Top BSF officer...Additional Director General (Western Command) of the Border Security Force (BSF) Satish S Khandare arrived in the Jammu frontier on a three-day tour on January 23, visiting forward areas in Kathua and Jammu districts, a force spokesperson said on Saturday. He was briefed by field commanders on the prevailing security situation.

Addressing a Prahari Sammelan at the BSF's Jammu frontier headquarters on Saturday, Khandare praised the troops for their dedication towards border duties and asked them to maintain effective border domination to prevent anti-national activities.He visited the border areas in the Hiranagar sector of Kathua district, where he was briefed on the operational aspects by the field commanders, the spokesperson said.

He also visited the Akhnoor border area of Jammu district, where he was briefed by the sector commander and battalion about the force's preparedness.Khandare discussed critical aspects of border management, including the general security scenario and domination along the International Border, the spokesperson said. He also interacted with the troops and appreciated them for performing their duties with dedication and professional-

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has clarified that as of now there are 11 patients in the hospital, of which 9 are in observation and 2 in ICU wards. According to an official communication issued here today in this regard, all the nine patients are recovering and responding to the treatment and the two patients admitted in ICU are also haemodynamically stable."The last patient admitted on Thursday was Saima Kousar, an 11 year old girl. Since past 48 hours, we have not received any new patient and all the patients are stable and responding to the treatment. We are committed to providing quality healthcare services to all our patients at GMC Rajouri", stated the Principal in the commu-

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standard protocol when such allegations surface. It is actually a verification procedure that has been initiated to ascertain the credibility of the claims." Responding to a question, if any timeline has been set for the 'verification' process, the J&KSSB chairperson said, "I understand the concerns of those who appeared in the examinations. We are taking the matter seriously and will ensure a thorough review."She, however, clarified that the process was undertaken after the matter reached them through multiple sources, including social media platforms. "We take allegations seriously, and some of them require verification to determine their authenticity," the officer

Notably, the issue has caused significant anxiety among candidates who have appeared for the examinations, with many urging authorities to expedite the process and ensure transparency. Aspirants of the JKP Constable Telecommunication and Photography exams have raised concerns alleging irregularities and transparency of the selection process done by the

As per aggrieved aspirants, candidates who appeared for the Telecommunication and Photography exams expressed serious concerns over irregularities in the selection process. They alleged that certain candidates who performed exceptionally well in these exams had previously scored poorly in the JKP (Executive/Armed/SDRF) paper, raising doubts about the transparency of the process.

PDP leader Iltija Mufti also weighed in on the controversy, criticizing the JKSSB on social media handle X, stating that the government that rose to power by making lofty promises has conveniently washed its hands accountability." Massive discrepancies in the JKP Telecommunications exam wherein toppers fared poorly in the previously held constable exams. The government that rose to power by making lofty promises has conveniently washed its hands of any accountability," Mufti wrote on X.

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the delivery of justice over mere punishment and place a strong emphasis on addressing crimes against women and children.Reflecting on the significance of the Constitution, the President highlighted the progress achieved over the past 75 years."At the time of Independence, many parts of the country faced extreme poverty and hunger. However, we maintained a belief in ourselves and created conditions for growth," she

Noting the contributions of farmers and labourers, she said India's economy now plays a pivotal role in global economic trends, asserting that this transformation is rooted in the framework established by the Constitution. The President also pointed to the persistently high economic growth rate in recent years, which has generated job opportunities, increased income for farmers and labourers, and lifted many out of poverty. She underscored the importance of inclusive growth and the government's commitment to welfare, making basic necessities such as housing and access to clean drinking water entitlements for citizens.

Efforts to support marginalised communities, particularly those belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC), were also highlighted.Murmu mentioned various initiatives, including prematric and post-matric scholarships, national fellowships, and dedicated schemes aimed at the socio-economic development of these communities, such as the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan.

The President's address underscored the government's commitment to fostering inclusive growth and redefining governance standards in the country, creating a vision for a more equitable and prosperous future for all citizens. She emphasised that this occasion is a collective celebration of joy and pride for all citizens and remarked that while 75 years may seem like a brief moment in the life of a nation, it has been a significant period for India, marked by the revival of its longdormant spirit and its journey to reclaim its rightful status among the world's civilisations.

Reflecting on India's historical journey, she urged citizens to remember the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for the nation's freedom, highlighting the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, whose contributions to the freedom movement are now receiving due recognition. The President praised the early 20th-century freedom fighters for uniting the nation in a well-organised independence movement and credited iconic figures like Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, and Babasaheb Ambedkar for helping India rediscover its democratic values.

"Justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity are not just modern concepts; they have always been integral to our civilisational heritage," she asserted, noting that skeptics of the Constitution's future were proven wrong. Murmu highlighted the inclusive nature of the Constituent Assembly, which represented diverse communities across the nation, including 15 women members who played pivotal roles in shaping the country's democratic framework.

'When women's equality was a distant goal in many parts of the world, Indian women were actively engaged in the nation's destiny," she said. The Constitution, according to the President, has evolved into a living document that serves as the foundation of India's collective identity and has guided the nation's progress over the past 75 years. Shifting focus to present-day advancements, she highlighted the government's emphasis on physical infrastructure development, which has laid the groundwork for sustained growth.

She commended the innovative use of technology in finance, noting that digital payment systems and direct benefit transfers have enhanced inclusion and transparency in the economy. The health of the banking system has improved due to reforms like the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which significantly reduced non-performing assets in commercial banks.Looking towards the future, the President underscored the importance of education in shaping the next generation.

The government has increased investments in the education sector, resulting in substantial improvements in learning quality and digital inclusion, especially in regional languages.Murmu noted that women teachers have played a crucial role in this educational transformation, with over 60 percent of new teachers being womenAs India marches confidently towards the future, the President affirmed that the dreams of today's youth, particularly young women, will shape the nation by the time it celebrates a century of independence.

She expressed hope that future generations will recognise the pivotal role of the Constitution in guiding their journey.Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, she reiterated the importance of morality in governance and civic life, stating, "If Swaraj was not meant to civilize us, it would be nothing worth."The President called for a renewed commitment to Gandhiji's ideals of truth, nonviolence, and compassion - not just towards fellow humans but also towards nature.

She urged all citizens to reaffirm their dedication to realising the dreams of a prosperous, inclusive, and morally conscious India as the country looks forward to its future. President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said the country's education system has been transformed in the last decade in terms of quality of learning, physical infrastructure and digital inclusion.Addressing the nation on the eve of the 76th Republic Day, she said the results of increased investment and efforts by the government in the education sector have been more than encouraging.

"It is, after all, our young generation that is going to shape the India of tomorrow. Education, in turn, shapes these young minds. Therefore, the government has increased its investment in education and made every effort to improve every parameter related to this sector. The results so far are more than encouraging," she said."The last decade has transformed education in terms of quality of learning and physical infrastructure and digital inclusion. For the medium of instruction, the regional languages are promoted at more levels. It is not surprising that there has been a notable improvement in students' performance," Murmu added.

The president noted that women teachers have played a crucial role in this transformation since more than 60 percent of those who became teachers in the last decade are women."The expansion and mainstreaming of vocational and skill education is a welcome development. This is also supplemented now by the scheme to provide our youth internship opportunities in the corporate sector," she said. Murmu asserted that with a stronger foundation of the school-level education, India has been scaling new heights in various branches of knowledge, particularly in science, along with technology.

"For example, India stands sixth in terms of intellectual property filings in the world. We have consistently improved our ranking in the Global Innovation Index, moving from 48th position in 2020 to 39th in 2024," she said. President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday lauded ISRO for its giant leaps in space in recent years. Addressing the nation on the eve of the 76th Republic Day, Murmu said India became the fourth country to successfully conduct a space docking experiment."The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been taking giant leaps in space in recent years. This month, ISRO once again made the nation proud with its successful space docking experiment. India has now become the fourth country in the world to have this capability," she said.

Murmu also noted that the Genome India Project had not only been an exciting venture in exploring nature but also a veritable defining moment in the history of science in India."Under its flagship programme, the genome sequencing of 10,000 Indians was made available for further research this month. This pathbreaking project will open new vistas in biotechnology research and also give a fillip to the public healthcare system," the president said. President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday asserted that India's increasing confidence is also getting reflected in the sports arena where the country's athletes have scripted "thrilling success stories'

Addressing the nation on the eve of 76th Republic Day, Murmu said sportspersons have made the nation proud with their winning drive and inspired the next generation to aim higher."Our increasing confidence levels as a nation are also reflected in the arena of sports and games where our players have scripted thrilling success stories. Last year, our athletes made a mark in the Olympic Games. In the Paralympic Games, we sent our largest-ever contingent, who came back with our best-ever performance," she said

"Our chess champions impressed the world, as our men and women won the gold at the FIDE Chess Olympiad. The achievements in the sports during the year 2024 were capped by D. Gukesh, who became the youngest World Chess Champion," added Murmu. The President noted that the athletes are being supported by improved training facilities at the ground level. India won six medals in the Paris Olympics and surpassed all expectations with a haul of 29 medals, including seven gold and nine silver, in the subsequent Paralympics.

The chess players, on the other hand, have also been on a roll, claiming gold medals in both the men's and women's team competitions of the Chess Olympiad for the first time. The 18year-old Gukesh has been simply unbeatable. Besides becoming the youngest world champion, he also won an individual gold at the Olympiad where his performance became a key factor in sealing the team gold for India

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day reminds us of the enduring values enshrined in the Constitution of India. It is a day of pride, reflection, and reaffirmation of our commitment to democracy, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Let us honor our freedom fighters and martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice to protect and preserve our motherland. I extend my deepest tribute to the valiant soldiers of the Indian Army, Para Military Forces, and Jammu and Kashmir Police, whose relentless dedication and sacrifices ensure the unity, integrity, and security of our nation. Beyond safeguarding our borders, they stand as pillars of peace and stability for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Their extraordinary valor and service inspire us to work towards a united, secure, and prosperous India.

He expressed his gratitude to every individual contributing to the progress of our Union Territory - farmers, artisans, teachers, healthcare workers, security forces, sportspersons and government officials. Your dedication and hard work are the cornerstone of our collective success. Jammu and Kashmir has always been a land of unity in diversity. We take immense pride in our composite culture and centuries-old traditions of brotherhood. It is our collective responsibility to maintain peace and harmony, ensuring that the dreams of our youth are not hindered by divisive forces. Our journey has been one of resilience and determination, marked by unparalleled achievements in every sphere. Jammu and Kashmir, with its rich heritage, natural beauty, and vibrant culture, has always been a

vital part of this journey. The successful conduct of Assembly Elections underscores the positive change and this achievement is credited to all the citizens who participated in this democratic exercise, demonstrating their faith in our democratic values and future of Jammu and Kashmir. The people now look to the Government with renewed expectations, aspiring for an environment that promotes meaningful employment, sustainable development, social inclusivity, and robust economic growth - paving the way for an enhanced quality of life for all. For further strengthening and ensuring peoples' participation at a broader level, elections for Local Bodies will be conducted for establishing

3-Tier Governance structure.

Good governance is the cornerstone for a prosperous and harmonious future and is pivotal to fostering peace, development, and inclusivity in the region. By focusing on transparency, accountability, and citizen-centric policies, the government has prioritized empowering local communities through participatory decision-making and equitable resource distribution. Initiatives like digital governance, streamlining public services, and promoting socio-economic programs aim to bridge developmental gaps and strengthen public trust.

J&K has taken lead in making 1,166 online public services available on e-Unnat portal and 501 e-services have been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS). 387 services are covered under the Public Services Guarantee Act (PSGA), and 104 Government services have been integrated with DigiLocker for enhanced document security and accessibility. J&K is targeting to achieve 100% compliance of reforms for ease of doing business. Jammu and Kashmir has created JK SAMADHAN platform, for online redressal of public grievances. About 300 grievances are processed per day. Another initiative launched by the Government, Raabta, is a landmark program aimed at fostering stronger connections between the government and the people.

Jammu and Kashmir's economy has recorded a growth rate of 9.5% which is driven by sustained government initiatives and strategic policy measures. GSDP of J&K is estimated at ?2.45 lakh crore for 2023-24, up from ?2,20 lakh crorein 2022-23. This positive trajectory highlights the effectiveness of ongoing economic development strategies, infrastructure advancements, and business-friendly policies.

We have made remarkable strides in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation and rank 2nd among UTs in the SDG India Index 2023-24. Specific policy interventions by the Government have enabled to improve the overall score and ranking of Jammu and Kashmir. Data-driven monitoring and policy intervention ensures effective resource allocation and decision making. Alignment of SDGs with the budget and facilitating Outcome-Based Monitoring is being planned as a next phase.

For enhancing legal and judicial consistency and for establishment of robust and unified criminal justice system, ensuring fairness, equality, and the rule of law, three criminal laws have been implemented in Jammu and Kashmir. The implementation of these Criminal Laws are backed by technological upgradation, capacity building of investigators/prosecutors, data analysis, evidence collection, cyber security and procurement of new technological devices for giving effect to various provisions of the new criminal laws.

Our Union Territory has witnessed remarkable progress in various sectors of development. From infrastructure development to social welfare, from education reforms to healthcare advancements, our administration has been relentless in its pursuit of growth and equity.

Significant strides have been made in road connectivity. Work on Jammu-Akhnoor-Poonch National Highway, Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri National Highway and Chenani-Sudhmahadev-Khellani-Kishtwar-Khanabal Highway is under progress. Work on Banihal bypass on Srinagar-Jammu NH has recently been completed and opened for traffic. Work on Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway is under progress, which will reduce the distance between Delhi and Katra to 6 hours only. Srinagar and Jammu Ring Roads are in advanced stages of completion. Z-Morh tunnel has been completed and is being dedicated to the nation soon. Construction of Zojila tunnel is also under progress.

Works on development of Baramulla-Kupwara-Trehgam National Highway, Baramulla Uri NH, Pattan Bypass and Baramulla Bypass have been started. 8 tunnel projects are in the advanced stages and are likely to be completed by December 2025. SudhmahadevDranga tunnel and SinghporaVailoo tunnel are being taken up. Unconnected habitations having population more than 250 as per 2011 census are being taken up under the newly launched PMGSY-IV programme.144 Road and Bridge projects are being taken up

In a historic stride towards progress, the Railway is set to connect the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the nation, heralding a new era of development, economic growth, and unity.J&K is witnessing rapid development in hydropower generation. Mega hydro projects like PakalDul, Kiru, and Ratle shall be ready by 2026 and Kwar by December 2027 collectively adding 3,014 MWs generation capacity. Another four hydropower projects having 1818 MWs generation capacity (Dulhasti-II, Kirthai-I, Kirthai-II and Uri-II) are in pipeline. Sawalkote HEP is in the techno economic study phase which is being conducted by NHPC. In the transmission sector, a total capacity addition of 310 MVA has been achieved at 220 kV & 132 kV voltage level. In the distribution sector also, 28 No. of Receiving Stations and 503 Sub-stations with capacity addition of 211.44 MVA have been created/augmented. Holy shrine of Shri Amarnathji Baba shall be provided Grid connected uninterrupted power supply through underground cabling during this year.

3266 water supply schemes are under execution under Jal Jeevan Mission with the objective of providing 100% piped water connections to each and every rural household. 81% households have already been covered with household tap water connections and the remaining 19% (3.71 lakh) households shall be covered during the mission period. Work on ShahpurKandi Dam Project is in advanced stage and J&K is likely to add irrigation potential of more than 32,000 hectares which will benefit catchment areas of Samba and Kathua Districts. Work on Tawi Barrage (Artificial Lake) conceived for tourism purpose in the heart of the Jammu city, is expected to be commissioned this year.

Major steps have been taken to improve and strengthen agriculture in Jammu & Kashmir, focusing on creating a sustainable and strong farming economy. The government has introduced the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), an ambitious initiative aimed at mitigating the challenges faced by our farmers and creating a robust and diversified agricultural economy. This comprehensive program covers all key aspects of agriculture, including horticulture, livestock, fisheries, sericulture, and medicinal & aromatic plants, among others. A significant development in the agriculture sector is the notable boost in investment and credit flow.Government will also implement JK Competitiveness of Agriculture & Allied Sectors Project (JKCIP) focusing on four key components: Climate-smart and market-led production, Agri-business ecosystem development support, Support to vulnerable communities, and Project Management. This initiative will benefit about 3 lakh Households. The KisanKhidmatGhars (KKGs) is empowering our farmers, boosting productivity, and laying the foundation for sustainable agricultural growth. More than 2 lakh farmers are part of this growing ecosystem, benefiting from seamless access to services, schemes, and expert advisories. This initiative is further being carried forward to bring more farmers under the ambit. Under DAKSH KISAN, 93 thousand farmers have enrolled in skilling courses across agriculture and allied sectors. A major milestone was achieved with the implementation of the PM FasalBimaYojana which covers important crops such as paddy, maize, wheat, and oilseeds, ensuring financial security and resilience against crop losses. Over 1.45 lakh farmers have been registered under this scheme, covering 60,200 hectares, providing much-needed protection to our farmers in times of adversity.

For the preservation and promotion of region-specific agricultural heritage, G.I. tags have been secured for 07 agricultural products, including Solai Honey from Ramban, Rajma from Bhadarwah, Kalari from Ramnagar, Anardana from Ramban, Basmati from Jammu, Muskbudji and Saffron from Kashmir. 64 patents have also been registered over the past four years by the Agriculture Universities.

Under the Horticulture sector, the government aims to enhance the coverage under high-density, a project that will significantly increase the production and productivity of fruit crops. With this initiative, Government aims to raise yields from 10 metric tons per hectare to an impressive 60 metric tons per hectare, setting a new benchmark for horticultural output in the region.

Jammu and Kashmir has made significant strides in industrial development, investment, and employment generation in recent years. New policies, including the J&K Export Policy, J&K Logistic Policy, and J&K Procurement Preferences Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), are under preparation to further boost economic growth. The Government of India launched a New Central Sector Scheme in 2021 with an outlay of ?28,400 crore to boost industrial development in J&K. New Central Sector Scheme package which offers Capital Investment Incentive, Capital Interest Subvention and Working Capital Interest Subvention has encouraged the industrial investment in the UT. 889 units have commenced groundwork out of which 324 industrial units are expected to begin production this year. 46 New Industrial Estates with all the modern facilities are being developed to attract industries and enhance job opportunities.

The government is also exploring establishment of business units in new sectors such as Information Technology (IT) and IT-enabled Services (ITeS), renewable energy, biotechnology and incubation centers, with the goal of creating technology parks to foster innovation. The J&K Startup Policy 2024-27, notified in February 2024, aims to establish 2,000 startups in the UT by 2027 and includes the creation of a Rs.250 crore Venture Capital Fund, with an initial infusion of Rs.25 crore.

For the first time, startups from J&K have begun receiving equity funding from institutional investors. PM Ekta Malls are coming up at Srinagar and Jammu for empowering local artisans and providing forward market platforms/linkages. A significant GoI initiative called Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) aims to improve the access of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises to finance, technology and markets shall be implemented in J&K for the welfare of MSME entrepreneurs. Handicraft and Handloom Sector provides direct and indirect employment to nearly 4.22 lakh individuals, primarily from economically weaker sections. Srinagar has been recognized as a 'World Crafts City' by the World Crafts Council and designated as part of the Creative City Network in the field of Crafts and Folk Arts by UNESCO.

Efforts are being made to promote 'Brand J&K,' focusing on products like pashmina, saffron, and other handicrafts. Emphasis shall be further laid on facilitating the Geographical Indication (GI) tagging of traditional products. 13 crafts are in advanced stage for GI registration during current financial year viz; Crewel, Chain Stitch, Namdha, Willow Bat, Gabba, Shikara, Tweed, Wagoo, Samba Calico Printing, KishtwariLoi, Jammu Phulkari and Kishtwari Binna (Wheat Straw). Besides, 07 New Crafts are targeted to be registered namely Houseboat, Jammu Copper Ware, Jammu Dogri Suit, Jammu Brass Ware, DodaBhaderwahNarsingha, DodaDadli, Doda Wooden Racksack.

A comprehensive package for the development of handicrafts is currently under discussion with the Ministry of MSME, the Ministry of Textiles, shall be further taken ahead. Under Vishvakarma, J&K is ranked 7th in registrations and 2nd leading performer among States/UTs in trainings and effective implementation of the Scheme. 1.24 Lakh artisans have been trained and assessed, leveraging a robust network of 74 Government Training Centers and 117 centers affiliated with National Skill Development Corporation.

J&K is an all-weather tourist destination, offering a diverse range of experiences that cater to every type of traveler. One of the most exciting milestones in our tourism journey was the successful launch of the first edition of the Kashmir Marathon, held on 20th October, 2024. With over 1800 runners from across the globe, the event has firmly placed Jammu & Kashmir on the map of international marathons. The participants included from a common man to Chief Minister of the UT. The tourism sector holds the potential to transform our entire economy, as it plays a pivotal role in generating employment and boosting local businesses. This year, J&K has witnessed a record-breaking 2.36 crore tourist visits till November, 2024. Gulmarg Gondola has witnessed 7.68 lakhs tourists and earned a revenue of Rs. 103 Crore during 2024.

To further build on this momentum and enhance the tourism experience, several significant projects are underway. A stateof-the-art water park is being constructed at Dwara Village, near the Sidhra Golf Course, under Public-Private Partnership(PPP) mode. Basohli is also being developed as an adventure tourism hotspot. A vertical lift project is being installed to connect Peerkho to the Mubarak Mandi Complex, enhancing accessibility and making it easier for tourists to visit this historic site.

Our winter sports infrastructure has also seen significant improvements. Drag lifts are now operational in Sonamarg and Gulmarg, two of our premier winter sports destinations. In line with our vision to distribute tourist traffic more evenly across the region and ensure sustainable tourism growth, the Government is working to secure Multilateral funding under the Sustainable Promotion of Emerging Alternate Destination (SPREAD) initiative to develop alternate tourism destinations across J&K, adhering to international standards and easing the pressure on our most popular locations.

To preserve and promote the rich cultural legacy of Jammu & Kashmir, "Writers & Artists Welfare Fund" has been created with a seed money allocation of Rs. 50 lakhs, aimed at reaching out to artists and their dependent family members who find themselves in distress. For preservation of cultural heritage, new archival repository is being operationalized and a fresh survey of heritage monuments and sites will be conducted. Modernization of the SRS Library in Jammu and the construction of the Library-cum-Café building and Dogra Art Museum in the Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex are in the final stages of completion. SPS Museum will be made fully functional, adding to the region's cultural offerings. Moreover, the Sufiyana School in Srinagar and the Culture Centre in Kathua are both set to be completed soon, further enhancing our cultural and artistic infrastructure.1.50 crore saplings have been planted this year under the scheme "Maakenaamekped". 36 Nagar Vans are being established. 5 KMs of critically silted Wular Lake has been restored. Second phase of Jambu Zoo is under progress which will have more enclosures enriching the wildlife experience for visitors. Dear brothers and sisters, there has been remarkable progress in strengthening the healthcare infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir. AIIMS Jammu is now providing services to the people, and work on AIIMS Kashmir is progressing rapidly. Seven new medical colleges and two cancer hospitals have been established. A Bone and Joint Hospital in Jammu and a 500-bed Pediatric Hospital in Srinagar have been inaugurated. The number of MBBS seats has increased from 500 to 1,300. Additionally, 297 PG seats, 344 DNB seats, 143 M.Sc. Nursing seats, 1,485 B.Sc. Nursing seats, and 1,660 B.Sc. Paramedical seats have been added. Furthermore, 26 new B.Sc. Nursing Colleges and 19 B.Sc. Paramedical Colleges have been started. To provide financial assistance to needy patients for terminal surgeries, the MukhyamantriSwasthya Trust will be established.

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