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Country's first...

mobility in high-altitude regions," Khattar wrote on X.

The project comprises in-situ 1.7 MW solar plant, green hydrogen filling station of capacity 80 kg per day and five hydrogen intra-city buses. Each bus can cover 300 km per single filling of hydrogen of 25 kg, the spokesperson said.

He said this is also the world's highest altitude (3,650 m MSL) green hydrogen mobility project designed to operate in low density air, sub-zero temperature and can fill hydrogen at 350 bar pressure.

This station will mitigate carbon emissions of approximately 350 MT per year and contribute 230 MT per year of pure oxygen into the atmosphere, which is equal to planting of about 13,000 trees, the spokesperson said.

He said NTPC is setting up more hydrogen mobility projects across India in addition to deployment of various green hydrogen technologies, rapidly scaling up of renewable energy capacity, including setting up of hydrogen hub in Andhra Pradesh.

The Union minister also visited waste-to-art sculptures site at Leh.

"These sculptures beautifully blend sustainability with creativity, showcasing an innovative approach to urban development and waste management," the union minister wrote on X, while sharing a couple of picture of the site.

CapEx fate ...

requested the LG to maintain the status quo and not reduce the CapEx budget of Hill Councils. They also raised other issues, viz. funds for skill development of youth, drought package for areas facing scarcity of water for drinking/irrigation purposes, funds for construction of protection bunds, irrigation khuls and roads; filling of vacant posts of teachers, shortage of Block Development Officers (BDOs), district status for Sankoo sub-division; organising UT-level events in Kargil also; maternity leave for NHM employees in Ladakh on the lines of J&K UT, etc.

Director, Finance, Dr Safdar Ali, IRS, gave a detailed presentation on the Status of CapEx 2024-25 and 2025-26 following which Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal, IAS, informed the Chairman/CEC, Executive Councillors and Councillors of LAHDC Leh about the UT Administration's effort to increase the CapEx budget for the Hill Councils annually since 2020 despite the decrease in CapEx budget of UT Ladakh to ensure the developmental works in Leh and Kargil districts are not affected.

Stating that he would take the matter with the Home Ministry and Finance Minister to address the issue of revision of the budget for UT Ladakh, the LG asked the Councillors not to take new projects which cannot be completed within a period of three years.

He also highlighted the need to sensitise people about using surface water for drinking purposes instead of digging borewells to conserve water for future generations. He also highlighted prioritising new projects along with conducting technical studies to assess the feasibility of new project works.

The LG asked Sanjeev Khirwar, IAS, to process transfer/posting of teaching/non-teaching staff of schools twice a year through a portal which should be opened for a specific period of time so that the applicants can submit their applications based on which their transfer/posting can be assessed. He also discussed holding remedial classes for students during the winter months along with the attachment/detachment of teachers.

Meanwhile, Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, along with the Deputy Commissioner and CEO of LAHDC Kargil, Shrikant Balasaheb Suse on Saturday inaugurated a 15-meter span single-lane plate girder motorable bridge at Sangrah over the Sangrah Nallah. The bridge, constructed under the SDP component, was completed at a cost of Rs 2.36 crore.

Later, the CEC Kargil also attended the Annual Day Function of Government Council Model High School Sangrah as the chief guest. The annual day was attended by Assistant Director Tourism, Block Development Officer Sankoo, Executive Engineer PHE, Executive Engineer SVD Sankoo, Executive Engineer I&FC, Executive Engineer REW, besides parents and students.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEC congratulated the students, teachers, and staff, commended their hard work and dedication. He emphasized the importance of education in building a strong and prosperous society.

Dr Akhoo also extended his warm congratulations to the Headmaster, school staff members, teaching faculty and school management committee for their hard work and dedication, which led to the impressive results in last year's CBSE board exam.

"I am thrilled to see students of this school excel in their academic pursuits. The credit for this success goes to the entire school community, including teachers, staff and management committee, who have worked tirelessly to provide a supportive and conducive learning environment," he said.

The CEC expressed hope that with the same zeal and commitment, the school will achieve even better results in the upcoming year.

In a significant announcement, the CEC Kargil also declared a grant of Rs 3 lakh from the united fund for the school's development. Additionally, the CEC announced a special grant of Rs 15,000 from his salary for the school management committee to support their efforts in managing the school and ensuring its smooth functioning.

Dr Akhoo also shed light on various developmental activities of the area including infrastructure development. He said many infrastructure development works are going on in full swing and many projects are in the pipeline which will be executed at the earliest.

While stressing on initiatives to promote tourism, CEC Kargil said Sangrah has a lot of potential in the tourism sector. He directed AD Tourism Kargil to initiate steps toward the development of the region in the tourism sector. "We are committed to ensuring that the people of this region have access to all basic amenities and opportunities for

growth and development," the CEC said.

NAC visits...

said in an official statement.

"He (Lt Gen Kumar) interacted with the troops and commended their high standards of operational preparedness, morale, and motivation," the Army's northern command said in a post on X, also sharing a few pictures of the commander's visit.

Meanwhile, Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar also inaugurated a Community Radio Station, in a step towards fostering community development and integration in remote areas.

The ceremony took place at Hanle in the Changthang region of Eastern Ladakh, with civilian dignitaries and community members from Hanle, Punguk, and Khaldo villages in attendance.

"The project aims to extend communication reach and promote socio-economic development in the isolated region. Broadcasting in Ladakhi, Hindi, and English, the station will deliver programs focusing on information, education, entertainment, and the rich local culture. By providing a platform to preserve cultural heritage, address social challenges, and empower youth and women, the radio station is poised to become a vital resource for the community," said a statement.

APM held ...

Houses will be decided by their authorised committees with the consent of the respective Chair.

Following the customary all-party meeting on the eve of the Parliament's Winter Session commencing Monday, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Rishi Jaishankar told reporters that the government has appealed to all the parties to ensure smooth conduct of business in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Forty-two leaders from 30 parties attended the meeting which was chaired by senior BJP leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

On Congress' demand to hold discussions on the Adani issue on "priority" apart from a host of other matters, including the Manipur unrest, Rishi Jaishankar said the business advisory committees of the two Houses will take a call on the subjects of parliamentary business with the consent of the Lok Sabha speaker and the Rajya Sabha chairman.

Raising the matter at the meeting, Congress' Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, dubbed the Adani issue as a scam, saying the government should not reject or ignore their demand on any "technicality" as it concerns Indian institutions and investors.

Billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani, whose conglomerate includes a host of companies covering power to ports sectors, has been charged by US prosecutors for allegedly being part of a scheme to pay USD 265 million (about Rs 2,200 crore) bribe to Indian officials in exchange of favourable terms for solar power contracts in four Indian states.

The Adani Group has denied the charge, saying the allegations levelled by the US prosecutors are baseless and that the conglomerate is compliant with all laws.

Congress leader Pramod Tiwari also said the government should set aside other businesses to take up a discussion on the issue on priority.

It is a grave issue involving the country's economic and security interests as over Rs 2,300 crore were allegedly paid by the company to politicians and bureaucrats to get favourable deals for its solar energy projects, the Rajya Sabha MP said.

Raising the Manipur violence, Gogoi said the ruling dispensation jailed the Jharkhand chief minister (Hemant Soren) and made changes in Jammu and Kashmir for a variety of reasons, but kept its faith in Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh despite his alleged involvement in violence.

The matter must be debated in the Parliament, he said. The Winter Session is scheduled to be held from November 25 to December 20.

At the meeting, two BJP allies from Adnhra Pradesh -- Telugu Desam Party and Jana Sena Party -- raised the issue of pending implementation of the promises made during the division of the state in 2014 under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, saying the Parliament should know their present status.

"We want the government to put the status on record," TDP leader Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu told PTI, noting that while some promises have been fulfilled and some are being taken up, a few still remain unfulfilled.

Jana Sena leader Balashowry Vallabhaneni spoke on similar lines.

The Polavaram irrigation project has come to a standstill, Devarayalu said, adding that the Parliament must also discuss disaster management as so many southern cities are getting affected due to heavy downpour triggered by climate change.

Asked about his party's stand on the Adani issue, Devarayalu said more details need to come out but added that his party does not want the state's brand image to be harmed.

The meeting was attended by BJP President J P Nadda, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, Akali Dal's Harsimrat Kaur Badal and LJP (Ram Vilas) MP Arun Bharti, among others.

Siva asked the Centre to withdraw the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which the government is keen to table in the session despite opposition by several Muslim organisations.

Bharti raised the issue of Bihar being hit frequently by floods and sought a relief package, besides demanding that the lateral entry provision should be given a constitutional status to safeguard the interests of SCs and STs.

The government has listed 16 bills for consideration in the Winter Session.

The bills pending in the Lok Sabha include the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which has been listed for consideration and passage after a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) of the two Houses submits its report on it to the Lower House.

The panel is mandated to submit its report on the last

day of the first week of the Winter session.

The opposition members in the panel are demanding an extension in the timeline to submit its report. Accusing the JPC Chairman and BJP MP Jagdambika Pal of bulldozing the committee's meetings, the opposition members sought the intervention of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Commenting on the matter, Rijju said there is a provision to extend the tenure of the JPC but as of now, there have been no discussions on it.

He also underlined that the business advisory committee of the Lok Sabha is the right platform to discuss the issue of extending the JPC's timeline.

As many as eight bills, including the Waqf (Amendment) Bill and the Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, are pending in the Lok Sabha. According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, two bills are pending with the Rajya Sabha.

A Rajya Sabha bulletin said an additional bill -- The Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak -- passed by the Lok Sabha is pending with the Upper House.

A set of proposed bills to implement simultaneous elections in the country are not part of the list yet, though some reports suggested that the government is likely to bring the proposed legislation in the coming session.

LG for ...

Friday. Speaking at the inaugural session of the Conclave, the LG expressed his happiness seeing dedicated panelists from across the country participating in the Ladakh Education Conclave 2024.

The LG stated that education has to be student-centric along with society's expectations for a teacher to live for the student.

He also spoke about education heritage in India, the systemic dissemination of cultural and traditional educational heritage in India, education management in independent India and society's expectations from teachers.

He emphasised the roles of teachers as gurus in developing the character and personality of students and instilling qualities of good citizens in them for the benefit of the region and nation.

The LG also stated that teachers need to foresee students' leadership excellence, transform their teaching leadership and cultivate an environment for flourishing innovation and diversity.

Mishra also highlighted two issues, i.e., the attachment and detachment of teachers and the direction issued to teachers to take remedial classes in the winter months to benefit students.

Chairman and CEC of LAHDC Kargil, Dr Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, in his address, stated that the Ladakh Education Conclave will provide a platform to share ideas of best teaching practices, highlighting education's role in shaping lives and nurturing the potential of every child.

He not only highlighted challenges faced by students and teachers due to the adoption of the CBSE curriculum in government schools but the opportunities it provides to improve the quality of education and prepare students to face competitive exams. He also suggested introducing localised content relevant to students of Ladakh, introducing vocational courses for building skills of Ladakhi youth, providing hostel facilities in remote areas, providing subject-specific teachers, etc.

Deputy Chairman, LAHDC Leh, Tsering Angchuk apprised the LG of the issue of the student-teacher ratio in Ladakh, the lack of adequate teaching staff and the low enrolment of students in government schools.

He requested the LG to make government schools functional at the grassroots level, provide adequate staff to make smart classes and Atal Tinkering labs functional, create posts for computer teachers, the judicious use of Education and Environment Science lecturers and funds from both CAPEX and SDP for building infrastructure for schools.

On day one, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Sanjeev Khirwar welcomed the guests while Secretary, Bhanu Prabha, gave the vote of thanks.

Executive Councillors and Councillors from LAHDC Leh and LAHDC Kargil; Advisor to the LG, Dr Pawan Kotwal; Commissioner Secretary, Padma Angmo; Directors and Head of Departments; resource persons, educators, principals and headmasters, lecturers, assistant professors, teachers, members of Village Education Committees, government officials from Leh and Kargil along with students were present in the inaugural session.

The second day of the Conclave commenced with experts presenting insights, findings, and recommendations based on the panel discussions held on Day 1.

Each presentation was followed by an interactive Q&A session, where participants actively addressed queries, shared suggestions, and exchanged innovative ideas. The sessions were marked by enthusiasm and collaboration, as minds from diverse fields united to brainstorm and pave the way for future educational advancements.

Adding a cultural touch to the event, a group of students performed the traditional Jabroo dance, captivating the audience and celebrating Ladakh's rich heritage. This performance seamlessly integrated education and culture, highlighting the importance of preserving local traditions alongside modern learning.

The conclave concluded with heartfelt gratitude expressed by Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo. She extended her appreciation to all participants, contributors, and organizers for their efforts in making the event a resounding success. She emphasized the significance of such platforms in fostering innovation and progress in education.

As a token of appreciation, the resource persons who contributed valuable insights were honored with traditional Ladakhi khataks and tokens of love. The honors were presented by Principal Secretary Sanjeev Khirwar, Commissioner Secretary Padma Angmo, and Secretary Bhanu Prabha, symbolizing respect and acknowledgment for their dedicated efforts in shaping the discussions and outcomes of the conclave.

The Conclave concluded on a high note, leaving participants inspired and energized by impactful presentations and engaging discussions.

3 dead...

gunshot to the leg, the police circle officer was hit by pellets and 15 to 20 security personnel were injured in the violence," Moradabad Divisional Commissioner Aunjaneya Kumar Singh said.

He said that a constable also suffered a serious head injury while the deputy collector fractured his leg.

Tension has been brewing in Sambhal since Tuesday when the Jama Masjid was surveyed on the orders of a local court following a petition that claimed that a Harihar temple stood at the site.

"Three people, identified as Naeem, Bilal and Nauman, have been killed," Singh said, adding that preparations were underway for their post-mortem examination.

Ten people, including two women, have been detained and a probe has been launched, an official said, adding some people even set afire some motorcycles parked on the roadside.

"We are investigating where the shots were fired from, particularly in the Deepa Sarai area," the official said.

He added that the accused in the violence would be booked under the stringent National Security Act (NSA).

The trouble started on Sunday morning when a large group of people gathered near the mosque and started shouting slogans as the survey team began their work in the Shahi Jama Masjid.

District officials said the survey was planned in the morning to avoid interference with the mosque prayers that are usually held in the afternoon.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav lashed out at the BJP, saying the ruling party, government and the administration orchestrated the violence "to divert attention from electoral malpractice".

According to the local administration, a second survey by an "Advocate Commissioner" as part of a court-ordered examination into the disputed site started around 7 am and a crowd began gathering there.

"The survey was proceeding peacefully until a group of people gathered near the mosque and began raising slogans. When the police attempted to clear the area, a group of miscreants in the crowd started pelting stones at the police," said the Moradabad divisional commissioner.

He said the people involved in the violence were likely incited by individuals with vested interests aiming to disrupt peace in the area.

Superintendent of Police Krishna Kumar Vishnoi said, "The police used minor force and tear gas to bring the situation under control."

He said those who engaged in stone-pelting and those who incited them will be identified and action taken against them.

"We are in the process of registering an FIR," the police officer added.

District Magistrate Rajendra Pesia said, "Some miscreants resorted to stone pelting but the situation is peaceful now. Around 10 people have been detained in connection with the stone-pelting incident. They are being interrogated."

Uttar Pradesh police chief Prashant Kumar told PTI that the situation was under control in Sambhal.

"We are monitoring everything. All police and civil administration officials are handling the situation on the spot. They are patrolling those areas. Anti-social elements will be identified very soon and strict action will be taken against them," the director general of police (DGP) said.

Additional police units have been deployed near the mosque to ensure law and order and officials are closely monitoring the situation.

At a press conference in Lucknow, Akhilesh Yadav said, "A serious incident occurred in Sambhal. A survey team was deliberately sent in the morning to disrupt discussions about the elections. The intention was to create chaos so that no debate on election issues could happen."

"I don't want to go into the legal or procedural aspects, but the other side was not even heard. This was intentionally done to provoke emotions and avoid discussions on election rigging," he said.

"What happened in Sambhal was orchestrated by the BJP, the government and the administration to divert attention from electoral malpractices," the former UP chief minister alleged.

On Saturday, the Sambhal district administration bound down 34 people on a bond of up to Rs 10 lakh on apprehension of a breach of peace.

Subdivisional Magistrate Vandana Mishra told PTI on Saturday that among the people bound down is Mamlukur Rahman Barq, the father of the Samajwadi Party's Sambhal MP Zia ur Rahman Barq.

Supreme Court lawyer Vishnu Shankar Jain, who is a petitioner in the case, had said the Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division) ordered the constitution of an "Advocate Commission" to survey the mosque.

The court has said that a report should be filed after conducting a videography and photography survey through the commission, he had said.

The Central and Uttar Pradesh governments, the mosque committee and the district magistrate of Sambhal have been made parties in the petition concerning the mosque, Jain said last Tuesday.

Vishnu Shankar Jain and his father Hari Shankar Jain have represented the Hindu side in many cases related to places of worship, including the Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple dispute.

Gopal Sharma, a local lawyer for the Hindu side, told PTI on Friday that in his petition filed in the court, he mentioned that "Baburnama" and the "Ain-e-Akbari" has confirmed that a Harihar temple was at the site where the Jama Masjid now stands.

He also claimed that the temple was demolished by Mughal Emperor Babur in 1529.

Samajwadi Party MP Zia Ur Rehman Barq had objected to the developments. "The Jama Masjid of Sambhal is historical and very old. The Supreme Court had given the order in 1991 that whatever religious places are there in whatever condition since 1947, they will remain at their places," he had said.