooq S/o. Hassan Mohd.	Sarah	Ex Naib Sarpanch	B.A	Member	9622098191	2608 5493 7917	
6	Jagdish Kumar S/o. Sewa Ram	Sarah	Private	10 th	Member	7006506058	6279 0399 6446	
7	Bishan Dass S/o. Sewa Ram	Pargalta	Private	10 th	Member	9682182529	2238 6296 7767	
8	Sansar Chand S/o. Punnu Ram	Pargalta	Private	8 th	Secretary	9596811358	4736 0563 1916	
9	Sudesh Kumar S/o. Lt. Om Parkash	Pargalta	Private	10 th	Parent Member	9906272986	4964 2557 2522	
10	Deepak Kumar S/o. Ravi Kumar	Pargalta	Private	12 th	Member	9149676618	5646 4298 9943	