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Many people with dengue can be cared for at home with adequate rest and hydration. But, if you experience any warning signs, go immediately to the nearest medical center.

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A drop in body temperature accompanied by any of the following symptoms:

- Increased and continuous fever above 102°F
- Severe joint and muscle pain
- Severe headache
- Severe stomach pain
- Severe fatigue
- Severe vomiting
- Severe bleeding from gums or nose, blood in stool, urine or stool
- Severe redness in eyes

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest medical center IMMEDIATELY.

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## Youm-e-Ashura: Zuljanah procession begins, LG Sinha joins thousands of Shia mourners in Srinagar

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SRINAGAR, JUL 6 (KNO)

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday joined thousands of Shia mourners at the traditional Zuljanah procession here on the solemn occasion of Youm-e-Ashura.

The procession commenced from Botakadal's Ali Pora area to Zadibal amid tight security and elaborate arrangements.

"Upon his arrival, the Lieutenant Governor offered water to the mourners and ceremoni-



ously draped the Zuljanah with the traditional chadar before the procession commenced," witnesses told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO)

Top officials including IGP Kashmir, SSP Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Srinagar were also present on the occasion.

The procession began this morning with mourners, including men, women and children, all marching alongside the symbolic Zuljanah,

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## Kashmir would never have become integral part of India without Syama Prasad Mookerjee: Amit Shah

**AGENCIES**  
GUJARAT, JUL 6

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday paid rich tributes to Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee and remembered his contributions and sacrifices for the country, especially Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a gathering in Gujarat's Anand, Shah asserted that Mookerjee sacrificed himself for Jammu and Kashmir, adding that the territory would never have become an integral part of India without him.

Mookerjee strongly opposed the special status and autonomy granted



to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Indian Constitution. He advocated for the complete integration of J-K with the rest of India.

Shah said, "Today is a very important day. On this day in 1901, Syama

Prasad Mookerjee was born. Born in the land of West Bengal, he was a nationalist leader... The people of the nation are associating him with Jammu and Kashmir. This is correct because

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## Fresh batch of 7,200 pilgrims leaves for Amarnath Yatra

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JUN 6

Amid incessant rains, a fresh batch of over 7,200 pilgrims left the base camp here early on Sunday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas, officials said.

The 38-day annual pilgrimage, which started on July 3, crossed the 50,000 mark on Sunday.

The fifth batch of 7,208 pilgrims, including 1,587 women and 30 children, left the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in two separate convoys amid tight security arrangements between 3:35 a.m. and 4:15 a.m.,



the officials said.

This was the largest batch of pilgrims since Wednesday (July 2, 2025), when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the yatra from here.

With this, a total of 31,736 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley.

The first pilgrim convoy carrying 3,199 pilgrims

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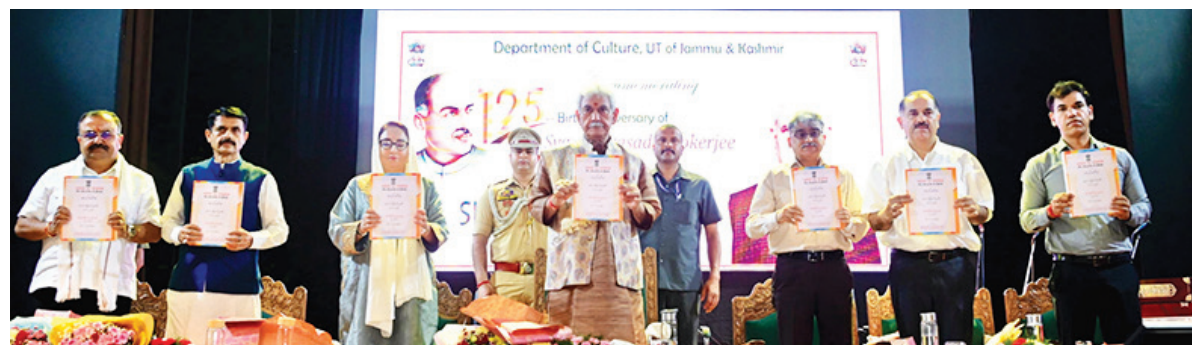
## LG Manoj Sinha attends 125th birth anniversary celebration of Syama Prasad Mookerjee

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JULY 6

Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha today attended the 125th Birth Anniversary celebration of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, at Tagore Hall, Srinagar.

Paying rich tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary, the Lieutenant Governor recalled his immense contributions as one of the key architects of modern India.

"Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was a visionary statesman, educationist and fearless parliamentarian whose ideals



continue to shape the destiny of India. His profound knowledge, and resolute commitment to social cohesion and harmony will always be remembered," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Govern-

nor observed that the J&K has launched the 2-year celebratory campaign to honour the life and legacy of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and his role in strengthening national unity and advocating 'One Nation, One Constitution'

for a brighter future of Jammu Kashmir.

"Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life for unification of J&K with India. He was a proponent of "One Nation, One Constitution" and opposed Article 370.

His martyrdom in Srinagar while fighting for J&K's complete integration, remained defining moment in the nation's history.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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## Will recommend reducing GST to 5 per cent on J&K's handloom, handicraft products: Piyush Goyal

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
SRINAGAR, JUL 6

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Sunday promised to recommend a reduction in the Goods and Services Tax imposed on handicrafts and handloom products to help promote the sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the FTII: Traders Conclave - 2025 in Srinagar, the Union Minis-



ter said, "The issue of GST levied on handicrafts and

handlooms was brought to my attention by two or

three system delegations. I have suggested that they submit an application regarding this matter to the Finance Ministry as well as to me so that we can explore what relief can be provided. We will try to reduce the GST rate from 12 per cent to 5 per cent on these items, which would help promote the handloom and handicraft sectors - especially in Jammu & Kashmir.

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## Tricolour flying high in Kashmir: Shivraj Singh Chouhan's glowing tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary

**AGENCIES**  
BHOPAL, JUL 6

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday described Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee as an "ardent" nationalist leader and noted that the tricolour is now "flying high" in Kashmir.

"We pay our respects



at the feet of the ardent nationalist leader and founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee. It was Dr. Mukherjee who established Bharatiya Jana Sangh as a new political party based on Indian culture, values, and traditions, as an alternative to Congress," Chouhan said in Bhopal in his tribute to

Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on the occasion of his birthday.

Recalling Mookerjee's protest against Article 370, Chouhan said, "The Jana Sangh proclaimed that there cannot be two flags, two constitutions, and two heads in one country... He made the supreme sacrifice, and today, by

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## Road connectivity brings offbeat tourist destination into spotlight in Doda

**AGENCIES**  
BHADERWAH, JUL 6

Bhal-Padri in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district is all set to host its first tourism festival this month after the high altitude scenic meadow was recently connected by road, bringing cheer to tourist stakeholders.

Unexplored till now, the 11,000 feet high Bhal Padri is just 10 km from another tourist hot spot - Padri, the highest point along Bharderwah-Chamba interstate road in this sub-district popularly

known as 'mini-Kashmir' for its scenic beauty.

The district administration Doda and Jammu and Kashmir Tourism department is all set to attract tourists by organising a festival on July 20 in Bhal-Padri to boost tourism footfall, officials said.

The meadow spread over 11 km was unexplored till now due to non-availability of connectivity. It is popular among locals and tribals besides botanists for its unique and diverse flora.

"The breathtaking valley of flowers is all set



to shine as Jammu and Kashmir's next big tourist hotspot," Deputy Com-

missioner, Doda, Harvinder Singh said.

Padri after it was connected by road recently, urged tourists to explore the

beauty and vibrant tribal culture of this hidden gem.

"With new road access, this scenic meadow is now just a drive away from Padri Top on Bharderwah-Chamba interstate road and will soon get alternate connectivity from Gandoh as well," the deputy commissioner said.

Adventure tour operators are upbeat about bringing the untapped tourist destination on the tourism map of the Union Territory.

"This Himalayan marvel has got all natural ingredients to attract a diverse section of visitors, especially adventure enthusiasts and flower lovers. The landscape, the water bodies and especially the multi-coloured wild flowers spread across miles can have a mesmerising effect on anyone," Mehran Ganai, an adventure tour operator, said.

He expressed confidence that Bhal-Padri is going to become a trump card of J-K's tourism in general and that of Bharderwah in particular as

it has got the required potential.

Jammu Tourism department in collaboration with district administration and Education Environmental Social Sports and Cultural Society of Bhalessa will organise the mega tourism festival.

"We are thankful to the authorities for projecting the Bhal-Padri as a new tourism destination. It will surely pave the way for economic upliftment of the area," chairman of the society, Ayub Zargar said.

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## BSP discusses important issues in review meeting, decides to intensify party activities in J&K

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 6

An important meeting was organized by Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) on Sunday at the party office in Satwari. During the meeting chaired by BSP Jammu and Kashmir President Darshan Rana, BSP National Coordinator Randhir Singh Beniwal, Central Coordinator Dharamvir Singh Ashok, Daya Chand along with the coordinators of all the zones of the party, District presidents as well as prominent Leaders and workers of the state organization were present. In the meeting, while there was a Detailed discussion on strengthening the BSP in Jammu and Kashmir, a strategy was also made by the party regarding the programs to be organized in the coming days. Addressing the meeting on this occasion, National Coordinator of BSP Randhir Singh Beniwal said that BSP will intensify the activities of the party in Jammu and Kashmir so that the organi-



zation can be made stronger than before in Jammu state and for this the party workers will have to work with full hard work and responsibility. Beniwal said that the activities of the party will be intensified in Jammu and Kashmir by the BSP so that the organization can be made stronger than before in Jammu state and for this the party workers will have to work with full hard work and responsibility. Coordinators and district presidents were instructed to speed up the party's activities. Party's Central Coordinator Dharamvir Singh Ashok and Daya Chand also expressed their views and said that the people of Jammu and Kash-

mir are looking at Bahujan Samaj Party as an alternative. National Conference, Congress, PDP and BJP have always worked to mislead the people. BSP State President Darshan Rana expressed his views and welcomed all the people who had come and discussed the campaign being run by the party to strengthen the organization in Jammu and Kashmir. Rana said that the party is organizing review meetings at the Assembly Level and workers are being Appealed to take the party policies to the common people.

During the meeting, other party leaders also expressed their views and gave suggestions.

## MLA Pawan Gupta inaugurates 250 kVA transformer at Krimchi

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
UDHAMPUR, JULY 6

Pawan Kumar Gupta, Hon'ble MLA of Udhampur West, today inaugurated a 250 kVA transformer at Krimchi, constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 9 lakhs. The installation of this transformer will significantly improve the electricity supply in the area, benefiting hundreds of residents by ensuring better voltage stability and reducing frequent power cuts. This demand of the people was languishing for the last over five years.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Shri Gupta reiterated his commitment to strengthening the basic infrastructure of rural areas and providing uninterrupted power supply to every household. He emphasized



that consistent efforts are being made to upgrade power infrastructure across the constituency to fulfill the aspirations of the people. The people of Panchayat Krimchi also submitted their Memorandum of demands to which the Hon'ble MLA assured his commitment for timely addressing the same to the satisfaction of the people.

Local residents and prominent members of the community expressed their gratitude for the ini-

tative, stating that the new transformer will ease daily hardships caused by poor electricity supply and contribute to the overall development of the region.

The event was attended by officials from the Power Development Department, local panchayat members, and enthusiastic villagers who welcomed the move as a major step towards improving their standard of living.

## Bharat Priye meets Sukhpal Singh Kheda, discusses problems of farmers

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 6

To discuss problem of farmers community of j&k Chairman of Kisan Congress of jkpc, met with Sukhpal Singh Kheda, Chairman of All India Kissan Congress. Bharat Priye held talks with Kheda on farmers' land compensation, irrigation, crop pricing, insurance coverage, debt and other types of issues in Jammu and Kashmir. Apart from this, Bharat Priye also informed Sukhpal Singh Kheda about the matter of non-payment of hard earned money deposited by farmers in the State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development (Scard) Bank. Bharat

priye said that he belongs to the farming family. He himself saw and roared the problems of the farmers. After becoming the President of the Kissan Congress, people are reaching him with complaints. Whom he is fully committed to solving. After hearing the issues raised by Bharat priye Sukhpal Singh Kheda said that the real well wisher of the country's Annadata is only the Congress party. BJP is a party of bussines class peoples. He inspired Bharat Priye to work with the State Congress Committee and raise the problems of farmers and people from time to time. He assured Bharat priye of full support to solve the problems of farmers.

## Kavinder felicitates Gaurav Tyagi for 'Ann Shuddhi Yatra' promoting Healthy India

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 6

Senior BJP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta today felicitated Gaurav Tyagi at Press Club Jammu for initiating the Bharat Ann Shuddhi Padyatra, a nationwide awareness campaign that began from Kashmir on June 26 and aims to cover 4,000 kilometers all the way to Kanyakumari.

Lauding the initiative, Kavinder Gupta said that a healthy India is the foundation of a prosperous India. "We often speak of becoming a global economic power by 2047, but that dream cannot be fulfilled without ensuring the health and well-being of our people. This padyatra is not just a journey – it is a message to every citizen that purity of food is key to a strong and self-reliant nation," he said.

He lauded Gaurav Tyagi's commitment and the message he is carrying through his foot march – to revive traditional farming methods, discourage the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and create mass awareness about the benefits of organic produce. "The future of our nation lies in how we treat



our land, our food, and our farmers. Gaurav Tyagi's mission echoes the same values that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been consistently advocating under initiatives like Natural Farming and POSHAN Abhiyaan," Gupta added. The Ann Shuddhi Yatra, led by Gaurav Tyagi, is focused on promoting organic farming and raising awareness about the harmful effects of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Speaking on the occasion, Gaurav Tyagi said, "This journey from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is for every Indian who deserves pure, chemical-free food. By 2047, as we celebrate 100 years of independence, we must also celebrate a healthier India.

Food is not just a basic need – it is the foundation of our future."

He further added that the growing use of chemicals in agriculture has led to a rise in health issues and degradation of soil. "If we want to save our land, our health, and our generations to come, we must change the way we grow and consume food," Tyagi emphasized.

The padyatra will pass through several states, spreading the message of food purity and environmental responsibility. It seeks to inspire a nationwide shift toward organic living and mindful consumption, with a vision to make India not only economically strong but also physically and spiritually healthy.

## Congress holds impressive Jai Hind Yatra at Amb Gharota

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
NAGROTA, JULY 6

The Congress party organized an impressive Jai Hind Sabha followed by Jai Hind Yatra at Amb Ghrota-Jammu in Nagrota Constituency today to honour our Armed Forces for their bravery in operation Sindoore, which was led by Senior Congress leaders Thakur Balwan Singh Ex-MLA, Former Ministers Sawhney & Dr. Manohar Lal Sharma, ST Cell Acting Chairman Ch. Hussain Ali Waffa, Shamsheer Singh Chib former Distt. President Jammu Rural .

The rally was organised by Thakur Balwan in coordination with Block Presidents Bhalwal Jangbahadur Sharma- Mathwar, Ch Babu Khan-Dansal, Romal Singh and Vijay Sharma- Sr. Vice Distt. President Jammu Rural and others

The rally was part of the nationwide campaign of the Indian National Congress party to pay respect to the armed forces for their bravery and valour in carrying out operation Sindoore besides questioning the flip flop foreign policy & other policies of Modi Government including denial of statehood to J&K despite repeated commitments. .

Addressing to the gathering Senior Congress leader Thakur Balwan Singh said that BJP has been politicizing the achievement & bravery of armed forces



in carrying out operation Sindoore but the Modi govt is escaping from answering vital questions relating to the security and integrity and honour of the country.

He questioned the Modi government as to how terrorist state Pakistan is getting full financial support and recognition at international levels but Modi government was claiming it has isolated Pakistan in the world.

Our people are getting worst ever treatment in US under Donald Trump but Modi ji describes him as friend. This shows failure of foreign policy. He said that delay in granting statehood is betrayal of BJP' with people who are suffering a lot under dual control system.

Former Minister Incharge PCC Coordinator Jammu Rural Shri Yogesh Sawhney in his address accused BJP of denying legitimate right of statehood to people of Jammu and Kashmir. He said that statehood is the right of people of Jammu and Kashmir and Centre cannot deny it for too long

.He demand restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir without further delay otherwise the struggle for the same shall be intensified.

He praised the armed forces for their discipline and bravery and saluted the forces for defending territory of the country bravely.

Former Minister Dr. Manohar Lal Sharma in his address said that the rural areas of Jammu province have been completely ignored in the allocation of development funds, pointing out that the rural areas of Jammu province have been consistently overlooked under the BJP's watch. He also demanded early restoration of statehood with full guarantee of land and jobs to Jammu and Kashmir.

Sharma said that Jammu region has suffered a lot after the downgrading of historical Dogra state as our resources, jobs and land is being taken away and future generations will pay heavy price. He asked people to support Congress for better future of generations to come.

## 23rd Chhari Mubarak Yatra of Shri Mata Chamunda Devi ji flagged off with religious fervour



J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 6

The 23rd annual Chhari Mubarak Yatra of Shri Mata Chamunda Devi Ji Sarvadhari, Pugal Paristan commenced today from Prachin Rameshwar Mandir, Pacca Talab, Bahu Fort, Jammu with great enthusiasm and traditional rituals.

The Yatra was ceremoniously flagged off by Former Minister and J&K BJP President Sat Sharma (CA) in the presence of Rajeev Charak, Patron-in-Chief of the Chamunda Committee. A large number of devotees and yatri joined the spiritual journey with full devotion and zeal.

While addressing the gathering, Sat Sharma emphasized the spiritual legacy of Jammu and Kashmir, calling it "a land of saints and spiritual traditions." He urged the administration to ensure adequate arrangements for the yatri to avoid any inconvenience during the pilgrimage. He also stressed the need for developing the holy abode of Maa Chamunda at Sar-

vadhar Senabathi, Pugal-Paristan as a prominent tourist and pilgrimage destination.

Rajeev Charak expressed his delight at the increasing participation in the Yatra, stating that while hundreds of pilgrims had joined from Jammu, thousands more from Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, and surrounding areas would be part of the celebrations in Ramban. He urged the J&K Government to declare a public holiday on this auspicious day and called for the development of the site as a major spiritual and tourist center.

The Yatra commenced with traditional rituals and vibrant celebrations, with locals turning out in large numbers to witness the auspicious send-off.

Prominent BJP leaders and dignitaries present on the occasion included Anuradha Charak, J&K BJP Vice President, Adv. Rajesh Gupta, BJP District Jammu President, Haradesh Khokhar, Ashok Kumar Manhas, Ajay Sharma, Mukhtiyar Singh, among others.

## Three days teacher's training programme organised at BSF Sr. Sec. School Jammu

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, JULY 6

A three days teacher's training programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment was organised at BSF Seniors Secondary School Jammu from July 02, 2025 to Jul04, 2025 on the theme NAVCHETNA- A Module on Life Skills and Drug Education for School Children.

The training programme was held under the visionary leadership of the Chairman of the School Shri. Shashank Anand, IPS, IG BSF Jammu Frontier and the able guidance of Principal Dr S.K. Shukla.



from the Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) conducted the training of the teachers to address the need for the Drug Education in Schools. The Navchetna programme is national initiative under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which aims to reach a large number of teachers

and students across the country.

The primary objective of the training was to enhance awareness and equip teachers to deliver effective Life Skills and Drug Education to students and also tackle drug related issues among School Children. The teachers were success-

fully trained to conduct sessions as per the modules to counter the menace of drug use. The entire programme consisted of multiple sessions ranging from understanding life skills and drug education to managing peer pressure, violence and anger among school children.

Principal Dr S.K Shukla in his address thanked the Chairman of the school Shri. Shashank Anand, IPS, IG BSF Jammu Frontier for his support and guidance and also for providing such fruitful platforms through which teachers learn to keep themselves abreast with the growing needs in the field of education.

## Kesri leads awareness drive against drug abuse in Arnia Block

J1 NEWS SERVICE  
ARNIA, JULY 6

Members of Shiv Sena Hindustan, led by Jammu and Kashmir President Pt Rajesh Kesri, conducted an awareness drive against drug abuse in villages under Arnia Block, including Merol Sherchak and parts of Arnia Town. The initiative aimed to educate parents and community members about the dangers of substance abuse and ways to prevent it. The drive highlighted the need for community support in preventing substance abuse. The awareness drive was attended by prominent members



of Shiv Sena Hindustan, including State Vice President Balbir Kumar, Block Presidents Balwant Saini and Suresh Kumar, and other local leaders and residents.

Kesri speaking on the occasion emphasized the importance of parents building a friendly relationship with their children to prevent them from falling

prey to substance abuse. He suggested that parents should regularly monitor their children's activities, including checking their clothes and belongings for any signs of substance use. Kesri urged parents, social workers, and local authorities to work together to identify and report suspicious activities related to substance trafficking.

The initiative acknowledged the efforts of the police in cracking down on substance traffickers, including sealing their properties and taking them into custody. However, it emphasized the need for continued support from the community to effectively combat substance abuse, said Kesri. The initiative concluded with a call to action for community members to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to substance trafficking. By working together, the community can help prevent substance abuse and ensure a brighter future for its youth, added Kesri.

## Natrang presents 'Hum Hain Pratibhavan', a new play by Children at Abhinav Theatre, Jammu

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 7

Natrang presented a superb performance of 'Hum Hain Pratibhavan', a new play by Children at Abhinav Theatre today. This play was an outcome of a month-long Children Theatre Workshop organized by Natrang, which is its annual feature. The play has been brilliantly written and directed by Sumeet Sharma, a National Award-winning theatre director and seasoned trainer of children and youth. Natrang's consistent endeavours in bringing remarkable positive energy in thousands of Jammu Children is praiseworthy. Dr. Arun Manhas, JKAS, Director Industries & Commerce, UT of J&K was the Chief Guest at the occasion who, along with Director Natrang, Padmashri Balwant Thakur presented the certificates to the Children. They were also awarded exciting presents by Janvi Gupta's Creamy Creation.

Dr. Arun Manhas praised Natrang's remarkable efforts in bringing cultural renaissance in the region. Highlighting the importance of such creative pursuits in the overall personality development of the children, he asserted that he has been a witness to how theatre transforms the personalities. Appreciating the



brilliance of the children, which they exhibited in their performance, he complemented the entire team who mentored the children and made them act so confidently in front of a sizable gathering.

In his address, Padmashri Balwant Thakur expressed gladness on witnessing such a thought-provoking performance by children. He complemented the team behind this production for providing a wonderful learning opportunity to children, who are going to lead the Nation in coming years and this positively channelized energy will act as a guiding light for them. He informed that taking the multifaceted benefits of theatre in consideration, Natrang initiated regular children theatre programmes since 1990 and over the period of 25 years, it has kindled confidence, creativity and team-spirit in thousands of children who are doing wonderful in their respective fields.

The play 'Hum Hain

Pratibhavan' presents Natrang's core vision that every child has some talent in a very creative manner. Children zestfully exhibited their talent of singing, dancing in addition to acting in a very convincing manner. They also recited the excerpts from some of the best of the World, Indian and Regional literature which was an interesting feat of the play and audience appreciated this effort with their thunderous applauds. The play also featured two well-structured and brilliantly enacted wisdom tales with the moral of staying away from the vices like greed and jealousy.

The highly dedicated team of Natrang, which made this workshop successful included Neeraj Kant, Pawan Verma, Mohd. Yaseen, Kananpreet Kaur, Kartik Kumar and Vandana Thakur. The choreography was done by Sunny Mujoo. Designing by Sh. Chandershekar and Soujanya Shekhar. Lights by Pankaj Sharma

& Suraj Ganjoo, Sound by Lokesh Chander, Music by Nitish Sharma. Hall Management was looked after by Kushal Bhat, Adaksh Bagal, Aryan Sharma, Prerna Sharma and Simram Bhagat

The show was brilliantly conducted by Riya Jandiyal. Those who performed in the play included Aaliya Azeem, Aashrita Sharma, Adeesha Singh, Adira Gupta, Advik Sharma, Akshaj Mehta, Amayra Mahajan, Anmol Sharma, Anvay Mehta, Araiya Shan, Dhanak Chandan, Dwijesh Dutta, Jazz Shah, Kamakhya, Kaustubh Sharma, Kavish Sharma, Kayra Mahajan, Mahira Singh, Nandita Mahajan, Navda Prasher, Nirvana Shah, Paarth Rajiv Sharma, Priyak Ashok Gupta, Raaga Sharma, Reeshik Singh Gouria, Reyanish Vaid, Ruhaan Chandan, Saanchi Dutta, Shravya Sharma, Supria Gorka, Tanvi Bajgotra, Tanvi Mahajan, Vaanya Modi, Vamika Verma and Viyaan Sharma.

## SBSB leaders visit defunct PHC in Dagarpora Sopore, demand immediate government intervention

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BARAMULLA, JULY 6

In a significant outreach initiative, senior leaders of the Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSB) visited the non-functional Primary Health Centre (PHC) in Dagarpora, located in the Sopore area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district, on Sunday. The visit aimed to assess the deteriorating healthcare infrastructure and address mounting public grievances.

The SBSB delegation was led by State President Vivek Bali and included North Kashmir Incharge Wajahat Raina, District President Baramulla Mudasir Ahmad Dar, Youth President Zumair Malik, and General Secretary Lateef Ahmad. During the visit, Bashir Ahmad Najar was appointed as the new Vice President for



SBSB Baramulla.

In a major boost to the party, dozens of workers from different political parties joined the SBSB in the presence of State President Vivek Bali. Welcoming the new entrants, Bali emphasized that such joinings would help strengthen the party at the grassroots level.

The leaders expressed deep concern over the dilapidated condition of the PHC, which remains shut, forcing locals to travel long distances for even basic medical care.

They urged the government to intervene without delay and restore the facility to functional status.

Speaking to reporters, Vivek Bali stated, "We saw firsthand how people are deprived of even the most basic healthcare facilities. The hospital building lies in ruins, and the villagers are suffering. This visit was aimed at highlighting public concerns, including poor road connectivity and water scarcity, which have been neglected for years."

Bali also criticize's

National Conference (NC), accusing it of deceiving the people of Jammu and Kashmir with false promises. "They spoke about free electricity, 12 gas cylinders annually, and free rations, but nothing has been delivered. Now, they are again trying to mislead the public with hollow slogans," he remarked.

He further asserted that the people of Jammu and Kashmir have been betrayed for over seven decades by the National Conference. "There is peace and normalcy now. The time is right for the restoration of statehood, and people deserve their fundamental rights," Bali said.

The SBSB President also said that the party is fully prepared for the upcoming elections and will field candidates across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Modi Govt must table Statehood Bill in upcoming Parliament Session: Rattan Lal



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 6

Advocate Rattan Lal Gupta, Provincial President of Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (NC), expressed optimism that the Modi-led Central Government will bring the Statehood Bill for Jammu and Kashmir in the upcoming Parliament session.

Addressing the day-long convention of Zone, District, Block Presidents and party functionaries of Udhampur District at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan here, the senior NC leader said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have full confidence that the Modi-led Central Government will bring the Statehood Bill for Jammu and Kashmir in the upcoming Parliament session.

Rattan Lal Gupta asserted that the present dual power structure is not in the interest of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and has only created administrative confusion and chaos. "This arrangement undermines democratic accountability and delays redressal of public issues," he stated.

The senior NC leader further assured that once statehood is restored, Omar Abdullah-led Government will promptly implement all promises made in its manifesto. "Our roadmap for equitable development, safeguarding the rights of the people, and ensuring democratic empowerment will be activated without delay," he said, reiterating the NC's unwavering stand on the restoration of full statehood with dignity and the return of democratic rights to the people including right of jobs and right of lands.

He also asked the party cadre to strengthen the hands of Party's President Dr. Farooq Abdullah and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in their ongoing mission to safeguard the interests of the people of Jammu and Kashmir and to restore its democratic and constitutional rights.

The District Presidents (Organization Udhampur) Sunil Verma and Rampashotam Sharma threw light on the negligence of far-flung areas over the last ten years under BJP's rule. They said people are facing immense hardships due to the hollow policies of successive regime. They maintained that roads are in deplorable condition, health centres and educational institutions in far-flung areas of Udhampur are facing a dearth of manpower. They urged the present NC Government to fill vacant posts of doctors and teachers in these regions, stressing the need to focus on roads and health centres.

Sheikh Bashir Ahmad Provincial Secretary Jammu said that the Omar Abdullah Government is giving due focus to such areas which were neglected in the last 10 years.

He mentioned that the present NC Government, in just 8 months, has fulfilled several poll promises like free travel for women in government buses, increase in marriage assistance for women from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000, 200 free power units for AAY beneficiaries, ration increased from 5 kg to 10 kg for AAY households, and increased pensions for widows, senior citizens, and the handicapped.

Mohd Shafi Advocate Zonal Vice President

urged the party cadre to gear up and reach out proactively to the people at the grassroots level, listen to their grievances, understand their issues firsthand, and work collectively to address the problems being faced by the general public. He emphasized that the party workers must strengthen their connect with the masses and ensure that the message and policies of the National Conference reach every household, especially in neglected and remote areas.

Among those who were present included Vijay Khajuria Vice President Zonal Udhampur Reasi, Sheikh Tanveer, Mir Qasim, Vice President District Udhampur Rural, Naresh Anthal District Secretary Udhampur Rural, Capt Pavitar Singh District Secretary Udhampur Urban, Gurbachan Singh, Akash Verma Additional Spokesperson Jammu, Akash Kharka District President Udhampur Rural YNC, Vijay Kumar District President Udhampur Rural SC Cell, Terith Ram Block President Kulwanta, Jagdish Singh, Block President Ghordi, Master Khalid Hussain Block President Latti, Jai Chand Anthal Block President Chenani, Manmohan Verma Block President Tikri, Mohd Shakil Block President Jib Thathi, Mohan Lal Block President Jaganoor, Rattan Singh Block President Majalta, Om Parkash Bhagat Block President Udhampur, Bishan Dass Block President Panchari, Anyatullah District President OBC Cell Udhampur, V.D Surishta Block President Sewna and Amar Nath.

## Ravinder meets Congress workers at Nowshera

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
NOWSHERA, JULY 6

Former MLC and Chief Spokesperson JKPC Mr Ravinder Sharma met the prominent Congress workers at Nowshera and discussed the organizational affairs and the burning issues of people.

Mr Sharma asked them to gear up organizational activities to intensify the ongoing movement for statehood in near future as the Congress party is already on streets for statehood under the banner of "Hamari Riyasat, Hamara Haq" led by PCC Chief Tariq Hameed Karra.

He said any further delay by the centre to restore full statehood would be detrimental to democratic culture and vitiate the peaceful atmosphere in the region. He said Jammu has suffered more post august 2019 & our identity, status, culture, jobs, land and natural resources besides peaceful atmosphere are in danger.

He accused BJP of running a proxy government even though people did not give mandate to them to rule. He said Congress joined hands with NC to stop BJP's tactics to enter corridor of power in J&K by hook or crook.

He appreciated the commitment of the Congress workers in Nowshera and Sunderbani assembly segments who fully supported the coalition partner as per directions of the high command. He asked party cadres to Strengthen the party in the area to defeat communal & divisive forces. District Senior Vice President Vijay Bakshi, Senior leaders Master Ashok Sharma, Sdr Shakti Pal Singh, Block president Chander Bakshi, AYC President Ravinder Chouhan, Shesh Pal, Johnney, Rajesh Kumar, Pashori Lal & others attended.

## Police arrests 3 drug peddlers in Kulgam

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KULGAM, JULY 6

Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 3 drug peddlers including a lady drug peddler in Kulgam and recovered substantial quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

A police party led by IC Police Post Nehama under the supervision of SDPO DH Pora at a checkpoint established near Krishi Vigyan Kendra Pombay Kulgam intercepted a vehicle (Load carrier auto) bearing registration number JK18D-9075 with three persons including a lady on board. During

search, 8.15 Kg of Poppy Straw like substance was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Mudasir Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Gani Bhat resident of Watigam, Kulgam (driver), Raju Singh son of Gurbaksh Singh resident of Ludhiana, Punjab and a lady resident of Moga, Punjab. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 49/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station DH Pora and investigation has been initiated.

We urge the common masses that if you wit-

ness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals as per law.

### Police Extends Helping Hand to Yatrins En Route to Holy Cave in Anantnag

As part of its ongoing commitment to public service and safety during the annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, Police in Anantnag extended assistance to several Yatrins who were in need of help at various

locations along the route to the Holy Cave.

In coordination with local authorities and volunteers, police personnel ensured timely medical aid, guidance, and logistical support to pilgrims facing difficulties due to weather, exhaustion, or other challenges. Police assistance booths established along the route are actively catering to the needs of Yatrins, providing drinking water, first aid, and vital information regarding the yatra movement.

Police urges all pilgrims to follow official advisories, travel in groups, and reach out to the nearest help centres or police booths in case of any emergency.

## Dr. Mookherjee's efforts saved Bengal and Punjab, his legacy unified the Nation: Tarun Chugh

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 6

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Jammu & Kashmir paid rich floral tributes to its ideologue and nationalist stalwart, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjee, on his birth anniversary.

Tribute programmes were held at the mandal level across the Jammu & Kashmir by BJP leaders, party cadre, and supporters to honour the life and legacy of the great patriot.

BJP National General Secretary & J&K BJP Prabhari Tarun Chugh, J&K BJP President Sat Sharma, BJP National Secretary & MLA Dr. Narinder Singh, former Dy. CM Kavinder Gupta, General Secretary Adv. Vibodh Gupta, former Minister Priya Sethi, former Dy Mayor Baldev Singh Bilawaria, Ayodhya Gupta, Brig Anil Gupta, Tilak Raj Gupta, Dr. Pardeep



Mahotra, Arun Prabhat, Prof Kulbhushan Mohtra, Sanjay Baru, Rekha Mahajan, Ankush Gupta, Shailja Gupta, and other party leaders paid their tributes to the great ideologue, at party headquarters, Trikuta Nagar in a programme organized by BJP District Jammu South.

Speaking on the occasion, Tarun Chugh hailed Dr. Mookherjee as a committed nationalist and visionary who selflessly dedicated his life to the service of the nation. He highlighted Dr. Mookher-

jee's pivotal role during the partition in protecting vast regions of Bengal and Punjab and saving countless. He said that Dr. Mookherjee's remarkable academic and political achievements at a young age, including his tenure as Vice-Chancellor and his presence in India's first cabinet.

Chugh recalled Dr. Mookherjee's strong objections to the Nehru-Liaquat Pact and his warnings about the safety of minorities in Pakistan, where their population drastically declined over

the decades. "Had Nehru acted wisely, innumerable lives of minorities could have been saved," he remarked. He also drew parallels between the ideological stance of Dr. Mookherjee and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, both of whom resigned from Nehru's cabinet due to their dissatisfaction with his policies.

J&K BJP President Sat Sharma emphasized Dr. Mookherjee's unmatched contribution to national integration. He underlined that it was due to his fierce opposition to the discriminatory "Do Nishan, Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan" policy that India eventually saw the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A). "It is under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that Dr. Mookherjee's dream of one Constitution, one Flag, and one Head of State has finally been realized," Sharma said.

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

## Youm-e-Ashura: Zuljanah...

representing the horse of Imam Hussain (AS). Stretch from Botakadal to Zadibal is expected to remain packed throughout the day as mourners remain wounded in chest-beating and recitation of nohas to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions in Karbala.

Moreover, with the traditional observance continuing this year too, multiple stalls were set up by volunteers, civil society groups, and government departments to serve water, tea, and food to the devotees.

Additionally, security personnel were deployed in strength and traffic diversions were put in place to ensure the smooth conduct of the procession.

Top police and civil administration officials are overseeing the arrangements. "All necessary arrangements have been put in place," said an official.

The Zuljanah procession will conclude at the Zadibal Imambargah in the afternoon.

## Kashmir would never...

Kashmir would never have become an integral part of India without Syama Prasad."

"He sacrificed himself for Kashmir, raising the slogan 'Ek desh mein do Vidhan, do Pradhan aur Do Nishan nahi challenge'. The entire credit for West Bengal being a part of our nation today goes to Syama Prasad and Swami Pranavananda..." the Union Minister said..

Expressing pride, the BJP leader stated that Bharatiya Jana Sangh, started by Mookerjee with just 10 members, has now become the world's largest political party.

Shah stated, "He had resigned from Jawaharlal Nehru's Council of Ministers in protest against the policy of appeasement, after which he formed Bharatiya Jana Sangh, a party that was dedicated for India's soil, culture and interest. The party he started with 10 members has today become the world's largest political party with a membership of 12 crore people. On this occasion, I bow my head to pay tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee."

Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the ideological parent organisation of the BJP.

Born on July 6, 1901, in Calcutta, was a multifaceted personality - patriot, educationist, parliamentarian, statesman, and humanitarian. He inherited a legacy of erudition and nationalism from his father, Sir Ashutosh Mookerjee, an esteemed Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University and Judge of the Calcutta High Court.

Post-Independence, he joined the interim government under Jawaharlal Nehru as Minister for Industry and Supply, where he laid the foundation for India's industrial growth by establishing iconic institutions like the Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory, Sindri Fertilizer Corporation and the Hindustan.

However, ideological differences led to his resignation, after which he founded the All-India Bharatiya Jan Sangh (1951) to champion nationalist ideals.

According to the BJP's official website, on the issue of the Delhi pact with Likayat Ali Khan, Mookerjee resigned from the Cabinet on April 6, 1950. Later on October 21, 1951, Mookerjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh in Delhi and became its first president.

Mookerjee went to visit Kashmir in 1953 and was arrested on May 11. He died under detention on June 23, 1953. (Agencies)

## Fresh batch of 7,200...

in 147 vehicles left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district followed by second convoy of 4,009 pilgrims in 160 vehicles who are undertaking the yatra from the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district, the officials said.

The pilgrims braved heavy rains which lashed wide parts of Jammu throughout the night.

So far, over 50,000 pilgrims have visited the 3,880 metre high cave shrine of Amarnath since the commencement of the yatra on July 3, the officials said.

The yatra goes on as usual, albeit in tighter security, despite the April 22 Pahalgam attack in which 26 men were gunned down.

The Bhagwati Nagar base camp has been put under a multi-tier security cover in the backdrop of the April 22 Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead.

More than 3.5 lakh people have registered online for the pilgrimage so far. Thirty-four accommodation centres have been set up across Jammu, and Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags are being issued to the pilgrims. Twelve counters have been set up for an on-the-spot registration of pilgrims. (Agencies)

## LG Manoj Sinha attends...

fulfilled Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's dream 66 years after his martyrdom. Today, India is making exponential strides in its development journey to achieve his other resolves of building a strong, united, and developed India," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said the achievements of J&K post-August 2019 are guided by the dream of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and the resolve of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

"Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was guided by the vision to build a discrimination-free J&K and to change its destiny by complete integration with India. He wished active participation of the people of Jammu Kashmir in the mainstream of development and nation building. With the inspiration of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and the commitment of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Jammu Kashmir is setting new records of development," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted the influence of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the intellectual, political, educational, industrial and cultural landscape of India.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the chief architect of India's industrialisation. He laid the foundation of a self-reliant India, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor impressed upon the Departments of Culture, School and Higher Education to organise exhibitions and lectures on the life and work of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in every school, every college and every university from July 2025 to July 2027.

"Dr. Mookerjee breathed his last in Srinagar. The entire Jammu and Kashmir is indebted to him. The new generation should actively engage in honouring his legacy. Week-long exhibitions in educational institutions, and theatrical performances depicting his life's journey should be organised.

The monumental contribution of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee should be spread to every village though grand commemoration events. Our new generation should know that without the visionary leaders like Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Jammu and Kashmir would never have been able to realize its aspirations," he further added.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor released the translation of new Criminal Laws in Kashmiri language. An exhibition on life and works of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was also organised by the IGNCRA Regional Office and Culture Department.

Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Shri Vikram Randhawa, and Shri Satish Sharma, Members of Legislative Assembly; Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board; Shri Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Shri Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Ms Harvinder Kour, Secretary JKAACL; political leaders, senior officials of Police and civil administration and prominent citizens from all walks of life attended the commemoration event and paid their tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

## Will recommend...

We will make efforts to find a way forward in this regard."

"One of the topics raised was the need for packaging units where new designs and technologies could be introduced to better promote local products such as handicrafts, horticulture items, pashmina shawls, and handlooms," Goyal said.

The Union Minister said that Jammu and Kashmir will soon get a Centre of Excellence for Packaging and Design.

"I have directed officials to explore possibilities in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Packaging to initiate a project focused on quality packaging and design. They have been requested to identify a suitable location where this initiative can be launched at the earliest," he said

Further, the Union Minister Goyal said that representatives have discussed setting up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) focused on storage technology, cold chain infrastructure, and encouraging startups and new talent.

"The aim is to support those shifting from traditional trades to entrepreneurship, offering assistance through innovation and research. The Centre of Excellence would work on developing new products, technologies, and even new seed or fruit varieties. I will also engage with the Ministry of Agriculture to explore how they can contribute by enhancing productivity and supporting these efforts," Goyal assured the traders of Jammu and Kashmir.

Goyal also assured that he will discuss with the NTPC and Solar Energy Corporation to establish a solar lighting or power generation facility in the area to help producers to export their products as a green product to get a greater prices.

Goyal also assured that he would hold discussions with Public Sector energy unit NTPC and the Solar Energy Corporation to explore setting up a solar lighting or power generation facility in the region. The initiative aims to support local producers in exporting their goods as green products, thereby enabling them to fetch better prices in international markets.

Separately, in an X post, Goyal added that a detailed discussion was held with the MSME Development Forum, Jammu-Kashmir, regarding various suggestions to promote local enterprises.

During this, measures to enhance the competitiveness of MSMEs, improve Ease of Doing Business, and connect them to the national supply chain were discussed, he added.

The Minister said he had also met with a delegation from the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry and discussed on empowering local industries, accelerating economic development, and creating a favourable environment for business.

Goyal also met with representatives of the Jammu-Kashmir Fruits and Vegetable Processing and Integrated Cold Chain Association (JKPICCA) in Srinagar.

"During this, discussions were held on strategies to sustain industrial development in the cold chain and agro-processing sectors, which are extremely important for strengthening J&K's agricultural economy and boosting exports," Goyal's X post read. (Agencies)

## Tricolour flying high...

paying our respects at his feet, we feel satisfied that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, his resolve has been fulfilled. The tricolour is now flying high in Kashmir."

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In 1940, he became the acting President of the Hindu Mahasabha and declared complete independence for India as its political goal.

Mookerjee resigned from the Bengal Cabinet in November 1942, protesting against the Governor's interference in administration and criticising provincial autonomy as ineffective.

His humanitarian efforts during the Bengal famine of 1943, including relief initiatives, highlighted his commitment to serving society.

Post-Independence, he joined the interim government under Jawaharlal Nehru as Minister for Industry and Supply, where he laid the foundation for India's industrial growth by establishing iconic institutions like the Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory, Sindri Fertilizer Corporation and the Hindustan.

However, ideological differences led to his resignation, after which he founded the All-India Bharatiya Jan Sangh

## AGENCIES

RIO DE JANEIRO, JUL 6

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived here for a four-day visit, during which he will participate in the 17th BRICS Summit and undertake a state visit.

The prime minister was accorded a ceremonial welcome upon his arrival at the Galeao International Airport on Saturday evening (local time).

This is the fourth leg of his five-nation visit.

"Landed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where I will take part in the BRICS Summit and later go to their capital,

Brasilia, for a state visit on the invitation of President Lula. Hoping for a productive round of meetings and interactions during this visit," Modi said in a post on X.

"Committed to BRICS partnership! PM @narendramodi lands in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the 17th BRICS Summit," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in an X post.

The prime minister arrived here from Argentina, where he held wide-ranging talks with President Javier Milei and agreed to diversify two-way trade

and ramp up cooperation in defence, critical minerals, pharmaceutical, energy and mining sectors.

During his visit, Modi will attend the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro on July 6 and 7, followed by a state visit, for which he will travel to Brasilia. It will be the first bilateral visit to the country by an Indian prime minister in nearly six decades.

BRICS, consisting of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, has been expanded with five additional members: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.

In his departure statement, Modi said that as a founding member of BRICS, India is committed to the bloc as a vital platform for cooperation among emerging economies.

"Together, we strive for a more peaceful, equitable, just, democratic and balanced multipolar world order," he said.

On the sidelines of the summit, Modi will meet several world leaders.

Modi visited Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Argentina as part of the five-nation visit. He will travel to Namibia on the last leg of his tour.

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1953. (Agencies)

## Road connectivity...

He said the maiden festival would act as a catalyst to present the unique culture and breathtaking beauty of the area to the outer world and also foster brotherhood and communal harmony.

## TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS, J&amp;K, JAMMU/SRINAGAR

- From 05-07-2025, 1700 hrs. to 06-07-2025, 1600 hrs., there was slow movement observed on NH-44 due to breakdown of 03 HMVs, single lane traffic at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather.
- Commuters belonging to Reasi, Katra, Udhampur, Patnitop, Doda and Ramban town are requested to keep their photo ID card to prove their identification after cut off timing from Jammu/Udhampur so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.**
- Passengers/LMVs operators are advised to undertake journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW during day time due to apprehension of shooting stones between Ramban and Banihal.
- Goods carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable/live stock are advised to load their vehicle as per advisory issued by Traffic Police Headquarters time to time as there is single lane traffic and poor condition of road at Nashri-Dalwas and between Marog & Kishtwari Pather on Jammu Srina-gar NHW.
- Fruit growers/ Load carrier (HVM/LMV) Operators carrying fresh perishable from Valley towards Jammu are advised to load and park their vehicle timely (every morning before 9.00 am at designated place between NAVYUG Tunnel and Levdoora) so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.**
- HVMs Operators/Owners are requested to desist from overloading and carry sufficient fuel during journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW. It is further requested that vehicle owners must double check the fitness of their vehicles and carry sufficient fuel before undertaking journey on Jammu-Srinagar NHW.
- HVMs with only 06 and 10 tyres shall be allowed to ply through Dhar road.
- Commuters are advised to avoid unnecessary haltage between Ramban and Banihal especially near landslide/shooting stone area.

## TRAFFIC PLAN &amp; ADVISORY FOR 07-07-2025:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions SANJY Convoy /LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides on Jammu-Srinagar NHW (NH-44) viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa. However, **HVMs shall be allowed on alternate days.** TCU Jammu/Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing this traffic.

## SHRI AMAR NATH JI YATRA 2025

Please refer to Yatra Advisory No. 01 dated 27-06-2025

## CUT OFF TIMINGS FOR LMVs/PASSENGER/PRIVATE CARS: -

To be released from:-

- Nagrota (Jammu) towards Srinagar: **from 0600 hrs. to 1200 hrs.**
- Jakheni (Udhampur) towards Srinagar: from 0700 hrs to 1300 hrs &
- **Qazigund towards Jammu: from 1130 hrs to 1400 hrs.**

TCU Jammu and TCU Srinagar will inform all concerned about the traffic advisory and cut off timings. No vehicle shall be allowed to move before and after cut off timings.

## HMVs/Load Carriers:-

Subject to fair weather and better road conditions, HMVs shall be allowed **from NAVYUG Tunnel (Qazigund side) towards Jammu** after assessing the road and traffic situation on NH-44 and **no HVM shall be allowed after 1900 hrs** . TCU Srinagar shall liaise with TCU Ramban before releasing the HMVs.

**Moreover, in view of ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra 2025, to provide hassle free movement of trucks carrying fresh/perishable goods on NH-44. UT administration has decided, all tankers of Petrol, Diesel, LPG bulk gas, all trucks carrying empty LPG Cylinders; all empty vehicles of FCI; any other vehicle load-ed/empty upto 10-tyres shall use only Mughal Road while returning to Jammu, as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025**

## Kishtwar- Sinthan- Anantnag NH-244:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from NHIDCL, LMVs/HPSVs shall be allowed **from both sides viz from Anantnag towards Kishtwar and vice-versa** on Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag road. These vehicles shall be allowed from PP Parana towards Anantnag **from 0800 hrs to 1600 hrs and from PP Daksum towards Kishtwar from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs.** No HVM other than designated HPSVs shall be allowed as per order issued by SDM Chhatroo vide No. SDM/C/2025-26/146-53 dated 16-05-2025 and SDM Kokernag vide No. SDM/KNG/665-71 dated 16-05-2025.

## SSG ROAD

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, (after getting green signal from the BRO) traffic movement shall be allowed on regulated manner on Srinagar-Sonamarg-Gumari road. **LMVs followed by HMVs shall be allowed from Minamarg towards Srinagar at 0500 hrs. to 1000 hrs.** Similarly, **LMVs fol-lowed by HMVs shall be allowed from Sonamarg towards Kargil at 1130 hrs to 1730 hrs** . No vehicle shall be allowed after cut off timing.

SFs Convoy, plying from Srinagar to Kargil and vice versa shall plan their movement in such a manner so that Yatra convoys (both UP and DOWN) don't get disturbed.

## Mughal Road:-

Subject to fair weather and good road condition, after getting green signal from Road maintenance agencies (GREF). **LMVs Passenger/Private Cars shall be allowed from both sides** on Mughal road viz from Jammu towards Srinagar and vice-versa via Poonch. However, HMVs (upto ten tyres only) shall be allowed from Shopian towards Poonch. These vehicles shall be allowed from Behramgala (Baffiaz) and Herpora (Shopian) **at 0700 hrs. upto 1800 hrs.** as per advisory issued by DIVCOM Kashmir vide No. Divcom/Dev/120/2025/7055-75 dated 01-07-2025.

## ADVISORY :-

People are advised to undertake journey only after confirming status of the road from Traffic control units as under:-

- Jammu (0191-2459048, 0191- 2740550, 9419147732, 103)
- Srinagar (0194-2450022, 2485396, 18001807091, 103)
- Ramban (9419993745, 1800-180-7043)
- Udhampur (8491928625)
- PCR Kishtwar (9906154100)
- PCR Kargil (9541902330, 9541902331)

DIP NO: DIP/J-3057/25

Date: 6-7-25

## Mediterranean and Planetary Health Diets Promote Longevity and Sustainability: Dr Sushil

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To Aware the common populace about the ill effects of cardiovascular diseases Head Department of cardiology GMCH Jammu Dr Sushil Sharma held a day long cardiac Awareness cum health Check up Camp in association with Punjab Kesari Group in memory of late Smt. Swadesh Chopra at Udas Marg Sanstha R S Pura, Jammu to educate people about importance of cardiac friendly diet so as to prevent future morbidity and mortality. The Camp was inaugurated by Shri Bhagwan Dass , Guru Mata Bimla Devi, Dr Sushil Sharma along with Gharu Ram Bhagat ( MLA Suchetgarh ), Ajay Sharma (Commandant 165 BT BSF) and prominent members of the Sanstha .

While interacting with the people Dr Sushil stated that Emerging insights in nutrition and preventive cardiology reveal that the Mediterranean Diet and the Planetary Health Diet despite their distinct cultural and philosophical foundations offer remarkably similar advantages for promoting longevity, metabolic health, and environmental sustainability. Individuals who consistently follow either dietary pattern tend to experience lower rates of all-cause mortality, reduced incidence of cardiovascular diseases, improved glycemic control, and overall better health markers. These diets emphasize nutrient-dense, plant-



forward eating; abundant in fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains, nuts, seeds, and healthy fats such as olive oil, while restricting red meat, processed foods, and added sugars. This balance of macronutrients and micronutrients not only protects against chronic illnesses but also enhances gut health, reduces systemic inflammation, and supports healthy aging.

He elaborated that Beyond individual health, these dietary models are equally notable for their environmental impact. Both diets involve a significantly lower reliance on animal-based and highly processed food products, which are major contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, and biodiversity loss. By prioritizing sustainable agriculture, seasonal produce, and mindful food consumption, they offer a blueprint for reducing one's ecological footprint. While the Mediterranean Diet has roots in centuries-old traditions of Southern Europe, centered on balance and community-based eating, the Planetary Health Diet is a modern framework informed by global sustainability goals. Yet both converge on the principle that what nour-

ishes the human body can and must respect planetary boundaries.

He added that the Mediterranean model encourages shared meals, mindful eating, and cultural connection, which has been shown to improve mental well-being and adherence. Similarly, the Planetary Health approach promotes awareness of food origins, ethical sourcing, and global responsibility encouraging individuals to see eating as a conscious act rather than a routine habit. Importantly, these diets are not exclusive or elitist, and can be adapted to suit a wide range of cultures, economic contexts, and culinary preferences. Whole grains, legumes, vegetables, and plant-based proteins are affordable and accessible components in most regions. Moreover, the integration of these diets into health-care systems, school programs, and public nutrition campaigns can play a transformative role in population-wide health outcomes. Physicians, dietitians, and policy makers have the opportunity—and responsibility—to lead this change by promoting food environments that make healthier, sustainable choices the default. This includes advocating for

plant-based meals in hospitals, regulating misleading food marketing, and ensuring that vulnerable populations are not left behind in the transition toward dietary sustainability, He Said

In his final address Dr Sushil Sharma told that Adopting either of these diets offers a rare convergence of benefits: improved longevity, enhanced quality of life, and a tangible contribution to climate and ecological resilience. As the world faces a growing burden of lifestyle-related diseases and escalating environmental threats, encouraging a shift toward these dietary patterns presents a practical, science-aligned strategy for building a healthier, more sustainable future for both people and the planet.

Management Committee of the Udas Marg Sanstha Shri Bhagwan Dass, Guru Mata Bimla Devi, Daya Ram, H R Dogra , Tarsem Raj, Rajkumar, Harbans Lal, Dilip Chand and Ashok Sakolia appreciated the efforts of Dr Sushil and his team for conducting cardiac awareness cum Health Check up camp in their locality.

Others who were part of this Camp includes Dr Venkatesh Yellupu .Paramedics and volunteers include Kamal Sharma , Rajkumar , Ranjeet Singh , Rohit Nayyar , Rahul Vaid , Maninder Singh , Rajinder Singh , Paramveer Singh, Sanjay Singh , Vikas Kumar , Vijay Sharma, Mukesh Sharma, Nirvair Singh Bali and numerous Volunteers of the Sanstha.

## NSF pays tribute to Jagjivan Ram

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National Secular Forum (NSF) paid tributes to Jagjivan Ram on his 39th Death Anniversary at University Campus, who laid his life for the country. NSF members paid floral tributes and observed two-minute silence as a mark of respect to the great leader.

Ankush Abrol Provincial Joint Secretary JKNC and Ex-Member BCCI was the chief guest while, Dr. Vikas Sharma Coordinator Jammu District and Zonal Secretary JKNC presided over the function and Dr Sukhdev Singh State President NSF, was the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion Ankush Abrol appreciated the initiative taken by the University Unit NSF to remember the death anniversary of those who have contributed their lives for the Country.

He said that Jagjivan

Ram, popularly known as Babuji was a national leader, a freedom fighter, a crusader of social justice, a champion of depressed classes, an outstanding Parliamentarian, a true democrat, a distinguished Union Minister, an able administrator and an exceptionally gifted orator. He had a towering personality and played a long inning, spanning over half a century in Indian politics with commitment, dedication and devotion. Babuji appeared before the Hammond Commission at Ranchi and demanded, for the first time, voting rights for the Dalits.

On this occasion, Dr Vikas Sharma threw light on the life history of Jagjivan Ram and appreciated the efforts of NSF and appealed to the youth to come forward to eliminate all evils from the society.

He also said that the right tribute to Jagjivan Ram would be to launch

the struggle for restoration of full status of Jammu and Kashmir State.

Dr Sharma also said that Babu Jagjivan Ram played a very active and crucial role in the freedom struggle. Inspired by Gandhiji, Babuji courted arrest on 10 December, 1940. After his release, he entrenched himself deeply into the Civil Disobedience Movement and Satyagraha. Babuji was arrested again on 19 August, 1942, for his active participation in the Quit India Movement launched by the Indian National Congress.

Dr Sukhdev Singh, in his speech said that the sacrifices of such great people could not be ignored, which had secured freedom for the country and its people.

He said that Babu Jagjivan Ram started his public career as a student activist and freedom fighter. His nomination to the Bihar Legislative Council in 1936

made him a lawmaker at the age of 28. He served in the Indian government under Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi in a number of significant positions, including Minister of Communications and Minister of Labour. He was India's defence minister during the 1971 Indo-Pak War as well. From 1936 to 1986, he served as a member of parliament for 50 consecutive years, setting a record. He also said that Babu Jagjivan Ram is the father of Meira Kumar, a well-known Congress leader and former diplomat. From 2009 to 2014, she was the 15th Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

Vikshay Vashist, State Secretary NSF also addressed this occasion.

Pankaj Sharma Sr Vice-President University Unit delivered the welcome address; Gourav Partap Singh University Unit President was delivering the vote of thanks.

## Abrogation of Art 370 fulfilled Dr. S.P Mookerjee's dream of 'One Nation, One Constitution': Priya Sethi

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Senior BJP leader and former minister Priya Sethi today led a plantation drive at the historic Mubarak Mandi complex in connection with the 125th Birth Anniversary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

The initiative, organised by Distt President Jammu Rajesh Gupta, Vice president Distt Ramesh Gupta and convenor Arun Sethi as a tribute to the visionary leader who laid the foundation for "One Nation, One Constitution," witnessed enthusiastic participation from party workers, local residents, environmental activists, and students.

Speaking on the occasion, Priya Sethi said, "Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee sacrificed his life for the complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of India. It is our



duty to honour his legacy not only by remembering his unmatched contribution but also by contributing positively to society."

The former minister Priya Sethi highlighted that Dr. Mookerjee's historic slogan "Ek Desh Mein Do Vidhan, Do Pradhan Aur Do Nishan Nahi Challenge" was not just a call for integration but a movement that shaped India's unity. "The abrogation of Article 370 was the fulfillment of Dr. Mookerjee's

dream of 'One Nation, One Constitution'. It ensured equal rights, equal opportunities, and a common national identity for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," she said. She further added that this constitutional integration brought an end to decades of discrimination and paved the way for development, dignity, and democracy in the region.

Highlighting the importance of environmental protection, the senior BJP

leader added that the plantation drive is a symbol of commitment towards a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable Jammu. "Let us plant more trees and nurture them as Dr. Mookerjee nurtured the spirit of nationalism and unity," she remarked.

Priya Sethi also called upon the youth to follow Dr. Mookerjee's ideals of nationalism, integrity, and service, and to actively participate in such initiatives that combine social responsibility with national pride.

The event concluded with the pledge to continue such drives across Jammu & Kashmir in the coming weeks as part of the 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Dr. Mookerjee.

Prominent among those present during the plantation drive were BJP leaders, members of civil society, and representatives of local organizations.

## Buddhist Studies Deptt & BTSM JK celebrate 90th birthday of Dalai Lama at BJBH, JU

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The Baba Jitto Boys Hostel (BJBH) in collaboration with the Department of Buddhist Studies and Bharat Tibet Sahyog Manch (BTSM) J&K celebrated 90th birthday of His Holiness, the Dalai Lama at Jammu University, where students, scholars and members of civil society participated.

On this occasion, Dr Vivek Sharma, President (BTSM JK & Ladakh UT) stated that Dalai lama is the spiritual leader of Tibet who encourages peace, prosperity and compassion worldwide.

He further stated that the search for the Dalai Lama is part of the institution's process. There should be no change in the search for the Dalai Lama and the appointment of the 15th Dalai Lama should be conducted under past practice. This



right belongs solely to this institution, not China. BTSM J&K endorses the statement of the 14th Dalai Lama, which he spoke in this context.

He further stated that as per the tradition of Tibet, only the current Dalai Lama or to whom he appoints, can identify his successor using visions omens in consultation with senior lamas and protectors of the faith. While the Tenzin Gyatso was recognised as the 14th reincarnation at the age of two, he assumed full authority at

15 and fled Tibet four years later when Chinese troops crushed an uprising in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa in 1959. He has been living in exile in Dharamshala since then.

Dr. Rajesh highlighted the Dalai Lama's contribution to Tibet and the world. He stated, "His contributions towards ensuring the sustenance of the ethnic identity of the Tibetan people and the preservation and advancement of its religion, culture, language of the Tibetan people as well as the cam-

paign for the just cause of Tibet, remain incredibly enormous.

Dr. Rajesh stated that the Dalai Lama often speaks about the interconnectedness of humanity and emphasizes the imperative need for kindness and understanding to create a more peaceful world.

Among those present on this occasion were Rajinder Sadotra, General Secretary (BTSM JKUT), Dr Vikrant Singh, Dr Nitin Sharma, Mr Ramneek Singh, and others.

## JKPCC President assigns district wise responsibilities to Senior Leaders, Legislators as coordinators

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In a significant development, J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) President on Sunday assigned district wise responsibilities as coordinators to

Senior Party leaders and legislators in Kashmir, with immediate effect.

JKPCC President Tariq Hameed Karra said that Coordinators will visit their assigned districts "minimum" after every 10 days and

ensure conduct of a party activities/public outreach programmes, upto block level, subsequently they will submit a detailed report to him (Karra) with respect to organizational activities in these districts.

The coordinators

will fulfill the significant assignment given to them in the capacity of District coordinators and ensure vigorous organizational activities with the involvement of all concerned leaders in their assigned districts, JKPCC President added.

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For the Footballer to director – a die-hard Manchester United fan for over 25 years – this shoot was more than a professional assignment. The director Rohan Gupta is no stranger to football's legacy. A Footballer is a die-hard Manchester United fan for over 25 years, he is also the son of Shri Vipin Gupta, a legendary footballer from Jammu. Shri Vipin Gupta was a founding member of the J&K Bank Football Team and retired as an Assistant General Manager (AGM). Football, for Rohan, isn't just passion – it's heritage.

Mumbai, May 29, 2025 – In a groundbreaking moment for Indian advertising, a filmmaker from Jammu directed a high-energy promotional video featuring Manchester United goalkeeper André Onana, during the club's official visit to Mumbai. The campaign, produced for Apollo Tyres, was shot at the iconic Mukesh Mills, blending cinematic action



with football's thrilling intensity.

The concept centered on speed, control, and precision: a stunt car performs a controlled drift, striking a football toward goal – where Onana executes a signature save. The shoot reflected both technical mastery and creative storytelling, positioning Apollo Tyres as a brand that thrives on performance and excellence.

The production kicked off at 6 AM with detailed pre-shoot coordination. With only few hour allotted for Onana's presence

on set, the director and crew planned every frame to perfection. Meanwhile, a separate crew filmed Manchester United defender Diogo Dalot at another Mumbai location, requiring parallel coordination and split-second execution. The full shoot was wrapped in under three hours, showcasing elite production discipline under tight constraints.

"This was a personal milestone," he shared. "After more than a decade in the Mumbai ad industry, working with Manchester United felt like coming full

circle. Moments like these remind you why you chase the craft."

With a track record of successful campaigns across major brands, this collaboration with Manchester United signals not only professional excellence but also a testament to the rising creative voices from India's smaller cities. This unique campaign stands as a proud example of Indian talent meeting global opportunity, and a reminder that dreams rooted in passion can find their way to the world's biggest stages.

## EDITORIAL

## Mughal Road: A scenic lifeline in desperate need of attention

The Mughal Road, once a symbol of historic trade and imperial grandeur, is today a breathtaking corridor connecting the Kashmir Valley to the Poonch-Rajouri belt of Jammu division. Stretching 84 kilometers from Shopian to Buzilaz, this route has seen a notable surge in traffic and tourist footfall this summer. Yet, beneath the surface of this increased interest lies a troubling reality – the route is sorely lacking in basic infrastructure, putting both tourists and commuters at risk.

Three years have passed since the Mughal Road was accorded National Highway status, but the transformation promised by that label is still a distant dream. Despite its growing popularity – particularly among visitors drawn to sites like Peer Ki Gali, Dubjan, and Aliabad Sarai – the road continues to operate without essential services like mobile connectivity, washrooms, rest areas, or roadside assistance.

Tourists call it a paradox: paradise marred by neglect. The views are undeniably magnificent, but the journey can quickly turn harrowing. As visitor Shabina Jan aptly put it, “you’re completely cut off from the world once you enter the stretch.” Her concern echoes those of many others who find themselves stranded without any means of communication, help, or shelter in case of emergencies.

Local commuters, especially transporters and daily travelers, have grown increasingly frustrated. The absence of mechanics, eateries, and medical support over long stretches makes the road not just inconvenient, but dangerous – particularly for families, elderly travelers, and women. In an era where digital connectivity is considered a lifeline, the Mughal Road remains in a virtual blackout.

This is more than a matter of inconvenience. It’s a matter of safety, dignity, and economic opportunity.

Tourism could be a game-changer for the economically marginalised regions on both sides of the Pir Panjal. But the lack of facilities discourages longer stays and deters repeat visits. Hoteliers, drivers, and local artisans all stand to benefit if infrastructure is improved. As hotelier Aijaz Khan from Poonch rightly observed, “If roadside facilities, eateries, and communication setups are improved, the tourist footfall will increase tenfold.”

The demands from citizens are not extravagant. They are asking for what should be standard along any national highway: mobile towers, emergency booths, public toilets, roadside shelters, eateries, and consistent road maintenance. These are not luxuries but necessities, especially for a route that traverses treacherous terrain and extreme weather conditions.

It is high time that the government listens – not only to enhance tourism potential but to uphold its duty of ensuring safe and dignified travel for all. The voices from Shopian to Rajouri are clear and united. They seek urgent attention from leaders like Omar Abdullah and all relevant administrative stakeholders.

The Mughal Road deserves more than poetic praise and panoramic photos. It deserves investment, planning, and political will. Let this not become another tale of potential squandered by apathy.

# The eternal struggle: Karbala and the triumph of conscience over cruelty

HASANKHURSHID

John Bradshaw once said, “Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.” Can man stand up to these conditions? “Man can but not necessarily with ease”, Imam Husain, the grandson of Prophet Mohammad annunciated from the battlefield of Karbala (Iraq), on the fateful day of 10th Muharram, 61 AH (October 10, 680 A.D.).

The pre-Islamic period in Arabia is known as the “age of ignorance”. Scudding away from the noble attributes of human principles, the Arabs were treading the path of retrogression and abhorrence. Suffering from worst evils and vices, these Arabs known as Bedouins (uncivilised rustics) were highly temptative of wrecking vengeance, group quarrels, tribal animosities leading to bloody warfare that lasted for generations.

In pre-Islamic period these Arabian Bedouins used to bury their newly born daughters alive out of ego. They had no sense of equality, humanity, decency and brotherhood. In this crucial moment, Prophet of Islam Hazrat Mohammad brought the message of peace, tolerance, humanity, forbearance, liberty, equality, brotherhood, assisting to weak and securing justice for the persecuted. The Prophet gradually started transforming the heartless brutes to humanise and turning towards peaceful life.

The most notorious among them were the Bedouin tribals of “Bani-Omayya” (Omayyads). Omayyads did not tolerate the sojourn of humanity and peace. They violently opposed Prophet’s teachings. Omayya’s grandson, Abu Sufiyan, son of Herb, unfurled the flag of revolt against Islamic teachings.

They started a campaign of persecution on the Prophet, who was forced to migrate from his home in Mecca to Medina. As such, the year of Prophet’s flight from Mecca to Medina is marked as the beginning of Hijri era of Islamic calendar. Still the Prophet Mohammad was not given any respite and relief. Mohammad was compelled to fight battles many a time. In Medina, Prophet established the system for administering the “rule of law” in the light of Islamic jurisprudence, under the command of his son-in-law Hazrat Ali Murtaza. Notwithstanding the bravery of Ali, Omayyads suffered a thorough collapse. The shrewd

Abu Sufiyan played a trick to subscribe to Islam outwardly and the Prophet mercifully granted quarter to Abu Sufiyan and his men. On the contrary, Mohammad realising his duties as Prophet was preparing his two beloved grandsons, ‘Hasan’ and ‘Husain’, sons of Ali Murtaza and Fatima Zehra, as perfect specimen of his own attainment and imparted to their young minds all the characteristics of

his high morality.

After the demise of the Holy Prophet Mohammad, the school of Islamic thought, philosophy, culture and administration was shifted to ‘Caliphate’ with temporal and ecclesiastical powers. The first three caliphs were: Abubakar, Umar and Usman. The last caliph Imam Ali Murtaza, was assassinated by the henchmen of the conspirator and hypocrite Muawiya son of Abu Sufiyan while Hazrat Ali Murtaza was prostrating before Allah in the mosque. After Ali’s assassination, Muawiya with the might of sword, usurped the seat of Caliphate in Syria and declared himself as the self-appointed caliph. Muawiya, the first ruler of the House of Omayyads displaced the democratic Islamic rule by oligarchical and barbaric despotic rule. After the death of Muawiya, his son accused Yazid ascended to the Caliphate seat of Syria. He was a hardcore terrorist and had surpassed all his ancestors in practicing cruelty, violence and corruption. Yazid was libertine and sinner to the extent that the barest mention of his objectionable character is taboo in this civilised society. Yazid was the mammon of unrighteousness, whose lust for power prompted him to beat society the mould he favoured. Yazid’s criminal behaviour indicated the extreme occurrence of vulgar, inhuman innovations in the established Islamic values. On the contrary

Imam Husain was recognised throughout the Arab world for his excellence of behaviour, wisdom, compassion and piety.

When Yazid occupied the seat of Caliphate, deceitfully usurped by his father Muawiya, Yazid by terrorising the citizens sought their allegiance to accept him as leader of the faithful. He then demanded allegiance from Hazrat Imam Husain. Yazid was equipped with all the paraphernalia of power but so long, he didn’t get the allegiance from Imam Husain, the grandson of the Prophet, he had no religious sanction to claim the Caliphate.

He therefore demanded allegiance from Imam Husain to subscribe him as leader of the faithful. When Yazid bargained hard for Imam Husain to choose between allegiance and death, Husain straightaway refused him for allegiance, saying, “A person of my kind, can not accept the allegiance of a man of his (Yazid’s) kind.” Husain knew that recognition of Yazid’s immorality will permanently disfigure the “true faith” and a “pseudo religion” will emerge in the guise of Islam. Had he encountered no opposition, Islam was bound to acclimatise to the paralysing atonality from Yazid’s degenerated symphony. Imam Husain was mercilessly assassinated in the desert of Karbala along with 71 family members and companions on 10th of Muharram, 61 Hijri (October 10, 680 A.D.), after being kept hungry and

thirsty for three days.

Their heads were severed from the bodies and were mounted on lancers. Among the slain martyrs was Husain’s six month old infant son, Ali Asghar, the buoyancy of whose innocent blood refloated the sinking ship of Islam. Ali Asghar’s moon-like innocent severed head was too mounted on a lancer. Asghar’s little innocent body among 71 others was too trampled through the hoofs of horses of Yazid’s cavalry.

The tents of Husain’s household were torched. Daughters and grand children of Prophet Mohammad’s extended family and the only surviving, ailing son of Imam Husain, were taken captives and paraded from Karbala to Syria, on bare backs of camels, where they were appeared before accursed Yazid, the wild beast in human form. 10th Muharram is universally observed by right thinking and kind-hearted people irrespective of caste, religion or faith. “Never in the fight of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few”, said Churchill. The event of Karbala, taking place on 10th Moharram, 61 Hijri, teaches us: Never support injustice and oppression, no matter, how powerful the oppressor might be. No matter, what incentive, what threat you might be given.

(The writer is a legal journalist and author. Views are personal)

## Bharat’s Beacon of Cooperative Renaissance and Economic Swaraj

BINOD ANAND

When the chronicle of India’s cooperative resurgence is etched in history, the founding of Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will be hailed not as just another educational institution, but as a transformational moment – Bharat’s proud gift to the cooperative world and a blueprint for true economic swaraj. This university isn’t simply bricks and mortar; it is a Gurukul of modern Sahakarita, a sacred forge of leadership, where young minds will be shaped into visionary cooperative warriors, poised to carry the dream of Viksit Bharat 2047 with resolve and pride.

Flowing like a sacred Ganges, the university’s hub-and-spoke model will reach every corner of India – from the hills of Himachal to the deltas of Odisha, from desert outposts in Rajasthan to forested interiors of Chhattisgarh. It will connect, uplift, and unify, ensuring that no dream is too remote and no voice too small. It will serve as a national knowledge trust, attracting the finest cooperative economists, extension specialists, grassroots innovators, and policy thinkers from Bharat and beyond.

The university will incubate India’s cooperative future across all verticals – from agri-tech and logistics to finance and governance. It will be the crucible where doctrines of people-owned markets are forged, where AI-integrated grain systems, blockchain-powered warehouses, and bioethanol and compressed biogas entrepreneurship take shape. It will redesign the social contract theory, empower local economies, and fuel India’s role as a leader among Global South nations, championing the cause of smallholder farmers, island states, and climate-affected communities at global multilateral platforms like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Aligned with Mission Karmayogi, the university will shape future regulators, build governance capacity, and drive



cooperative-led reforms in line with Net Zero Emissions by 2070, not imposed, but rooted in the Indian way. Its models of climate-resilient cooperative farming, circular supply chains, and renewable-powered rural infrastructure will make ecological sustainability the heartbeat of inclusive growth.

When the world is at a crossroads where SDG targets are challenged and transformation to ESG I staking place, inequality widens with Ginni coefficient of 52, one of the highest and corporatisation deepens, India is responding not with resistance but with reinvention - through the Sahakar Path, with Ginni coefficient one of the lowest to only twenty six built on dignity, decentralisation, and ownership. Named after the revered Tribhuvandas Patel, the architect of the White Revolution, this university will do for agriculture, textiles, forestry, and logistics what Amul did for milk. It won’t just teach; it will transform. Graduates from this university will manage procurement, design agri-export strategies, digitise rural warehouses, and lead cooperatives from Arunachal’s valleys to the skyline of Mumbai.

They will become the custodians of India’s 2.5 lakh-strong warehouse grid – blockchain-integrated, powered by renewable energy, and governed with transparency. These young future graduate managers emerging from Tribhuvan Gurukul will combat financial and economic crimes through a coop eco framework lens and

will create secure benefit transfer systems, root out leakages, and ensure every rupee reaches the last mile. Among them also will be cyber commandos and cooperative forensic experts, rebuilding trust in the rural digital economy, while also supporting the last mile criminal Justice administration reforms, which further will save the national fabric and will strengthen the National Internal Security system differently as done in Israel.

The days of MSP-centric thinking are behind us. The university will train young minds to think ahead – to align production with demand, to plan procurement with precision, and to transform rural India into a global agri-export powerhouse. These professionals will master global trade protocols, operate AI-enabled agri-market platforms, and turn India’s diverse produce into world-class brands.

This university is not a milestone. It is a mission. It embodies the Paanch Pran of our Hon’ble Prime Minister. A Developed India. Freedom from colonial mindsets. Pride in roots. Unity of purpose. And a deep sense of duty. Every student here will not just earn a degree – they will carry a pledge. A pledge to make Bharat a cooperative republic in the truest sense. In an era when India’s grain is stored by NCML, owned by Canada’s Fairfax, the farmer remains shackled. These entities profit without planting, storing without sharing, and dictate prices to those who till the soil. But this won’t last. Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will

produce a new generation that dismantles this dependence – professionals who reclaim sovereignty, replace middlemen, and transform agri-finance from a system of control into one of empowerment.

Bharat, through Sahkar Se Siddhi, is empowered enough to combat the organised cartels led by Soros-backed private equity funds. Their cartelised kin will be shown the door by a new breed of cooperative professionals emerging from Tribhuvan Sahakarita University. These graduates will not just know how to manage grain – they will know how to reclaim sovereignty. They will reimagine the very idea of agri-finance, ensuring that the farmer does not just grow but gains. No more MSP rhetoric in the mandis. No more waiting for arbitrary grading. Every PACS will have trained manpower to convert it into a mini-Mandi, agroclimatic zone-wise. The farmer will have his co-op warehouse, his QR-coded smart receipt, and his price intelligence system. These PACS-based cyber-secured, QR-coded receipts, real-time dashboards, and cooperative warehouses, powered by Tribhuvan Sahakarita University graduates, will set the price, not take it.

And finance? It will no longer be the privilege of the urban elite. From rural credit to venture capital, the university will train young minds to build a cooperative BFSI ecosystem. They will run NBFCs in the hinterlands, manage crop and livestock insurance in tribal belts, and create digital platforms where farmers can access capital in real time. This is the future: from village to venture, from SHG to stock exchange.

In the EU, cooperative banks serve 210 million clients. In the US, co-ops generate over \$650 billion annually. Bharat now joins that movement – not just as a participant, but as a leader. Drawing inspiration from Israel’s cooperative transit models and Germany’s cluster-based development, this university will pioneer new cooperative diplomacy, knowledge transfer, and export partnerships, with

language training and intercultural education to support global cooperation.

This is Bharat’s answer to rising inequality. Not through taxation, but through ownership. Not through handouts, but through institutions.

The vision does not stop at agriculture. Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will build the architecture of a three-tier cooperative economy. The first tier – production – will aggregate farmers, artisans, miners, and forest dwellers through PACS, FPOs, and SHGs. The second tier will add value through processing units, khadi clusters, dairy plants, and community manufacturing. The third tier will connect to markets – both domestic and global – through cooperative banks, export houses, and digital trading platforms. This is not theory. This is economic engineering, done the Indian way.

The three-tier cooperative model – PACS at the base, processing in the middle, and global markets at the top – will no longer be theory. It will be action. From cotton fields to boutique brands, from food baskets to climate startups, Tribhuvan Sahakarita University will lay the foundation for India’s cooperative value chain economy.

As the International Year of Cooperatives is marked in New York and beyond, let history note Bharat didn’t just celebrate – it led. And at its helm was Tribhuvan Sahakarita University.

The Young India of tomorrow will not stand in line for jobs. They will create livelihoods through cooperative ecosystems, unshackled from credit card debt, EMI traps, and exploitative fintech. They will build a financial future rooted in the Rig Vedic ideal – “Let us think together, let us be of one mind.” A future where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, where knowledge is free, and every village becomes a centre of innovation, prosperity, and peace.

(The writer is Secretary-General, Confederation of NGOs of Rural India. Views are personal)

## DDC Suresh Sharma inspects rain damage in Juthal, demands plots for victims

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Senior BJP leader and District Development Council member Pandit Suresh Sharma today visited Juthal Balsaro village in Block Chowki Choura to assess the damage caused by recent heavy rainfall. During his visit, he inspected the affected areas where several houses were damaged and agricultural land was washed away.

Highlighting the vulnerability of the area to frequent landslides, Sharma stated that it poses a continuous threat to the lives and properties of the residents. He urged the government to provide



5-marla residential plots at safer locations for the affected families, ensuring their long-term safety and rehabilitation.

After meeting with the affected families, he assured them of every possible help and support. He also interacted with local administrative officers on the spot, directing them

to make sure that people receive timely relief and do not face any further hardship.

Prominent persons present during the visit included Pandit Satpal, Pandit Rampal, Sunil Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Raj Kumar, Rattan Kumar, Mohan Lal, Chaman Lal, and other local residents.

## ABDPS Samiti organizes special Fast Bhandara for Amarnath yatri at Railway Station, Jammu

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Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti organized special Fast Bhandara on Devshyani Ekadashi for Amarnath yatri at Railway Station, Jammu.

Today, on 5th day of Amarnath Yatra Bhandara organized by Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti. Bhandara was inaugurated by Bhagwat kathakar kathakar Janak Raj Shastri in the Presence of Sunil Sharma National Co-ordinator of Akhil Bhartiya Dharam Prachar Sewa Samiti in an impressive and well attended ceremony for Baba Amarnath ji Pilgrims at Railway Station, Jammu. Bhandara started with Ganesh Poojan, Vedic Mantracharan and jaig-hosh of Bam Bam Bhole.

Like last year, this year also Bhandara is being organized by the Akhil Bhartiya Dhyaram Prachar



Sewa Samiti, Jammu and Kashmir and this Bhandara is 9th Bhandara of the Samiti and will continue till the end of Amarnath Yatra.

Speaking on the occasion National Co-ordinator of the Samiti Sunil Sharma said that the pilgrims shall be served hygienic, delicious, energetic and digestive "sattvic" bhojan for all days; besides there shall be special and exclusive arrangement for pilgrims observing "fast" today on

Devshyani Ekadashi, such arrangement is available nowhere in Jammu Transit Camps.

The spokesman of the Samiti Mr. Kewal krishan Sharma, informed that there is adequate arrangement of food for all pilgrims visiting from various states.

Others who attended the function namely, Anil Arora, Yash paul Sharma, Jagdish sharma, Sat Rajesh Mankotia and others etc.

## Several Biradari Heads join Congress in Jammu

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In a significant political development, several prominent community leaders, including Laxman Pradhan of the Borla Biradari and Vimal Dass, Pradhan of Juggi Mohalla from Qasim Nagar, along with their scores of supporters, joined the Congress Party in the presence of senior Congress leader and DDC Suchetgarh member, Taranjit Singh Tony in Sanjay Nagar, Jammu.

Welcoming them into the party fold, Tony said that the growing support for Congress is a clear indication that people are fed up with the BJP's misrule and hollow promises. He lashed out at the BJP-led government at the Centre for "betraying the people's mandate of the Jammu region over the last 10 years." He said that despite making tall claims, the BJP has failed miserably to address even the basic issues of common people.

"Inflation is at an all-time high, youth are battling record unemployment, farmers are neglect-



ed, and the border dwellers still await permanent rehabilitation and safe shelters. BJP has used emotional slogans to grab votes but abandoned the public after elections," Tony said.

The senior Congress leader further stated that the developmental slogans of BJP have turned out to be mere jumlas, as no major employment package, industrial investment, or farmer relief scheme has reached the ground in J&K. He also criticized the BJP for "destroying democratic institutions" and imposing a bureaucratic raj in the Union Territory, leaving people voiceless and frustrated.

Tony appealed to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to support and strengthen the Congress Party, which, he said, has always stood by the aspirations of the people

and worked for inclusive growth, secularism, and safeguarding the democratic ethos of the nation.

The newly-inducted members expressed their full faith in the leadership of the Congress and said the BJP's anti-people policies have pushed the working-class and marginalized communities to the wall. They announced that in the coming weeks, a convention will be organized where hundreds of their workers will also join the Congress, sending a clear message that BJP's bluff has been exposed.

The joining of biradari leaders from key areas like Qasim Nagar is being seen as a major boost for Congress at the grass-roots level, as the public sentiment steadily turns against the BJP ahead of the upcoming Panchayat and ULB elections.

## Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj explains importance of Guru in his discourses at Akhnoor

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Today, Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi Shri Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while explaining the importance of Guru in his discourses at Akhnoor, Jammu, said that there are seven Gurus in the world. The first Guru is the parents. They taught us to walk, to speak, taught us everything. The second is the midwife of the womb, who took us out of the womb at the time of birth. The third Guru is the one who names us. You are identified by that name. The fourth Guru is the Kul-guru. The fifth Guru is the one who makes us Vaishnav. The sixth Guru is the one who broke the illusion and joined us to the one. The seventh Guru is the one who took the soul to the place from where it came. Satguru has great glory.

Further Sahib Ji said that truth and non-violence have a great place in Hindu religion. Truth is a very big thing. Truth will save you from every sin. There is



no penance equal to truth. There is no sin equal to lie. Lie gives birth to all crimes. One does not become righteous just by being born in a religion. One becomes righteous by following their rules. People say that we are Hindus. We say that we are Hindus. Because we are following all the rules.

What does a Sadguru do? I often say this. I did not change your religion. I did not take you to another caste. It is not the fault of the people. I often say that there are two atheists in the world. One who does not believe in God. He is innocent. If you explain to him, he will understand.

The other is a great atheist. A great atheist is the one who says that he believes in everyone. Because he does not have complete faith in anyone.

Sahib further said that everyone is afraid of death. Therefore, one should worship the one whom even death is afraid of. Now the saints said that O soul, your country is different. There is no moon, sun, stars there. There are no elements there. That is an immortal country. There is ultimate salvation by going there. Then one does not have to come back to this world again.

Even in jail, the prisoner is given leave. In this way there are heaven and other worlds. One has to go there to enjoy the fruits of one's actions. Then one has to come back. But one should not come back from that immortal world.

That is why Paltu Sahib is saying that worship such a person that the soul goes to that land from where there is no return to this world.

## Khairiyat Patrol at the Doorstep: Army strengthens Civil-Military bond in Rafiabad

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
BARAMULLA, JULY 6

In a heartening initiative aimed at community outreach, the 32 Rashtriya Rifles of the Indian Army conducted a "Khairiyat Patrol" in the remote villages of Jithen and Chip Dazi in the Rafiabad region of North Kashmir. The patrol, led by an Army doctor, served as a door-to-door medical outreach program, offering basic health checkups and addressing general medical concerns of the villagers.

As part of the initiative, essential medicines were distributed free of cost to those in need, with a focus on underprivileged and elderly residents. The effort not only provided timely medical relief but also raised awareness about health and hygiene among the rural popula-



tion. The Khairiyat Patrol was warmly received by locals, who appreciated the Army's compassionate gesture. The initiative further cemented the trust and goodwill between the Army and the local populace, showcasing the Indian Army's continued commitment to the welfare and well-being of the people in the region.

## MLA Marh participates in plantation drive at Babe Talab Dev Sthan

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 6

MLA Marh Surinder Kumar today participated in a plantation drive at Babe Talab Dev Sthan, in collaboration with the Social Forestry Department. This initiative underscores the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kumar emphasized that environmental conservation is a crucial aspect of serving humanity. Planting trees not only beautifies nature but also ensures a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations. The plantation drive demonstrates the power of community engagement in promoting environmental sustainability. By working together, individuals can make a significant impact on the health of our planet, said Kumar.



MLA further said that the Social Forestry Department's efforts in organizing this plantation drive are commendable. Their initiatives play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and promoting sustainable practices. Kumar highlighted the significance of tree plantation in maintaining ecological balance and ensuring a sustainable future. He emphasized that environmental conservation is a collective responsibility and encouraged everyone to participate in

such initiatives. The plantation drive at Babe Talab Dev Sthan is a step towards promoting environmental sustainability and conservation. We hope that such initiatives will inspire others to take action and contribute to creating a greener and healthier environment for all, said Kumar. "Trees are our lifeline. They provide us with oxygen, food, and shelter. Let's plant and preserve them for a sustainable future." Trees help regulate the climate, mitigating the effects of global warming.

## Prof. R.K. Uppal emphasizes need for adequate Research Funding by Govt, Pvt Agencies

**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 6



Dr. R.K. Uppal, an eminent academician and Principal of Guru Gobind Singh College of Management and Technology, Gidderbaha, delivered the keynote address at the International Workshop titled "Research Funding Agencies and Preparation of Research Proposals for Major/Minor Research Projects." The event was jointly organized by International Business College, Patna, and GGS College of Management and Technology, Punjab. In his address, Dr. Uppal emphasized that quality research is not just an academic pursuit but a cornerstone for sustainable economic development. He stated that research must be aligned with the socio-economic goals of the nation and should aim to solve real-world challenges through evidence-based solutions. He encouraged scholars

and faculty members to focus on interdisciplinary research, industry collaboration, and the preparation of robust proposals to attract funding from national and international agencies. Dr. Uppal also shared valuable insights on identifying suitable funding bodies, drafting compelling research proposals, and maintaining research integrity and originality. His address served as a motivational call to action for researchers to contribute meaningfully to India's growth story through innovation and knowledge creation.

## MLA Yudhvir flags off Sacred Rudra Ganga Yatra from Ram Mandir



**JI NEWS SERVICE**  
JAMMU, JULY 6

Senior BJP leader and MLA East Constituency, Yudhvir Sethi today flagged off the revered Rudra Ganga Yatra from the historic Ram Mandir in Purani Mandi, Jammu. The Yatra was flagged off in the august presence of prominent saints and community leaders, marking the commencement of the spiritual pilgrimage to the sacred Chandi Mata shrine in Dassa, Doda.

The flag-off ceremony was graced by the presence of Mahant Rameshwar Dass, Mahant Rajesh Bittu, Dr Dara Singh, Satish Wazir (President of the Organizing Committee), Sunit Singh Thakur (Chief Organizer), Mahant Balkrishan Nath, Yatra Pradhan Hari Dutt Singh

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi

lauded the spiritual and cultural importance of the Rudra Ganga Yatra and said such Yatras strengthen the centuries-old traditions of devotion, faith, and communal harmony in the region. He appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee and volunteers for keeping this rich heritage alive and ensuring seamless arrangements for thousands of pilgrims.

The senior BJP leader added that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, the Government of India has revitalized the spirit of Sanatan culture across Jammu and Kashmir, and the Rudra Ganga Yatra stands as a testament to this revival. "The unflinching faith of devotees in Chandi Mata and the pious Rudra Ganga is what keeps this spiritual movement thriving year after year," he said.

### NOTICE

We, Satpal and Rita Devi, residents of Hakkal, District Jammu, hereby declare that our child, Bansh, was born on 24-05-2011 at our residence. We are now applying for the issuance of his Date of Birth certificate from the Court of the 1st Class Executive Magistrate (Tehsildar), Gadi Garh. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days of the publication of this notice.

### NOTICE

I, Pritam Chand, S/o Amarnath, R/o Kot, Jammu, hereby declare that I have lost the Registration Certificate (RC) of my two-wheeler, a Passion PRO motorcycle bearing registration number JK02CP-3688. I am now applying for a duplicate Registration Certificate from the office of the Regional Transport Officer (RTO), Jammu. Objections, if any, may be submitted to the concerned authority within seven days of the publication of this notice.

# Amit Shah backs Gujarat's salt cooperatives, applauds Amul's expanding legacy

AGENCIES  
ANAND, JULY 6

Union Minister for Cooperation and Home Affairs Amit Shah lauded the launch of Gujarat's first cooperative initiative in salt production, calling it a long-awaited milestone in the cooperative sector.

Speaking at an event to mark four years of the Ministry of Cooperation, Minister Shah also inaugurated a series of new projects by dairy giant Amul. "Salt was the only segment left untouched by the cooperative movement. Today, that gap has been filled," he said, acknowledging Humbalhai -- the force behind the Kutch District Cooperative Salt Federation -- and inviting applause for the new initiative.

He noted that the move would ensure fair profits for Gujarat's traditional salt workers, the Agariyas, through a structured and community-led model. The minister also inaugurated the expanded facilities of Amul's Mogar



chocolate plant and Khatrij cheese plant and unveiled the new Sardar Patel Cooperative Dairy Federation, another step in scaling Amul's national footprint.

Highlighting Amul's growing success, Shah said, "Today, 36 lakh women in Gujarat and 20 lakh more across India power Amul's operations. Thanks to their effort, Amul's current turnover stands at Rs 80,000 crore. Next year, we will cross Rs 1 lakh crore -- and the profit will go straight

into the accounts of 56 lakh women." He emphasised that the cooperative model is not about enriching individuals but uplifting entire communities -- with Amul standing as a model of inclusive economic success.

Gujarat boasts one of India's largest and most diverse cooperative sectors, anchored by over 83,000 - 87,200 cooperative societies spanning agriculture, dairy, sugar, housing, credit, and marketing, with 1.71 - 1.79 crore members involved.

Central to this landscape is the Anand Pattern dairy model -- home to giants like Amul, Banas Dairy, and Dudhsagar Dairy -- which collectively serve 3.6 million milk producers, process over 24 lakh litres/day, and turn out annual revenues exceeding Rs 90,000 crore. Women are increasingly integral: between 2020 and 2025, the number of women-led dairy co-ops rose 21 per cent (from 3,764 to 4,562), with women constituting 25 per cent of milk union boards and 32 per cent of producer-members -- boosting milk procurement by women-led bodies by 39 per cent to 57 lakh L/day, generating over Rs 9,000 crore annually.

Financial modernisation is underway -- the "Cooperation among Cooperatives" initiative has expanded to 33 districts, opening over four lakh new bank accounts and adding more than Rs 966 crore in deposits, reinforcing liquidity and credit access.

# Dalai Lama, more than spiritual leader, says Union Minister Kiren Rijiju

AGENCIES  
DHARAMSALA, JULY 6

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Sunday attended the 90th birthday celebrations of the 14th Dalai Lama at Tsuglagkhang, the main Tibetan temple here where the spiritual leader has been residing since 1960.

Speaking at the celebrations amidst the presence of his Cabinet colleague Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Hollywood actor Richard Gere, Union Minister Rijiju said, "Your holiness, you are more than a spiritual leader. You are a living bridge between ancient wisdom and the modern world."

He noted, "For over seven decades, you have carried the light of the Buddha's teachings with humility and clarity, guiding not only followers of Tibetan Buddhism but also people of all faiths and backgrounds."

"In a world at strife with conflict, your message embodied in how you continue to lead your life assumes even greater and more urgent significance. It is a matter of pride and honour for India and Indians to have you in our midst," he noted.

Rijiju reached McLeodganj on Saturday to attend the long-life prayer offering on the birthday eve. He travelled by overnight train from Delhi to Pathankot in Punjab and further travelled by road.

Ahead of reaching McLeodganj, Union Minister Rijiju clarified that the position of the Dalai Lama is of utmost importance, not just for Tibetans but for all his followers across the world.

"The right to decide on



his successor rests solely with the Dalai Lama himself," he had said.

Offering greetings to the spiritual leader, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in his speech said His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has devoted his life to compassion, peace, and the wellbeing of all sentient beings, his journey "is an inspiration to humanity".

"Through every trial, His Holiness has remained a steady voice of wisdom, teaching us that true strength lies in forgiveness, and real change begins with the human heart. His message transcends borders and beliefs, calling us all to live with more kindness and courage," he wrote on X.

"On this most auspicious occasion, we offer our collective prayers for your long life and continued guidance. May your words keep lighting the path for generations yet to come, and may your presence remain a refuge for all sentient beings," the CM further said.

Saying the Dalai Lama belongs to the universe, Hollywood actor Richard Gere said, "Your Holiness, on behalf of all of us as Westerners, there was something very sweet I saw at the religious conference, the confirmation that His Holiness agreed to continue the institution of

Tibet on March 31, 1959, and was received by Indian officials who escorted his entourage to Bomdila.

Tawang, a picturesque town located at an altitude of more than 11,000 feet, is home to one of the most sacred Buddhist monasteries. The place is spiritually important for Tibetan people as the sixth Dalai Lama was born in the 17th century at the Urgelling Monastery near Tawang.

If the Dalai Lama travels to Arunachal Pradesh, it would be his eighth visit to the northeastern state after his visits in 1983, 1996, 1997, twice in 2003, 2009, and 2017.

Braving heavy monsoon rain and thick fog, crowds of Tibetan exiles, monks and well-wishers on Sunday attended celebrations to mark the 90th birthday of their spiritual leader the Dalai Lama in McLeodganj, a small and quaint hill station in the suburbs of the northern hill town of Dharamsala, that has lured Westerners since he settled here in 1960 after his exile from Tibet.

Huge crowds began to assemble in the morning at the Tsuglagkhang temple to join the birthday celebrations.

"Special prayer sessions were held for the wellbeing and long life of the Dalai Lama," a spokesperson for the government-in-exile told IANS.

The hilltop Tsuglagkhang temple is close to the official palace of the Dalai Lama here.

Born July 6, 1935, to a farming family in a small hamlet in Taktser in Amdo province in northeastern Tibet, the two-year-old child was recognised as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso, in 1937.

# NCW organises AI training programme for women in Jodhpur

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JULY 6

The National Commission for Women (NCW) organised an AI training programme in Jodhpur in which hundreds of women participants took part, an official said on Sunday.

"The objective of Yashoda AI is to digitally empower women," said an official in a post on the social media platform X.

Yashoda AI, also known as "Your AI SAKHI for Shaping Horizons with Digital Awareness," is a nationwide campaign by the NCW that empowers women, particularly those in rural and semi-urban areas, with digital and AI literacy, cybersecurity skills, and digital safety.

According to the NCW, the programme focuses on providing training in local languages to ensure accessibility and promote women's participation in a technology-driven future.

Earlier on Saturday, NCW chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar held a meeting with administrative and police officials of eight districts of the Jodhpur



division and officials from various departments to review the progress of women and child rights, laws, and schemes.

She said in a post on X that some important topics discussed in the meeting included a review of more than 10 schemes related to women.

She said the discussion emphasised on making schemes like 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao', 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana', 'Standup India', Lakhpati Didi, Maternal Health Scheme, eliminating female dropouts in education, skill development,

self-help groups, women entrepreneurship, digital education, and services, more effective.

The NCW chairperson also highlighted delays in police reports -- leading to delays in grievance redressal.

The need for an updated database of all police officers and helpline officials, to ensure effective communication and coordination, was also highlighted, she said.

Emphasis was also laid on awareness programmes on various topics, including the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) enacted to protect children from sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography, she said.

Effective implementation of 'One Stop Centre' - intended to support women affected by violence - and Sukanya Samridhi Yojana were also taken up for discussion, said Rahatkar.

She said the officials were sensitised to ensure the benefits of Sukanya Samridhi Yojana reach the last mile with the cooperation of public representatives.

She said protection officers and local committees should work in coordination with the police administration.

The officials were also asked to initiate Pre-Marital Communication Centres, review cases related to heinous crimes against women, such as dowry, rape, and cybercrime and strengthen women's police stations.

The need to appoint trained counsellors and arrangement of proper infrastructure was also stressed, she said.

# Rahul Gandhi slams Nitish govt, calls Bihar 'India's crime capital'

AGENCIES  
PATNA, JULY 6

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has launched a sharp attack on the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government, calling Bihar the "crime capital of India".

He said this while commenting on the murder of prominent businessman Gopal Khemka in Patna.

In a post on social media platform X on Sunday, Rahul Gandhi stated: "The brazen murder of businessman Gopal Khemka in Patna has once again proven - the BJP



and Nitish Kumar together have turned Bihar into India's crime capital."

He said that Bihar is living under the shadow of loot,

gunfire, and murder, and such incidents have become the "new normal" under the current government.

"Today, Bihar is living under the shadow of loot, fire, and murder. Incidents like these have become the new normal here, and the government has completely failed. Brothers and sisters of Bihar, this injustice cannot be tolerated any longer. A government that cannot protect your children cannot take responsibility for your future," Rahul Gandhi said.

Describing every crime as "a cry for change", the

Congress leader urged the people of Bihar to vote for a new direction in the upcoming Assembly elections.

"Now is the time for a new Bihar, where there is progress, not fear. This time, the vote is not just to change the government but to save Bihar," Gandhi said.

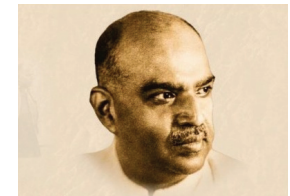
The murder of Gopal Khemka took place around 11.40 p.m. on Friday near Gandhi Maidan, just a short distance from the local police station and the District Magistrate's residence, raising serious questions over policing in high-security zones.

# Immortal son of nation: PM Modi pays tribute to Syama Prasad Mookerjee

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, JULY 6

On the birth anniversary of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid an emotional tribute to the iconic nationalist leader, calling him the "immortal son of the nation" and praising his lifelong dedication to India's unity, pride, and development.

Taking to social media platform X, PM Modi wrote, "A heartfelt tribute to the immortal son of the nation, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, on



his birth anniversary. He sacrificed his life to protect the honour, dignity, and pride of the country. His ideals and principles are invaluable in the construction of a developed and self-reliant India."

The Prime Minister shared a video clip of Dr Mookerjee reflecting on his life, values, and vision

for India.

"Bengal's son, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, used to say that any nation can only be secure through its own energy. He had immense faith in the nation's resources and the capable people of this country," PM Modi said.

"After Independence, his vision helped lift the country from despair and disappointment. As the first Minister for Industry and Supply, he drafted India's first industrial policy. He believed that if the government, edu-

cational institutions, and industrial organizations worked together, India would soon achieve economic independence," he added.

The Prime Minister also highlighted Dr Mookerjee's progressive outlook, adding, "The work and thoughts he contributed towards women's empowerment, education, and shaping India's nuclear policy were far ahead of their time. I pay my deepest respects to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee and bow to his memory."

## BRICS Finance Ministers express "serious concerns" about raising tariffs, non-tariff measures

AGENCIES  
RIO DE JANEIRO [BRAZIL],  
JULY 6

The Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) of the BRICS nations have voiced "serious concerns" about the unilateral imposition of tariffs and non-tariff measures, which they deem inconsistent with World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules.

In a joint statement following their first meeting under Brazil's chairmanship on Saturday, the group emphasised the resilience of the BRICS nations--Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa--along with new members in the face of these challenges and pledged to safeguard a non-discriminatory, open, fair, inclusive, equitable, and rules-based multilateral trading system with the WTO at its core, underscoring a collective commitment to global economic stability.

"The global economy and financial markets have increasingly been subject to elevated uncertainty and bouts of intense volatility. We voiced our serious concerns with the unilateral imposition of trade- and finance-related actions, including the raising of



tariffs and non-tariff measures, which distort trade and are inconsistent with World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules," the statement read.

"In this testing environment, BRICS members have demonstrated resilience and will continue to cooperate among themselves and with other countries to avoid trade wars that could plunge the global economy into recession or further prolong subdued growth," it added.

The statement comes amidst a challenging global economic context marked by heightened uncertainty and volatility, as the deadline date of the 90-day pause on tariff escalations announced by US President Donald Trump approaches, after this initial announcement of these punitive measures on April 2. The

deadline date is set to be on July 9.

Under current inflationary conditions, the ministers reaffirmed their dedication to central banks' price stability mandates, confident that responsible monetary policies benefit all stakeholders. "Collectively, we will continue to pursue constructive and active engagement in international financial institutions and a rules-based multilateral trading system to meet the needs of developing countries and advance intra-BRICS cooperation to further the development and resilience of our economies," they stated.

The statement also addressed the need to de-escalate trade tensions, promote balanced global growth, and foster inclusive economic globalisation.

"We will cooperate to

facilitate the de-escalation of trade tensions, including by reinforcing solidarity and promoting strong, sustainable, and more balanced global growth, fostering a universally beneficial and inclusive economic globalisation," it noted.

Additionally, the BRICS nations committed to enhancing coordination between debtors and creditors to address debt issues in Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) from a development perspective, ensuring fair and constructive solutions.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is currently on his four-day visit to Brazil, during which he will participate in the 17th BRICS Summit and undertake a State Visit.

During the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit from July 6 to July 7, PM Modi will exchange views on key global issues, including peace and security, strengthening multilateralism, responsible use of artificial intelligence, climate action, global health, and economic and financial matters.

According to the official statement, the Prime Minister is also likely to hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the Summit.

## Hamas naval commander killed in Israeli airstrike

AGENCIES  
TEL AVIV [ISRAEL], JULY 6

Israeli soldiers eliminated Ramzi Ramadan Abd Ali Saleh, commander of Hamas' Naval Force in the northern Gaza Strip, who was killed in an airstrike in Gaza City, the Israel Defence Forces said on Sunday.

"Saleh was a significant source of knowledge in the Hamas terrorist organisation, and in recent weeks was involved in planning and advancing maritime terrorist attacks against IDF troops operating in the Gaza Strip."

Also killed with Saleh were Hisham Ayman Atiya Mansour, Deputy Head of Hamas' mortar shell array cell, and Nissim Muhammad Suleiman Abu Sabha, who operated within Hamas' mortar shell array.

The IDF stressed that steps were taken ahead of the strike to mitigate the risk to civilians, including aerial surveillance, pre-



mise munitions and other measures.

The army's announcement came as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu prepared to depart for Washington, where he is scheduled to meet US President Donald Trump on Monday.

Media reports indicate the ceasefire will last 60 days and include the phased release of 10 living hostages and 18 bodies.

In exchange, Israel will release an unspecified number of Palestinian security prisoners. The deal includes mecha-

nisms for humanitarian aid and a gradual redeployment of Israeli forces in the Strip.

Hamas is expected to provide information on the remaining hostages, and Israel will disclose data on Palestinians detained or killed since October 7. The US, Egypt, and Qatar will act as guarantors.

Netanyahu's July 7 trip will be his third meeting with Trump since the US President returned to office in January. The Prime Minister will also meet with Vice President

JD Vance, Secretary of State and National Security Advisor Marco Rubio, Secretary of Defence Pete Hasegawa, Congressional leaders, and other senior Trump administration officials.

Trump has intensified his push for a Gaza deal. However, talks remain stalled, with Hamas demanding a permanent end to the war and Israel insisting on a temporary truce that preserves its right to resume fighting.

Netanyahu's discussions are also expected to focus on the next steps with Iran, thawing Israeli-Syrian relations, and finalising elements of a US-Israel trade agreement.

At least 1,180 people were killed, and 252 Israelis and foreigners were taken hostage in Hamas's attacks on Israeli communities near the Gaza border on October 7. Of the 50 remaining hostages, around 30 are believed to be dead.

## UN Chief Guterres reiterates call for "immediate and unconditional" ceasefire in Ukraine after Russian drone attack

AGENCIES  
NEW YORK [US], JULY 6

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Sunday condemned the latest large-scale Russian drone and missile attacks on Ukraine, reiterating his call for an "immediate and unconditional" ceasefire as a critical step towards achieving a "just, comprehensive & sustainable peace" in the region.

As per Al Jazeera, citing Ukrainian authorities, Moscow launched over 500 drones and 11 missiles at Kyiv overnight into Friday (local time), resulting in the death of one person, injuries to at least 23 others, and widespread damage to buildings across the capital.

Air raid sirens, the buzz of kamikaze drones, and loud explosions echoed through the city until sunrise.

In a post on X, the UN Chief stated that the attacks, which disrupted the power supply to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, underscored the ongoing risks



to nuclear safety, prompting the urgency of halting hostilities in line with the UN Charter, international law, and relevant UN resolutions.

"I strongly condemn the latest series of large-scale drone & missile attacks on Ukraine by Russia. The power supply to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant was disrupted - once again underlining the ongoing risks to nuclear safety. I reiterate my call for a full, immediate & unconditional ceasefire in Ukraine as a first step towards a just, comprehensive & sustainable peace, in line with the UN Charter, international law &

relevant UN resolutions," Guterres stated.

Following the attack, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described the day as a "rocky start" but noted significant defensive successes.

"It was a rocky start to the day, with more than 500 Russian attack drones and missiles. Difficult, but a significant number were shot down. Interceptor drones demonstrated important performance today, and we are scaling this up to the hilt," Zelenskyy said in a post on X.

Zelenskyy also announced a landmark development in Ukraine's

defence strategy in the same post, as Kyiv made an agreement with Denmark on weapons productions.

"Today marks an important decision in Europe -- in Denmark -- our first agreement on weapons production for Ukraine in Europe. Coproduction between Ukraine and Denmark. This is paramount both in terms of security and investment," he added.

The deal will allow Ukrainian companies to begin joint weapons production on Danish territory, as reported by New York Post.

This is the first instance of Ukraine establishing military manufacturing operations abroad, as the country seeks to counter intensifying Russian attacks during the conflict.

As per the New York Post, citing Ukraine's Strategic Industries Minister Herman Smetanin, Denmark is contributing USD 5 million to the initiative, which is designed to support Ukrainian defence startups.

## Iran's supreme leader Khamenei makes first public appearance since Israel war

AGENCIES  
TEHRAN [IRAN], JULY 6

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, made a rare public appearance after several weeks, attending a religious gathering in Tehran on Saturday, CNN reported, citing the Iranian state media outlet Press TV.

This marks his first public sighting since the country was embroiled in a 12-day conflict with Israel, which began on June 13, when Israel unilaterally bombed Iranian military and nuclear sites. The US later joined in, bombing three key Iranian nuclear sites before US President Donald Trump declared a ceasefire on June 24.

According to state media, Khamenei waved to a crowd of worshippers during a cer-



emony marking the eve of Ashura, a significant day in the Shia Muslim calendar.

Ashura commemorates the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali, the Prophet Muhammad's grandson, and is a day of mourning for Shia Muslims. The crowd greeted Khamenei with cheers and

chants.

Khamenei, the longest-ruling leader in the Middle East, reportedly spent the 12-day conflict with Israel and the US hiding in a bunker with little access to outside communications. During the conflict, both Israeli politicians and Trump openly discussed

overthrowing Khamenei's government and deposing him by force, as per CNN. After reportedly rejecting an Israeli plan to kill Khamenei, Trump stated in late June that the cleric was an "easy target." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu did not rule out targeting Khamenei either, saying that his death would "not ... escalate the conflict" but rather "end" it.

According to CNN, in a recorded statement posted from an undisclosed location days after the ceasefire began, Khamenei was defiant, declaring victory over both Israel and the US. Khamenei took time to respond directly to Trump, who had called for Iran's "unconditional surrender" shortly before ordering US airstrikes.

## Uyghurs rally at White House to commemorate Urumchi massacre anniversary, urge action against China

AGENCIES  
WASHINGTON, DC [US], JULY 6

Dozens of Uyghurs, East Turkistanis, and American allies held a demonstration outside the White House on Saturday to mark the 16th anniversary of the July 5, 2009 Urumchi Massacre, where thousands of peaceful Uyghur demonstrators were killed or disappeared by Chinese forces in Urumchi, the capital of occupied East Turkistan.

The event was organised by the East Turkistan Government in Exile, the East Turkistan National Movement, the East Turkistan Parliament in Exile, and the East Turkistan National Fund.

The rally began with the United States Nation-

al Anthem, honouring America's 249th Independence Day, followed by the East Turkistan National Anthem, symbolising the ongoing struggle for independence and freedom from Chinese occupation, as per the East Turkistan National Movement's official statement.

Salih Hudayar, ETGE Foreign and Security Minister and leader of the demonstration with a powerful statement, saying, "The Urumchi Massacre set the stage for the systemic genocide we witness today, a genocide that continues to devastate our people. Today, in 2025, the Uyghur Genocide is not a memory; it is a living nightmare that continues to claim lives,

tear families apart, and destroy an entire nation." Hudayar condemned US Ambassador to China David Perdue's meetings with Chinese officials complicit in genocide and other crimes, the statement added.

"That meeting, framed as 'law enforcement cooperation,' is not diplomacy; it is appeasement of a genocidal regime. It is a betrayal of American values and those facing genocide in the 21st century," he said.

According to East Turkistan National Movement, he warned of horrific crimes continuing under occupation and stated, "An estimated 25,000 to 50,000 Uyghurs and other Turkic youth are killed each year so their organs

can be sold to wealthy Chinese and international buyers. This is industrialised, state-run murder for profit."

He closed with a call to action, saying that "the restoration of East Turkistan's full independence is not just a moral obligation--it is the only solution to ending China's ongoing genocide. Our resistance is just. Our cause is righteous. And our goal is clear: the full restoration of East Turkistan's independence."

Major Ben Lowsen (Ret.), A US-China strategist and sinologist spoke next and affirmed that "China was always willing to kill Uyghurs by the thousands, tens of thousands. And that's unimaginable

in a free society like ours. And we can't be naive. China's threat is not only to Uyghurs and other Turkic people. China's threat is on our doorstep. It's terrorising our citizens and our residents."

He further urged the free world to prepare to fight the CCP and noted that "the free world must be ready to fight. We must fight the Chinese Communist Party and their plot. We must fight and be ready to fight the Chinese military around the world."

He ended with a direct appeal to the United States and the free world. "Learn this name--East Turkistan. Understand this truth: it is a nation, it always has been, and it will be again."

Amannisa Mukhlis, director of Family and Women's Affairs at ETNM, gave an emotional address about China's war on women and children, saying, "East Turkistani women are being raped, forcibly sterilized, made to undergo abortions, and locked up in concentration camps. These so-called 'marriages' are not unions--they are state-sponsored mass rape."

On the regime's campaign against Uyghur identity, she stated, "More than 1 million East Turkistani children have been stolen from their families and sent to Chinese boarding schools. They are forbidden from speaking their language, practising their faith, or remembering their identity."

Rescue 1122 spokesperson Hassaanul Haseeb Khan told Dawn that it would take another five to six hours to complete the operation.

AGENCIES  
KARACHI [PAKISTAN], JULY 6

The total death toll from the collapse of a five-storey building in the Lyari area of Pakistan's Karachi has climbed to 27, with rescue teams still searching for survivors under the debris, as reported by the Dawn on Sunday, citing officials.

As per the Dawn, citing South Deputy Commissioner Javed Nabi Khoso, the rescue efforts continued through Friday night at the site on Fida Husain Shaikha Road near Lea Market in Karachi and by Saturday, approximately 80 per cent of the operation had been completed.

While several people remain unaccounted for, Khan stated that they could not provide an exact number as the search continues.

As per the Edhi Rescue Service, five people, including three women, were injured and so far, 27 bodies have been recovered, including nine women, 15 men, and three children aged 13, 10, and one, Dawn reported. All victims were transported to Civil Hospital Karachi. Ten of the injured have been treated and discharged.

## Adani Enterprises announces Rs 1,000 crore NCD issue offering up to 9.30% p.a.

AGENCIES  
AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT)  
[INDIA], JULY 6

Adani Enterprises Limited, the flagship company of the Adani Group and India's largest listed business incubators in terms of market capitalization with a long track record of creating sustainable infrastructure businesses since 1993, has announced the launch of its second public issuance of secured, rated, listed redeemable, non-convertible debentures.

AEL's first NCD issuance of Rs 800 crore, launched in September last year, was fully subscribed on the first day.

"The second public issuance of NCDs by AEL, further deepens our commitment to inclusive capital markets growth and retail participation in long-term infrastructure development. This new issuance follows the strong market response to AEL's debut NCD offering, which witnessed capital appreciation for debt investors after a rating upgrade within six months, reflecting the Group's consistent delivery and financial robustness," said Jugeshinder 'Robbie' Singh, Group CFO, Adani Group.

"As the incubator of India's most critical energy



and transport utility platforms including Adani Ports & SEZ, Adani Energy Solutions, Adani Power, and Adani Green Energy, AEL is now successfully scaling the next generation of infrastructure businesses across airports, roads, data centers, and the green hydrogen ecosystem. Each of these verticals is poised to play a transformative role in India's journey toward a USD 5 trillion economy," he added.

AEL is the only corporate (outside of NBFCs) offering a listed debt product for retail investors, thereby creating a rare opportunity for individual and non-institutional investors to participate in India's infrastructure growth story. With the recent rate cuts and the beginning of a softer interest rate cycle, the AEL

NCD issue comes at an opportune time for investors seeking stable, fixed-income avenues. Offering competitive yields compared to similarly rated NCDs and fixed deposits, this public issue presents a valuable proposition for the investors.

The proposed NCDs have been rated "Care AA; Stable" and "[ICRA]AA- (Stable)". CARE Ratings first upgraded the credit rating of AEL on 19 February 2025 and reaffirmed the rating on 18 June 2025. ICRA assigned "[ICRA]AA- (Stable)" rating on 28 March 2025 and reaffirmed it on 17 June 2025.

Securities with this rating are considered to have a high degree of safety regarding timely servicing of financial obligations. Such securities carry very low credit risk.

The base size issue is Rs 500 crore, with an option to retain over-subscription up to an additional Rs 500 crore ("Green Shoe Option") aggregating up to Rs 1,000 crore ("Issue" or "Issue Size"). The Issue will open on 9 July 2025, and close on 22 July 2025, with an option of early closure or extension.

The NCDs have a face value of Rs 1000 each. Each application will be for a minimum of 10 NCDs and in multiples of 1 NCD thereafter. The minimum application size would be Rs 10,000.

At least 75 per cent of the proceeds from the issuance will be utilized towards the prepayment or repayment, in full or in part, of the existing indebtedness availed by the Company, and the balance (up to a maximum of 25 per cent) for general corporate purposes.

Nuvama Wealth Management Limited, Trust Investment Advisors Private Limited and Tipsons Consultancy Services Private Limited are the Lead Managers to the Issue.

The NCDs are available in tenors of 24 months, 36 months and 60 months with quarterly, annual and cumulative interest payment options across eight series.

## Brazil BRICS Summit: Business leaders express optimism for PM Modi's visit

AGENCIES  
RIO DE JANEIRO [BRAZIL],  
JULY 6

Anticipation is high among Indian business leaders attending the BRICS Summit in Brazil, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit is expected to further strengthen India's global trade ties, particularly with Brazil and other BRICS nations.

Shreyans Goyal, Chairman & MD of Shakti Groups, highlighted the significance of the summit in boosting bilateral trade and innovation.

"From the BRICS Summit, we expect a lot of bilateral trade and knowledge sharing between the BRICS countries... Brazil is a leading player of ethanol... In 2005, we first imported ethanol from Brazil into India, and now, today, we are standing at a point where, in the next few years, we'll be exporting ethanol from India," Goyal said.

He further emphasized



expectations around "technology transfer in the field of renewable energy, like ethanol and biodiesel and in the field of agriculture, digitalisation," adding that "India and Brazil have been the founding members, and our PM's visit will give a huge boost to India and Brazil trade."

Echoing the sentiment, Manish Kiri, Chairman of Kiri Industries, spoke of the dynamic interactions taking place among BRICS business leaders and officials. "For the last three days, we have been having huge interactions with the BRICS countries and industries, business counterparts, policymakers.

We have been receiving an upbeat response regarding India... Today, India is at its brightest spot. In the foreseeable future, India is going to be the fastest-growing economy in the world," he said.

Suresh Gondalia, Group Secretary of Kiri Industries, reinforced the importance of PM Modi's participation in the summit, stating, "It is necessary for PM Modi to remain present here for the benefit of the other member countries. India has always been committed to supporting other nations."

Natu M Patel, Managing Director of Meghmani Organics Limited and

FICCI Gujarat Vice Chairman, emphasized mutual interests in agriculture and technological exchange. "We arrived a day before yesterday for the BRICS summit... Brazil has excellent technology. India has a lot to offer Brazil in the field of agriculture... Everyone views India as a results-oriented country," Patel said.

During the 17th BRICS Leaders' Summit (July 6-7), Prime Minister Modi will exchange views on key global issues, including peace and security, strengthening multilateralism, responsible use of artificial intelligence, climate action, global health, and economic and financial matters. According to the official statement, the Prime Minister is also likely to hold several bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the Summit.

The BRICS includes 10 countries - Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russian Federation, South Africa, United Arab Emirates.

## Pharma firms likely to post 11% growth in sales, EBITDA in Q1FY26: Report

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI [INDIA], JULY 6

Pharmaceutical firms are expected to post 11 per cent year-on-year growth in both sales and EBITDA for the first quarter of Financial Year 2026 (Q1FY26), driven by sustained momentum across most markets, according to a report by Kotak Institutional Equities.

However, the report added that the muted domestic demand in April and March may slightly offset gains.

The hospitals segment is projected to see robust 17 per cent year-on-year growth in both sales and EBITDA, supported by increased footfalls, new bed additions, and a modest rise in ARPOB.

In diagnostics, volume growth, better mix, and M&A activity are expected to contribute to a 14 per cent YoY sales increase across the coverage.

"For pharma companies, we expect continued traction across most markets to drive 11%/11% yoy growth in overall sales/



EBITDA in 1QFY26," the report added.

India's pharmaceutical market for FY 2023-24 is valued at USD 50 billion with domestic consumption valued at USD 23.5 billion and export valued at USD 26.5 billion.

The domestic pharma industry is considered to be the world's third largest by volume and 14th in terms of value of production. With an extremely diversified product base covering generic drugs, bulk drugs, over-the-counter drugs, vaccines, biosimilars, and biologics, the Indian pharmaceutical industry has a strong pres-

ence at the global level.

According to National Accounts Statistics 2024, published by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, total output for industry i.e. Pharmaceuticals, medicinal and botanical products is Rs. 4,56,246 crores for FY 2022-23 at constant prices, of which value added is Rs 1,75,583 crores.

As per government data 9,25,811 number of persons are engaged in Pharmaceuticals, medicinal and botanical products industry during FY 2022-23. Research & Development (R&D) and innova-

tion in Pharma Sector is done by number of institutions and organizations under various scientific Ministries/Departments.

The Department of Pharmaceuticals has set up seven National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs) as institutes of national importance, which besides imparting postgraduate and doctorate education, conduct high end research in various pharma specializations.

Further, Department has framed a "National Policy on Research & Development and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector in India" to encourage R&D in pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

The policy also creates an ecosystem for innovation in the sector in order for India to become leader in drug discovery and innovative medical devices through incubating an entrepreneurial environment to build a robust ecosystem to ensure the holistic development of R&D and Innovation.

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI [INDIA], JULY 6

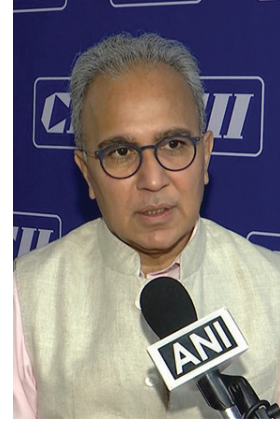
Collaboration between industry and government which proved successful in semiconductors, will be the key to addressing rare minerals dependencies according to president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) who pointed out that there is no short-term fix for the possible shortage of rare-earth minerals.

"It's a long-term solution," acknowledged the CII President Rajiv Memani emphasizing on the need for a comprehensive, product-led strategy.

"What are the minerals that are required for that? What is the technology that's required for that? What is the policy support or financial support that that industry or sector needs?" he outlined, calling for urgent action despite the long-term nature of solutions.

Rare earth elements (REEs) are crucial in modern technological products such as smartphones, electric cars, and advanced military equipment. Countries with rich REEs deposits have become pivotal players in the industry and essential elements of international supply chains.

The president of industry body specifically highlighted the automotive sector's vulnerability to rare



minerals shortages. "When I talk to automobile companies, they say this will really make a difference," he noted, emphasizing the sector's concern about supply chain disruptions.

The CII chief outlined a strategic approach for India: "India will have to identify where there are major risks in their supply chains. If it's minerals, then they need to create a minerals strategy - either how to produce them here or where to import them from, and what support the private sector needs from the government."

Memani acknowledged the complexity of establishing domestic production capabilities, citing cost disadvantages compared to established global players. "Many things are not viable in themselves because of the cost of production - many countries have built such scale that their cost of production is

quite low, and they have done such backend integration of their mineral resources that replicating it immediately is very difficult."

He emphasized that government support would be essential, whether through policy measures or other assistance to the private sector.

The CII President highlighted additional challenges posed by regulatory frameworks, particularly for radioactive minerals. "Many minerals are radioactive, and the Department of Atomic Energy is also involved. So often, after talking with them, a big urgent strategy should be made about which countries to partner with," he explained.

Drawing parallels with international experiences, Memani cited Japan's decade-long efforts in this sector. "If you look at Japan, they have been working on this for so many years. The value addition they have achieved so far is only around 40 per cent, and they have been at it for 10 years," he said, illustrating the time-intensive nature of building rare minerals capabilities.

Memani drew extensive comparisons with India's semiconductor mission, positioning it as proof of the country's capability to tackle complex techno-

logical challenges. "When the semiconductor problem came, the government worked on it. They brought out a semiconductor policy, then made some amendments, and then launched the PLI scheme with an allocation of Rs 75,000 crore for four companies," he explained, highlighting the systematic approach that delivered results.

The CII President expressed strong confidence in the semiconductor sector's trajectory: "I think that gradually, as the semiconductor industry develops in India, this entire ecosystem will develop in seven to eight years."

This success story, according to Memani, demonstrates India's proven methodology for addressing strategic vulnerabilities through comprehensive policy frameworks and substantial financial commitments.

Memani emphasized that once the ecosystem develops, it becomes a significant competitive strength for the country. "It is an evolving technology. Things keep on changing, but once the ecosystem develops, then it becomes a very strong, competitive strength that a country has when they have their own semiconductor ecosystem," he noted.

## Sitharaman holds talks with Russian, Brazilian and Chinese counterparts at BRICS meet in Rio

AGENCIES  
RIO DE JANEIRO [BRAZIL],  
JULY 6

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held separate bilateral meetings with her counterparts from Russia, Brazil and China during the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

In her meeting with Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov, Sitharaman reaffirmed the "long-standing" partnership between India and Russia.



She also thanked Russian President Vladimir Putin for his unwavering support after the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

Sitharaman said that both countries enjoy "exemplary levels of mutual trust and under-

standing," and underlined the strength of the "Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership". The two ministers discussed bilateral financial cooperation, developments at the New Development Bank (NDB), and new initiatives under

the BRICS framework.

She also congratulated Russia for successfully chairing BRICS in 2024 and said that India remains committed to boosting South-South cooperation through the platform.

"The two sides also discussed issues of bilateral cooperation, including cooperation in the financial sector, along with matters related to NDB," the Ministry of Finance said in a post on X.

Sitharaman also met Brazilian Finance Minister Fernando Haddad. During the meeting, both

sides shared views on raising the voice of the Global South, climate finance before COP30 and working together at global platforms such as the UN, G20, WTO, BRICS and IBSA.

"The two leaders discussed issues of mutual interest, including South-South cooperation, amplifying the voice of the Global South, COP30 and climate finance issues, and engagement in regional and global forums such as the United Nations, G20, BRICS, WTO and IBSA," the Finance Ministry in its post said.

## Goa's booming aviation and infra growth attracts real estate players; Sattva launches Water's Edge II

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI [INDIA], JULY 6

Rapidly growing aviation infrastructure in Goa continues to attract major real estate players, as Sattva Group has launched Water's Edge II, expanding its Goa coastal portfolio in a strategic move.

The move reinforces the tremendous residential market potential of the state, highlighting improved connectivity and infrastructure development.

The company said in

a release that the launch underscores a broader transformation in India's residential market, where enhanced connectivity and shifting lifestyle aspirations have turned coastal properties into primary residences for a diverse and affluent demographic, including Non-Resident Indians, senior professionals planning retirement, and high-net-worth individuals seeking curated lifestyle experiences.

The second phase of construction builds on the success of the initial Water's

Edge project, demonstrating Goa's expanding high-end residential landscape.

The rapid growth in Goa's aviation infrastructure, with the operational Dabolim International Airport and the new Manohar International Airport at Mopa, has significantly enhanced the region's accessibility.

The new project leverages the advantage of proximity with Dabolim at a time when remote work enables professionals to operate from any location, including coastal areas.

## Dominant Sakshi opens India's gold medal account at World Boxing Cup in Astana

AGENCIES  
ASTANA [KAZAKHSTAN], JULY 6

Two-time youth world champion Sakshi bagged India's first gold medal at the World Boxing Cup - Astana, Kazakhstan 2025 with a dominant performance in the women's 54kg final here on Sunday.

The 24-year-old was at her attacking best against USA's Yosline Perez to get a unanimous verdict from the judges, as per a press release from the Boxing Federation of India (BFI).

The Indian contingent has had a fruitful outing at the World Boxing Cup here and is assured of a total of 11 medals. India had bagged six medals in the first leg in Brazil, including a gold and a silver.

There were four Indian boxers in action in the first session on Sunday, and it was Sakshi who managed to stand atop the podium



with a stellar display that combined speed and combination punches.

Earlier, Meenakshi pushed hard for victory against local favourite Nazym Kyzaibay in the 48kg final but ended on the wrong side of a 3:2 verdict.

Jugnoo (men's 85kg) and Pooja Rani (women's 80kg) will also return home with silver medals after losing their respective finals.

Jugnoo lost 0:5 against Bekzad Nurdauletov of Kazakhstan, while Pooja went down by an identical score line against Australia's Eseta Flint.

Four more Indians will be vying for gold medals in the evening session with Brazil leg gold medalist Hitesh Gulia (men's 70kg) leading the charge along with Abhinash Jamwal (men's 65kg), Jaismine (women's 57kg) and Nupur (women's 85+ kg).

## ICC ODI Rankings: West Indies slip to 10th spot, automatic qualification for 2027 WC under risk

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI [INDIA], JULY 6

In the latest International Cricket Council (ICC) ODI Rankings, two-time champions West Indies have slipped out of the automatic qualification spots for the 2027 ICC Cricket World Cup, risking another absence from the marquee tournament.

The latest ICC rankings update came following Bangladesh's victory in the second ODI against Sri Lanka, where they managed to defend 248 runs at Colombo thanks to a brilliant five-wicket haul from Tajjul Islam, levelling the



three-match series 1-1. This win took Bangladesh a spot above to number nine in the men's ODI team rankings, as per Wisden.

However, Windies could

rise back to the required rankings before the cutoff date for World Cup qualification.

The West Indies have now dropped to 10th spot

and sit outside the automatic qualification spots for the 2027 ICC Cricket World Cup. The 2027 edition of the tournament will witness participation from 14 teams, from which South Africa and Zimbabwe will automatically qualify as hosts. While the third host, Namibia, will not get the same privilege as they are not a full-time ICC member playing Test cricket.

The top-eight teams (excluding the hosts), will qualify on basis of their ODI Rankings on March 31, 2027. The remaining four spots will be determined by a qualifier tournament consisting of 10 teams.

The Men in Maroon will be aiming to avoid playing the Qualifiers, as they did the same for the 2023 edition and missed out their first World Cup since its inception in 1975, beaten by Netherlands and Sri Lanka for those two coveted spots.

Elsewhere in the latest ICC ODI Rankings, Sri Lanka dropped to fifth spot after their loss, while Pakistan moved up to fourth. The ICC Champions Trophy holders India are at the top with 124 points. Second-placed Australia and third-placed New Zealand are both having 109 rating points.

## "Privileged to be here, witness that innings": Jonathan Trott hails Shubman Gill's historic 2nd innings century in Edgbaston test

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI [INDIA], JULY 6

Former England cricketer Jonathan Trott praised Indian test skipper Shubman Gill's historic century in the second innings of the 2nd test against England at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

At a venue where India is yet to register its maiden Test win, Gill led from the front following his memorable 269 (387) in the first innings and then topped it up with a flamboyant 161(162) in his second turn to rescript the history books on the fourth day.

Speaking on 'Match Centre Live', JioHotstar expert Jonathan Trott said, "I honestly feel privileged to be here and witness that innings. I can't recall him giving the English bowlers even a single chance. The way he shifted gears - hitting sixes at will - without slogging, just pure cricket shots, was something special. Today, he showed how complete a batter he is. It



reminded me of the previous Indian number four - almost a carbon copy of that genius. I don't think he could've dreamed of a better start to his first two Tests on this tour. Sure,

he'd have liked to win at Headingley, but now he's hopefully set up a fantastic victory here tomorrow."

With a whopping 430 runs across both innings, Gill has the second-high-

est aggregate of runs in a single Test, behind England's Graham Gooch, who had an output of 456 runs after scoring 333 and 123 against India at Lord's back in 1990.

Gill became the second batter to register 150-plus scores in both innings of a Test after Allan Border (150\* & 153) against Pakistan in Lahore in 1980. Gill's outing is also the first instance of a 250-plus and 150-plus score in a Test by a batter.

The 25-year-old is only the second Indian, after Gavaskar, to hit a double century and a century in the same Test. He has outdone ex-skipper and legendary batter Virat (243 and 50) to have the highest aggregate by an Indian captain in a Test match.

Gill is the second Asian batter with 350-plus aggregate in a Test outside the subcontinent after Pakistan's Hanif Mohammad (354: 17 and 337) at Bridgetown in 1958.

## Kidambi Srikanth semi-final loss end India's campaign at Canada Open 2025

AGENCIES  
ONTARIO [CANADA], JULY 6

India's campaign at the BWF Super 300 tournament ended as Kidambi Srikanth, the former world No. 1, lost to Kenta Nishimoto in the semi-finals of the men's singles event at the Canada Open 2025 badminton tournament in Ontario on Sunday, Olympics.com reported.

Kidambi Srikanth, 49th in the men's singles badminton rankings, won the first game but squandered the lead to lose 19-21, 21-14, 21-18 to Japan's Kenta Nishimoto, the world No. 12 and third seed, in an hour and 18 minutes, according to Olympics.com.

The Indian badminton player, who defeated Chou Tien-Chen of Chinese Taipei in the quarterfinals, also had a strong start against Kenta Nishimoto. Kidambi Srikanth overcame a trail of 18-16 to win the first match.

## Young Flintoff registers first Youth ODI century against India

AGENCIES  
WORCESTER [UK], JULY 6

Batting at No. 4 in the fourth Youth ODI against India at the County Ground in Worcester, 17-year-old Rocky Flintoff walked in during the 15th over with England at 104/2. Openers BJ Dawkins (67) and Joseph Moores (52) had given the hosts a strong start while chasing a big target of 364, as per Wisden.

Flintoff began cautiously and took his time to settle in. His first boundary came only on his 20th ball, a straight six off spinner Naman Pushpak. The momentum picked up in the 25th over when he smashed three consecutive fours off Deepesh Devedran. From 13 off 20 balls, he accelerated smartly and reached his fifty in 41 deliveries.

He was particularly dominant against Pushpak,



scoring 36 runs off him, including two sixes and two fours. Flintoff brought up his maiden Youth ODI hundred in the 43rd over, reaching the milestone in 88 balls with a two through the off side. He was eventually dismissed for 107 as the ninth wicket.

This was Flintoff's second century for England U19, his first came in a Youth Test against Sri Lanka last July, where he scored 106. Earlier this year, at just 16, he became

the youngest player to score a hundred for England A or Lions, with a remarkable century from No. 9 against Australia A. He also became Lancashire's youngest debutant in the County Championship last August.

Despite Flintoff's heroics, England fell short. Earlier in the day, 14-year-old IPL sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi smashed the fastest century in Youth ODI history, and Vihaan Malhotra added 129 at over a run-a-ball to power India to 363/9.

Apart from Flintoff and the two openers, no other England batter made more than 20. When Flintoff was dismissed, England still needed 80 from 40 balls with just one wicket left. They were eventually bowled out for 308, giving India a 55-run win and a 3-1 lead in the five-match series.

## Paris Saint-Germain, Real Madrid march into semi-finals of FIFA Club World Cup 2025

AGENCIES  
NEW JERSEY [US], JULY 6

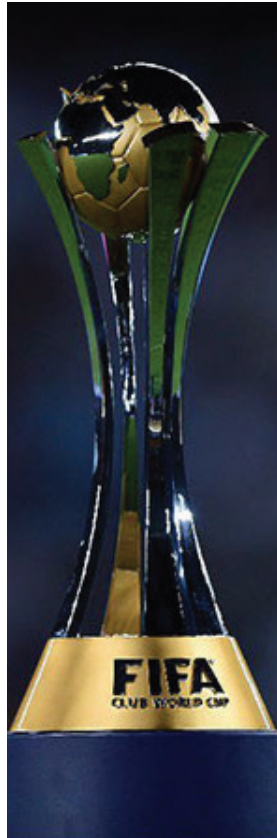
Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Real Madrid won their respective games in the quarterfinals of the ongoing FIFA Club World Cup and cruised to the semi-finals of the competition.

PSG outclassed the German champions Bayern Munich 2-0, whereas Real Madrid edged past Borussia Dortmund 3-2 in the game on Saturday.

For Paris Saint-Germain, Desire Doue and Ousmane Dembele scored the goals for their side in the 78th and in the stoppage time (90+6) minutes, respectively.

During this game, two PSG players got a red card. In the 82nd minute, Wilian Pacho was shown the red card and the other one was given to Lucas Hernandez during the stoppage time (90+2).

In the other quarterfinal clash between Real Madrid and Borussia Dortmund,



a total of five goals were scored, three by Madrid and two by Dortmund.

The three goal scorers for Los Blancos were Gonzalo Garcia /who scored goals in the 10th & 20th minute of the game. The third goal for the Whites was scored by Kylian Mbappe in the stoppage time (90+4).

For Dortmund, both goals were scored in the stoppage time. Maximilian Beier scored the goal in 90+2 minutes, and striker Serhou scored the goal in the 90+8 minutes through a penalty.

Madrid received one red card in this game, which came during the stoppage time (90+6). The player who got the red card was Dean Huijsen.

The first semifinal of the FIFA Club World Cup will be played between Fluminense and Chelsea on July 9, and the other semi-final of the tournament will be played between Paris Saint-Germain and Real Madrid on July 10. Both games will be played at 12:30 am IST.

## "He's one of the best batters in the world": Justin Greaves hails Steve Smith for his fifty in Grenada test

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI [INDIA], JULY 6

Already 1-0 ahead in the series, Australia's advantage in the West Indies Test series was furthered when they extended their lead to 254 runs on Day Three of the St George's Test.

On a surface of variable bounce, Steve Smith stood class apart, hitting an excellent 71 off 119 balls.

"He's one of the best batters in the world for a reason, but we always knew that he was going to come, and he was always going to be positive," West Indies all-rounder Justin Greaves said, as quoted from ICC.

"We didn't start our best at him, but Steve is Steve, he just at a really good innings."

Giving good support to Smith was Australia's number three, Cameron Green, who overcame indifferent recent form (48 runs from five innings) to score a fighting 52.

"I don't think I ever felt comfortable out there. I think last night was tricky with the new ball, and had to start all over again, and then there were a few ball changes. I never really felt at any point that it



was that good," Cameron Green said.

Green, however, lauded Smith, with whom he shared a 93-run partnership.

"You'd probably ask a different question to Steve, he was batting on a different wicket," he added.

When questioned about how West Indies would approach the Test, Justin Greaves stated that despite the Green-Smith vigil, the hosts remained positive.

"For us try and keep Australia under 300 (on Day 4), that is one of our main goals," Justin Greaves said.

On their batting approach for the chase, Greaves hoped that the West Indies batters could follow a methodology sim-

ilar to Australia's middle-order batters.

"As a batting group we need to be positive when we go out to bat. Probably take some notes from Travis Head, Beau Webster or Alex Carey on just having that positive mindset," he added.

Half-centuries from Alex Carey and Beau Webster helped Australia reach 286 in their first innings. Jayden Seales, Shamar Joseph and Justin Greaves took two wickets apiece.

West Indies was bowled out for 253 and conceded a lead of 33 runs. Brendon King scored 75 runs.

For Australia, Nathan Lyon was the pick of the bowlers and took three wickets. Captain Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood took two wickets each.

## Animesh Kujur registers national record during Dromia International Sprint and Relays Meeting

AGENCIES  
VARI [GREECE], JULY 6

India's Animesh Kujur registered a national record to his name in the men's 100m as he clocked 10.18 seconds to win Final B at the Dromia International Sprint and Relays Meeting 2025 athletics here on Saturday.

Competing at the Municipal Stadium of Vari K Baglatzis on Saturday, Animesh Kujur finished ahead of Greek runner Sotirios Garagannis (10.23) and Finland's Samuli Samuelsson (10.28) in Final B.

Overall, Animesh Kujur finished third behind South Africa's Benjamin Richardson (10.01) and Oman's Ali Anwar Al-Balushi (10.12), as per Olympics.com.

The 22-year-old Animesh Kujur's timing in Vari shaved 0.02 seconds off the previous national record - Gurindervir Singh's 10.20 from the Indian Grand Prix 1 in Bengaluru logged back in March. It was also 0.9 seconds better than his previous personal best in the 100m - 10.27s.

Animesh Kujur already holds the men's 200m Indian national record

of 20.32 seconds, which earned him a bronze medal at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025 in Gumi, the Republic of Korea, earlier this year.

The Odisha-born runner was also a part of the national record-setting Indian men's 4x100m quartet, alongside Gurindervir, Manikanta Hoblidhar and Amlan Borgohain, at the National Relay Carnival 2025. They clocked 38.69 in Chandigarh.

In the 100m men's Final A, Indian athlete Lalu Bhoi finished fourth with a wind-assisted 10.42, followed by Mrutyam Jayaram Dondapati with 10.47.

Animesh Kujur also ran in the men's 200m race in Greece and logged a modest 20.73 to finish seventh. Manikanta Hoblidhar crossed the finish line in 21.28 to finish in 11th position.

Animesh Kujur, Lalu Bhoi, Jayaram Dondapati and Gurindervir Singh also teamed up for the men's 4x100m relay event in Greece and clocked 39.99 seconds to finish behind Turkiye, according to Olympics.com.

## Satish Sharma advocates digital empowerment, youth led entrepreneurship at FTII Traders Conclave 2025

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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Youth Services and Sports, and Information Technology, Satish Sharma, today underlined the importance of digitally empowering the local traders and integrating youth into entrepreneurial initiatives.

He was speaking at the FTII Traders Conclave 2025. The conclave organized by the Federation of Trade and Industry of India (FTII) at the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) in Srinagar, was held under the banner of "Vocal for Local", to promote indigenous trade and entrepreneurship.

The conclave was also attended by Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Poyush Goyal; Chairman National Traders Welfare Board, Sunil Singh; Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Ghulam Ali Khatana; Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce, Vikramjit Singh and other senior officers.

"The convergence of trade, digital technol-



ogy and youth innovation holds the key towards building a self-reliant and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir. Through our IT initiatives, we aim to simplify trade processes and ensure transparency in consumer services. At the same time, we are working to encourage our youth to become job creators instead of job seekers," Satish Sharma maintained.

He highlighted that the Department of FCS&CA is actively modernizing the public distribution and consumer grievance redressal mechanisms using IT tools. He added that improved digital infrastructure is also enabling the department to empower both consumers and traders alike.

Satish Sharma emphasized the critical need to create a youth-driven economic culture through

entrepreneurship cells, skill training under sports and youth welfare programs and digital skilling platforms. "We must tap into the potential of our youth to transform the border districts and trade hubs into innovation centres," the Minister added.

The Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment towards safeguarding the consumer interests, streamlining digital services and expanding platforms for youth engagement in business and sports sectors. He also lauded FTII for hosting the conclave in Kashmir and fostering a platform for local voices to be heard nationally.

The program featured interactive sessions with policymakers, business leaders and youth entrepreneurs followed by networking and business linkage facilitation.

## 10th Muharram Processions held with profound religious significance in Budgam

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The 10th Muharram (Ashoora) procession was today held in Budgam with deep religious reverence and solemnity.

The main Zuljana Sharief procession began from Bab-ul-Ilem Imambara in Mirgund early in the morning and culminated late in the evening at Daar-ul-Mustafa, Budgam.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, along with SSP Budgam, Nikhil Borkar, actively participated in the procession from Mirgund. They were also accompanied by Director Health Services Kashmir, ADC Budgam, CPO Budgam, CMO Budgam, and other concerned district officers.

As a mark of respect and solidarity, DC and SSP Budgam also carried the Alam and walked alongside the Taziyah procession. They personally



participated in serving water and refreshments to the mourners at various points, including the district administration's refreshment stall set up outside Behishte Zehra Park Budgam.

District administration had made elaborate arrangements for smooth observance of Ashoora processions across the district. Medical camps, water distribution stalls, sanitation services, and police deployments were ensured at all major locations.

DC, who was continuously monitoring and reviewing the arrangements on the ground, reiterated the importance of the day and said, "Remember the significance of 10th Muharram and the message it gives us - of sacrifice, patience and standing for truth."

He expressed gratitude to all departments, volunteers, and the local community for their coordination and support in maintaining the sanctity and smooth conduct of Ashoora across Budgam.

## DC Kulgam visits Shahoo Sachan, oversees arrangements



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KULGAM, JULY 6

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Athar Aamir Khan today visited Shahoo Sachan to oversee the arrangements for the 10th

Muharram, today. During the visit, DC served water and refreshments to the mourners at various points. Among others, DC was accompanied by ACR, Tehsildar, besides other officers.

## Satish Sharma attends Ashoora procession at Alamgari Bazar



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Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Information Technology, Transport, Youth Services and Sports, Satish Sharma, today attended the Ashoora procession at Alamgari Bazar, Srinagar, to pay homage to the martyrs of Karbala. He expressed solidarity with the Shia Muslim community on the solemn occasion of 10th Muharram.

Former Chief Minister Dr Farooq Abdullah, Legislators Tanvir Sadiq, Mushtaq Guru and other prominent representatives of various religious organizations and community elders were also present.

The Minister joined thousands of mourners as they paid tribute to the supreme sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions, highlighting the universal message of justice, sacrifice and truth. He termed the day as a powerful reminder of standing firm against tyranny and upholding the values of righteousness.

Speaking on the occasion, Satish Sharma said,

"Ashoora is not only a day of mourning but also of reflection, reminding us of the eternal message of Imam Hussain (AS) who stood against injustice and oppression. His legacy continues to inspire the generations across the world, cutting across religions and regions."

The Minister appreciated the coordination between the administration, local volunteers and religious leaders in ensuring smooth conduct of the event.

He further directed the officials of the concerned departments, including FCS&CA, Transport and Health, to ensure all necessary arrangements of essential supplies, mobility and emergency medical support throughout the Muharram period.

The Minister also emphasized the need for communal harmony and respect for all faiths, stating that unity in diversity remains the cornerstone of Jammu and Kashmir's pluralistic ethos.

Senior officers of the district administration were also present on the occasion.

## Treasury office Bandipora organizes orientation programme on SNA-SPARSH

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BANDIPORA, JULY 6

District Treasury Office Bandipora under the directions of Finance department conducted an orientation programme on the Single Nodal Account Samyochit Pronali Aakrit Shigr Hastantaran (SNA-SPARSH), model for efficient management of funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

The programme was attended by Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) associated with the District Treasury Bandipora and its subordinate Treasuries, aimed at familiarizing them with the SNA-SPARSH system for seamless financial operations.

The session began with a comprehensive introduction to the model by the District Treasury Offi-



cer Bandipora, who highlighted the role of SNA-SPARSH in strengthening the financial governance at the grassroots level. A Power Point Presentation on SNA-SPARSH and a demo on bill generation on JKPaySys from DDO maker to checker login were presented by the experts of NIC Bandipora.

The SNA-SPARSH model integrates critical financial platforms, including JKBEAMS, PFMS and eKuber of RBI, facilitating

real-time fund transfers directly from the central and state consolidated funds to the implementing agencies.

On the occasion, DTO Bandipora said that this reform is part of a broader financial transformation under the Finance department, complementing the systems like BEAMS, JKPaySys, Treasury Net and e-Kuber, aimed at ensuring timely, transparent and efficient release of funds to the beneficiaries.

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Chairperson, District Development Council (DDC) Kulgam, M Afzal Parrey visited Shahoo Sachan Kulgam today and participated in the solemn procession marking the 10th Muharram, a significant day of remembrance for the Muslim community.

His presence highlighted the administration's dedication to fostering unity and supporting the community during this sacred occasion.

During the visit, DDC Chairperson interacted with local residents, religious leaders and participants of the Muharram procession, ensuring that all necessary arrangements were in place for a peaceful and dignified observance.

He directed the concerned departments to provide essential services,



including security, health-care and sanitation along the procession routes to facilitate mourners.

On the occasion, DDC Chairperson also visited blood donation camp organised in collaboration with local health authorities and voluntary organizations. The camp, reflecting the spirit of sacrifice and compassion central to Muharram, witnessed active participation from the community. Chairper-

son praised the donors for their humanitarian gesture, emphasizing that such efforts embody the essence of Muharram and strengthen communal harmony. He reiterated the importance of maintaining peace and mutual respect during the observance, and assured continued administrative support to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants in the Muharram processions across Kulgam district.

## Islamia College Organises Sabeel at Alamgari Bazar on Ashura

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In a heartfelt gesture of community service and interfaith harmony, the NSS Unit I of Islamia College of Science and Commerce, Srinagar, set up a Sabeel (facilitation camp) at Alamgari Bazar Chowk on the eve of Youm-e-Ashura.

As part of its regular outreach initiatives, the camp served refreshments including fruit juices, water, lassi, tea, and coffee to the mourners participating in the Ashura procession. Additionally, a mobile charging station was established at the site to assist attendees during the religious gathering.

The initiative was conducted under the super-



vision of NSS Programme Officer and saw enthusiastic involvement from NSS volunteers along with the college's supporting staff.

Commending the initiative, Prof. (Dr.) Tehmina Yousuf, Principal of Islamia College, lauded the team for their thoughtful planning and dedicated service to the community. She appreciated the NSS Unit's role in fostering a spirit of unity, empathy, and volunteerism among students.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, NSS Programme Officer underscored the importance of such facilitation camps, describing them as integral to the institution's sustained commitment to social welfare. He noted that Islamia College has consistently led by example through similar community outreach drives.

As a follow-up, the NSS Unit also plans to undertake a cleanliness campaign in the area immediately after the culmination of the Ashura procession.

## Muharram 2025: DC Bandipora participates in Mourning Procession at Sumbal

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Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Manzoor Ahmad Qadri on Sunday participated in the Muharram procession taken out by mourners from various villages at Sumbal sub-division of the district.

The procession was taken out to commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (R.A). On the occasion, DC distributed refreshments and drinking water among mourners. People from all



schools of thought joined the processions, offering refreshments and water to the mourners, highlighting communal and sectarian harmony and brotherhood.

Pertinent to mention that the district administration ensured all necessary arrangements, enhancing the spirit of

unity and peace, and ensuring the smooth conduct of the processions.

DC said that the district administration is working closely with local communities to maintain peace and order and to ensure all the necessary arrangements for the smooth conduct of the Muharram observance.

Among others, DC was accompanied by SDM Sumbal, ASP Bandipora, Tehsildar Sumbal, and other officers from the district and sub-divisional administration.