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## Trump invite, ...

seen as an attempt to recalibrate bilateral relations, which have faced headwinds since mid-last year.

"Happy to receive the US Secretary of State, Mr. Marco Rubio. We discussed sustained progress in the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and issues related to regional and global peace and security," Modi said on social media.

"India and the United States will continue to work closely for the global good," he said.

Rubio, on his part, underlined the importance of the US-India relationship.

"We discussed the situation in the Middle East and US-India partnership in energy, securing critical supply chains, and collaboration on emerging technologies. I was pleased to invite Prime Minister Modi to the White House on behalf of the President," he said on 'X'.

The US State Department said the Secretary of State and PM Modi agreed to deepen trade and defence cooperation and accelerate collaboration on critical and emerging technologies.

After the meeting with the prime minister, Rubio, at an event at the US embassy, described India as an "incredibly important partner" for the US and indicated that the two sides are planning to make certain important announcements in the coming months to further solidify the relations.

In his address, the top diplomat delved into various aspects of India-US relations and touched upon how the friendship between PM Modi and President Trump is driving the ties forward.

"The connection between the leaders is incredibly important. These are two very serious leaders who are focused not just on the short-term, but on the long-term. I think that that is important to note, because it's a key part of the foundation, the relationship between our countries," Rubio said. The US Secretary of State also emphasised Washington's seriousness to expand cooperation under the Quad framework.

US State Department Spokesperson Tommy Pigott said the Secretary of State underscored the strategic importance of the US-India partnership, the strong personal ties between the US President and the Prime Minister, as well as the profound economic and commercial opportunities for the two sides.

"The Secretary and the Prime Minister discussed the current situation in the Middle East. The Secretary emphasised that the United States will not let Iran hold the global energy market hostage and affirmed that US energy products have the potential to diversify India's energy supply," Pigott said.

Modi and Rubio also reflected upon bilateral achievements including significant investments that advance the President and the Prime Minister's "Mission 500" to double trade by 2030, he said.

According to an Indian readout, Rubio briefed PM Modi on the "sustained progress in bilateral cooperation across a wide range of sectors, including defence, strategic technologies, trade and investment, energy security, connectivity, education and people-to-people ties."

The US Secretary of State shared the US perspective on various regional and global issues, including the situation in West Asia, it said.

PM Modi reaffirmed India's consistent support for peace efforts and reiterated the call for peaceful resolution of the conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy, it said.

The readout from the Prime Minister's Office said Modi requested Secretary Rubio to convey his warm greetings to President Trump and said that he looked forward to their continued exchanges.

US Ambassador Gor, who was also part of the Rubio-led delegation, described the meeting with PM Modi as "productive".

"We had a productive discussion on ways to deepen US-India cooperation across security, trade, and critical technologies - areas that strengthen both our nations and advance a free and open Indo-Pacific. India is a vital partner to the United States!" he said on 'X'.

The Secretary of State inaugurated the Support Annex Building, which the US Mission said will deliver critical consular services.

"We recognise that an orderly and secure consular system is vital to solidify this important relationship. That's why we're introducing a new America first visa scheduling tool that prioritises business professionals who strengthen these ties," Rubio said.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has introduced an "America First" visa scheduling tool as a broader push to upgrade how American consulates operate.

He also mentioned USD 20 billion in investments announced by Indian companies in the United States in recent months.

The US Secretary of State arrived in Kolkata this morning, visiting the Mother House -- the headquarters of Saint Teresa's Missionaries of Charity -- before flying to the national capital.

On Sunday, Rubio is scheduled for bilateral talks with Jaishankar. The Secretary of State will travel to Agra and Jaipur on Monday before returning to Delhi on Tuesday morning for the Quad foreign ministers meeting.

Separately, Rubio told NDTV that Washington's new policy for permanent residency or green card is not directed at India as it is part of the Trump administration's approach to streamline the immigration system.

The new policy requires green card applicants to make their applications from their home countries.

Rubio's trip to India comes over five weeks after Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri undertook a three-day visit to Washington DC that focused on stabilising the ties after a spell of uncertainty and strain.

The relations between the two countries witnessed a major downturn after Washington imposed punitive tariffs on India and President Donald Trump made controversial assertions regarding his role in de-escalating the India-Pakistan military clashes last May.

Over the next few months, the US president repeatedly and publicly claimed that he had resolved the military conflict between the two neighbours and saved millions of lives as it was heading toward a full-scale war.

New Delhi stoutly maintained that the cessation of hostilities was the result of talks between India and Pakistan, and the US involvement had nothing to do with it.

However, both sides made efforts in the last few months to repair the ties.

The two sides resolved to firm up a mutually beneficial trade deal soon. President Trump and PM Modi held a nearly 40-minute phone conversation on April 14.

Following the call, Modi said he and Trump reviewed the "substantial progress" in the bilateral ties and that both sides are committed to further strengthening the India-US comprehensive global strategic partnership in "all areas".

## India to ...

innovation align, then the country reaches new heights.

During the rule of the British East India Company, potassium nitrate was used as raw material to make gunpowder, and the company strengthened its military capability, Singh said.

He said India has come a long way as far as its defence industry is concerned.

Singh said while Ordnance factories existed even before Independence and the defence industry is deeply rooted in the country, after Independence, there was no balance between the country's old capabilities and modern requirements.

This was because private players did not get the opportunities as sector was restricted to PSUs and Ordnance factories, Singh said.

He listed steps undertaken by the Union government to increase private participation in the defence sector, including policy-related reforms and FDI liberalisation.

He said the government implemented a strategic partnership model, prepared a positive indigenisation list of 5,000 items, making it mandatory for armed forces to procure them in India. Young innovators, too, are being encouraged, Singh added.

On the defence manufacturing unit, Singh said a golden chapter of self-reliance is being written in India's defence and space sector.

Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also attended the event.

The factory at Shirdi is built on 200 acres of land. It is expected to generate employment for 2,000 people and support Medium, Small and Micro Industries. It will export defence equipment to other countries, Nibe Group chairman-managing director Ganesh Nibe had said.

The unit in Ahilyanagar district will manufacture artillery bombshells and support the aerospace segment.

The complex intends to manufacture advanced artillery systems, missile and space technologies, rocket systems, energetic materials, and autonomous defence platforms.

India's first 300 KM Universal Rocket Launching System 'Suryastra' was flagged off as part of the event. The foundation stone was also laid for a missile complex for the system.

The unveiling of indigenous TNT Plant Technology, RDX Plant Technology and Renewable Bio-Genous Compressed Biogas Plant took place during the ceremony, while an MoU was exchanged between Nibe Group and Black Sky for satellite assembly.

"We recognised the capabilities of the private sector as it can transform India into a global manufacturing hub," Singh said.

Singh said the outcome of future wars will be determined by the nation's advancements and capabilities in munitions and automation, and not by the size of its forces.

"Glimpses of this reality can be witnessed in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and West Asia situation. India demonstrated this capability in Operation Sindoor," he said.

He called for concerted efforts of all stakeholders to transform India

into a global hub for munitions and automation. "We stand ready to take every necessary step to ensure India emerges as a frontrunner in munitions and automated systems," he stated.

Singh said the fundamental objective of technology is not to diminish capabilities of soldiers, but to augment them, and the final decision must always remain in human hands.

"Modern weaponry and automated systems are playing an increasingly significant role in future warfare. It is imperative for India to advance in this direction. Let us collectively pledge to make India fully self-reliant in defence and space technology," he said.

In today's world, 'security' and 'economy' can no longer be viewed in isolation, as a robust economy serves as the bedrock for a strong military and modern defence capabilities, he said.

"National security creates a stable environment conducive to investment, industrial growth, and overall development. However, we are currently witnessing the weaponisation of almost everything - from trade and supply chains to even rare earth minerals. In such times, we cannot remain dependent on others for our defence manufacturing needs," he said.

Atmanirbharta in defence production is not merely a requirement for war, but also a necessity for peace, development, and economic resilience, he added.

In his address, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis commended the Centre's Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make-in-India initiatives.

Operation Sindoor was a shining example of the unmatched bravery of Indian soldiers and the nation's growing indigenous defence capabilities, he said.

India's defence ecosystem has transformed due to the active and equal participation of the public and private sectors, he said.

India continues to enhance its strategic might, and is playing a constructive role in promoting global peace and stability, the CM said.

Singh and Fadnavis also visited the Saibaba shrine in Shirdi.

## Vacations in ..

Celsius in Jammu, making conditions difficult for residents, particularly school-going children.

The minister also wished students a safe and enjoyable vacation and urged them to take necessary precautions during the summer break.

## Major anti-encroachment ..

the forest patches were subjected to sale purchase by these illegal settlers and "plotting" was going on by stone pitching. After sensing this serious issue, the department recently erected the Forest land boards in this area to check the sale and purchase.

Regarding the eviction exercise, it is to mention that it was not a sudden outburst/action but its timeline is quite old and falls back to months of the hectic efforts by the forest field staff to check the spread of these encroachers, and on 28.03.2026 during the routine inspection by the field staff, these encroachers attacked the forest field staff and even raised baseless allegation to falsely trap the govt. employees in false and frivolous cases.

As such, sensing the urgency of the matter, the higher authorities were apprised and a procedure of issuing the Show Cause Notices was initiated. But all such exercises went in vain as the show cause notices found no takers and they vehemently denied accepting such notices and even misbehaved with the staff on duty leading the issuance of the eviction orders etc.

It further intimated that a notion has been set in the public that these encroachers were residing in the area in question for the last many decades, but the Google Earth timeline imagery clearly shows that there were only 2 to 3 kutcha sheds upto the year 2009. Further, majority of the structures which were dismantled have its place with the non-local families and only 3 to 4 families are of local Gujjar Lineage etc.

It is also necessary to pierce the veil that in the year 2012-13 and 2013-14 there were continual efforts from the department to include this entire area (i.e area outside the Bandi Village Chak) within the fence line of Mahayra Forest Park at that time, but the local political regime instead of saving these prime forest patches, excluded this area form the fence line and this has resulted into rampant encroachments and even illegal revenue entries.

## Encounter breaks ..

general area of Gambhir Mughlan in Rajouri during an intelligence-based joint operation conducted along with Police and CRPF," the White Knight Corps said on X.

It said that troops responded swiftly with calibrated action. "A fire-fight ensued, and a cordon has been effectively established. Operations, named 'Op Sheruwalli', remain underway," it said.

According to officials, the cordon-and-search operation was launched in the Dorimal-Gambhir Moghala belt following inputs about the presence of suspected terrorists in the area.

A joint team of the police, Army and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) cordoned off the area and launched extensive searches, they said.

Additional reinforcements have been deployed to the scene, and the operation was continuing when reports last came in, officials informed.

Meanwhile, Security forces launched a search operation in the border district of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir as part of preparedness measures, officials said.

A joint team comprising the Special Operations Group (SOG) of J-K Police and the Army's Rashtriya Rifles launched the operation in the general areas of Sanjot, Chitbari, Savi Tarnai and Tripal Jaun Top forest belts in the Mendhar sector, they said.

The operation was undertaken as part of heightened security measures in the border areas and to maintain vigil in the region, the officials added.

## Centre notifies ...

finalisation. Framed under Section 33 and other relevant provisions of the Act, the draft rules have been placed in the public domain to facilitate wider consultation with states, institutions, experts, worker groups, civil society organisations and the public, officials said.

The proposed rules cover transitional provisions, the National Level Steering Committee, the Central Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Council, administrative expenses, grievance redressal, payment of wages and unemployment allowance, and expenditure incurred beyond normative allocations, including for Union Territories without legislatures.

Officials in the Ministry of Rural Development said the rules are aimed at establishing the institutional, financial and governance framework for implementation of the Act across the country and ensuring participatory consultation before the rules are finalised.

The draft Transitional Provisions Rules spell out the framework for shifting from MGNREGA to VB-G RAM G, which was notified on May 11 and is scheduled to come into force across states and Union Territories from July 1.

The rules provide for continuation of ongoing works, settlement of liabilities, transfer of records and continuation of worker rights during the transition period. Existing e-KYC-verified MGNREGA job cards will remain temporarily valid until new Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards are issued, while fresh works may also be opened if ongoing projects are insufficient to meet labour demand.

The VB-G RAM G Act replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act with what the government describes as a "next-generation rural development framework" aligned with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

The new law raises the annual employment guarantee from 100 to 125 days and links rural employment more closely with infrastructure creation, climate resilience and village-level planning through Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans.

The proposed framework also envisages new oversight mechanisms. A National Level Steering Committee will provide strategic guidance on implementation, including normative allocations, convergence, monitoring systems and technology-enabled governance.

According to the draft rules, the committee will include representatives from the Department of Rural Development, NITI Aayog, central ministries, state governments and technical institutions.

The Central Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Council has also been proposed to support implementation, evaluation, monitoring and reporting under the Act, with the ministry saying the two bodies are intended to strengthen policy coordination, institutional oversight and participatory governance.

The draft Grievance Redressal Rules seek to establish a technology-enabled, multi-tier and time-bound system supported by digital public infrastructure, with provisions for registration, tracking, escalation and appeals.

Administrative expense rules specify expenditure to be borne by the Centre, shared with states or borne by states, including spending on staffing, training, ICT systems, monitoring, grievance redressal, and social audits.

The draft rules also retain direct benefit transfer as the mode for payment of wages and unemployment allowance, while employment must continue to be provided within 15 days of demand, failing which workers will be eligible for unemployment allowance.

The ministry said objections and suggestions on the draft rules may be submitted till June 21, 2026, and all relevant feedback received during the consultation process will be considered before finalisation. The draft rules are available on the e-Gazette portal.

## 894 drug ....

on with courage and resolve," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the poison of drugs is diverting our youth from the path of progress. He said terrorist groups use proceeds from drugs to buy weapons, and with those weapons the blood of ordinary Kashmiris is being spilled.

"Today I want to state unequivocally: whether an official or anyone in public life, if they are in any way connected to the drug network or lend it support, they will face strict legal consequences. I assure the people that if even the slightest trace of this infection has seeped into our system, it will be mercilessly cut out without hesitation," the Lieutenant governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said that by destroying the lives of our children, thousands of smugglers and narco-terrorists have built their own dark fiefdoms. He said each brick of that sordid realm is being pulled down. The cup of suffering borne by the people at the hands of drug smugglers has overflowed; their collective cry of "no more" has risen into an unstoppable roar. He further stated that every drug sold in our towns and villages is like a bullet pressed against the chest of the people.

"Wherever drug smugglers and drug traffickers take root, their first victims are our youth. I know that many parents across Jammu Kashmir live under this shadow of fear, constantly worried that their family could be the next target. We must banish that fear completely and ensure safety for every household in the Union Territory," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted that more than 7,000 women's committees have been formed in Jammu Kashmir and it is now the administration's duty to empower these committees and ensure they can work effectively.

In the past 43 days, 797 FIRs have been registered and 894 drug smugglers and peddlers have been sent behind bars. 59 traffickers have been arrested under PIT NDPS provisions. 81 narcotic palaces built with the traffickers' black money have been demolished. 101 immovable properties have been attached and seized. Other assets worth crores have been attached. 457 driving licenses have been suspended. Recommendations have been made to cancel passports of 22 smugglers and to cancel registrations of 606 vehicles. Large quantities of drugs have been seized. About 5,641 drug stores were inspected; licenses of 268 stores were suspended or cancelled, and FIRs filed against 6 drug stores.

A comprehensive rehabilitation policy is also being prepared. The Lieutenant Governor said that our aim is not only to free addicted youth through de-addiction programs but also to reintegrate them into the mainstream by providing employment and jobs.

## Over 16 ...

anti-drug movement.

The outreach programmes included Mega pad-yatras, road shows, school and college campaigns, village-level awareness drives, signature campaigns, community meetings, youth engagement activities, sports events, cultural events, seminars, counselling sessions, and social media advocacy initiatives aimed at sensitizing society about the dangers of drug addiction.

Under this campaign, Mental Health and Counselling Support services have also been strengthened as through Tele-MANAS and Counselling Support initiative, around 3,572 calls were received from individuals seeking psychological support, counselling, and guidance related to mental health and substance abuse issues. Strengthening of accessible counselling services has become a critical pillar of the Administration's strategy to ensure early intervention and emotional support for vulnerable individuals and families affected by addiction.

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Treatment and Rehabilitation Services have also been expanded across J&K. Addiction Treatment Facilities (ATFs) of Health department have reported substantial patient engagement during the campaign period. 58,603 patients were received at treatment facilities, with 58,138 patients availing OPD treatment services, 465 patients IPD intensive inpatient care, besides 192 patients were cured and released.

Simultaneously, the Social Welfare Department-operated DDAC Rehabilitation Centres provided Treatment and Rehabilitation Services to affected individuals. 634 patients received treatment support, 1,055 individuals underwent counselling sessions, 29 patients successfully recovered and 851 active patients continue to receive rehabilitation support in these centres.

Police department is also providing substantial Counselling and Rehabilitation Support services. Under Police run DDAC and counselling support initiatives, 451 patients were registered, 786 patients received counselling and 138 patients recovered successfully, besides 363 active cases remain under monitoring and rehabilitation support.

Under this ongoing campaign, an Aggressive Crackdown on Drug Networks has also been launched by the enforcement agencies. Police Department's NDPS operations witnessed extensive action against drug trafficking networks and peddlers across J&K.

During the ongoing campaign, 850 FIRs were registered under NDPS-related offences, 942 persons were arrested, 293 drug peddlers were apprehended and 49 drug hotspots were identified for focused intervention.

The enforcement agencies have also intensified financial investigations against narcotics syndicates as authorities carried out major action against illegally acquired assets linked to drug traffickers.

As on date, 55 drug trafficker houses were sealed or demolished, 71 immovable properties were seized or attached valuing approximately ₹4,632.17 lakh, 34 immovable properties were demolished valuing around ₹1,648.50 lakh, besides 42 movable properties were seized or attached valuing around ₹214.93 lakh.

The campaign also targeted regulatory violations and logistical support systems associated with narcotics trafficking. 414 driving licences were suspended or cancelled, 13 vehicle RCs were cancelled, 118 drug store licences were suspended, 2 drug store licences were cancelled, besides 1,285 Aadhaar cancellation applications were processed and 119 passport impoundment applications were initiated.

During the ongoing campaign, Enforcement agencies achieved significant success in narcotics recovery operations. 6,416.070 grams and 8,019 milligrams of Herion, 47,206 grams and 871 milligrams of Charas and 251,697 grams and 1,116 milligrams of Ganja were seized till date.

Moreover, 22,474 tablets were seized besides 65 kilograms of Poppy plants were destroyed and 47 kanals of poppy cultivation was also destroyed. These seizures have led to a major setback to narcotics supply chains operating in the region.

Under this campaign, Surveillance and Institutional Monitoring has also been enhanced. As part of preventive surveillance measures, 6,436 chemists were checked, 6,881 CCTV cameras were installed and 2,127 schools and hospitals were inspected.

These surveillance measures are aimed at preventing illegal drug circulation near educational institutions and sensitive public areas.

The Intelligence-Led Prevention measures have also been strengthened under the campaign, with 386 suspects examined, 3,045 drug peddlers and smugglers identified and 36 PIT-NDPS detentions carried out.

These intelligence-based operations are being continuously strengthened to dismantle organized narcotics networks and prevent inter-district and cross-border drug trafficking.

Remarkably, under the campaign significant number of Padyatras have also been organised, witnessing enormous public support and participation, to generate awareness among the masses about the impact of drug abuse on the society. Sports and co-curricular activities are also being held in educational institutions as well as from block and local levels to push youth towards sports for maintaining physical and mental health.

"Nasha Mukti JK Abhiyaan" is not merely an enforcement exercise but a comprehensive program aimed at protecting youth, strengthening families, and building a drug-free Jammu & Kashmir.

The administration emphasized that the combined participation of government departments, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions, civil society organizations, healthcare professionals, religious leaders, and local communities has played a decisive role in the campaign's success.

## Assets valued ...

'Nasha Mukti J-K Abhiyan', a police spokesperson said.

Investigations in these cases have revealed that the attached properties were acquired through proceeds generated from illicit drug trafficking, he said.

Giving details, the spokesperson said the police attached two residential properties -- a single-storey and another double-storey house -- belonging to Bilal and Aneek Ahmad Sheikh, both residents of the Larbal Beerwah area of Budgam district.

"The two are named in FIR No. 37/2024 U/S (under section) 8/20 NDPS Act of Police Station Sadder Srinagar," he said.

The properties, valued at approximately Rs 30 lakh and Rs 50 lakh respectively, were attached under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act after completion of due legal formalities, he said.

Section 68(F) grants investigating officers the authority to seize or freeze properties suspected of being illegally acquired through drug trafficking.

In another action, the spokesperson said that police attached a double-storeyed residential house belonging to Suhail Farooq Khan, a resident of Mini Colony, Chanapora, involved in FIR No. 15/2023 U/S 8/21 NDPS Act of Police Station Chanapora.

The property, valued at approximately Rs one crore, was attached under Section 68-F(1) of the NDPS Act, he said.

The Srinagar Police also attached a three-storey residential house be-

longing to Mohsin Ibrahim Naqash, a resident of Jawahar Nagar, Srinagar, involved in FIR No. 42/2026 U/S 8/21, 29 NDPS Act of Police Station Sadder Srinagar, the spokesperson said.

The property, valued at approximately Rs one crore, was attached under Section 68(F) of the NDPS Act, he added.

In another major action, the spokesperson said, Srinagar Police attached a three-storey residential house belonging to Farhan Manzoor Pandit, a resident of Kursoo, Rajbagh, involved in FIR No. 18/2026 U/S 8/21 NDPS Act of Police Station Rajbagh.

The attached property has an estimated market value of approximately Rs 50 lakh.

Additionally, Police Station Karan Nagar attached a double-storey residential house belonging to Fayaz Ahmad Rather, a resident of Patoo Mohalla Ajas area of Bandipora district, involved in FIR No. 01/2025 U/S 8/21, 29 NDPS Act and Section 111 BNS, he said.

The attachment proceedings were conducted strictly in accordance with legal provisions as part of the ongoing anti-drug campaign, the spokesperson said.

In a separate action, Srinagar Police attached a double-storey residential house situated at Bakshiabad, Bemina, belonging to Abid Hassan Dar, a resident named in FIR No. 18/2022 of Police Station Batamaloo under sections 8/21, 29, 27-A NDPS Act and sections 468, 471, 473 IPC, he said.

The property, valued at approximately Rs 1.7 crore, was attached under Sections 68-F(1) and 68-E of the NDPS Act for alleged forfeiture of illegally acquired property, he added.

## 3 properties ...

peacefully without any untoward incidents. Local residents strongly supported the administrative action, openly praising the law enforcement agencies for taking decisive steps to eliminate the drug menace and protect the youth.

Jammu Police reiterates its zero-tolerance policy against drug peddling and warns that stringent action against drug kingpins will continue unabated.

## LoP targets ...

in-charge of 18 departments, including Finance, Power Development, General Administration, Tourism, Revenue, and several others. "A normal human being like me cannot do justice to more than one or two departments, but he is a 'superman' and he himself controls 50 percent of the administrative departments. How can you abandon the Civil Secretariat and rush off on foreign tours to London and other high-end destinations when you are in control of 50 percent of departments," Sharma said.

The LoP added that Omar Abdullah's non-seriousness could be imagined by the fact that a few months ago he wanted to rush to Paris in the middle of Kashmiri growers facing an unprecedented crisis with apple consignments stranded on the highway.

"When the highway was shut and our growers were crying and wailing, our CM planned to proceed on a sightseeing tour to Paris, but he had to abandon the plan after facing criticism," Sharma said.

He further said that the BJP will soon lodge a missing report over the disappearance of CM Omar Abdullah. "We are going to file a missing report at police station Ram Munshi Bagh over Omar Abdullah's disappearance. We are also consulting legal experts to discuss whether we can file a Habeas Corpus petition to produce Omar Abdullah before the public of Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

## OMCs ensure ...

consumers towards retail fuel outlets. OMCs are maintaining close coordination with the administration for seamless fuel supplies.

He informed that Public Sector OMCs continue operations and logistics coordination across the country to ensure uninterrupted availability of Petrol (MS), Diesel (HSD) and LPG amid a sudden and sharp increase in fuel demand in the region.

The Oil Industry would like to reassure consumers that adequate stocks of Petrol, Diesel and LPG are available across the country and all necessary measures are being taken to maintain smooth and uninterrupted supplies.

Public Sector OMCs are continuously reviewing stock positions and closely coordinating on logistics and distribution planning to efficiently meet the enhanced demand scenario.

He advised citizens to continue with normal purchasing behaviour and avoid unnecessary panic buying and also requested consumers to rely only on official communications issued by authorised agencies and Oil Marketing Companies for accurate information related to fuel availability.

## 229 youths ...

were distributed to candidates selected for various posts in banks, the armed forces, medical services, railways and departments of the Jammu and Kashmir administration.