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End of ordeal: All 41 workers rescued from collapsed Silkyara tunnel in Uttarakhand

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UTTARKASHI: Rescue workers pulled out all 41 workers trapped in Uttarakhand's Silkyara tunnel in a multi-agency rescue operation that hovered between hope and despair for almost 17 days.

Union minister V K Singh and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami welcomed the workers as National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) men brought them out through a steel chute that lined a 60-metre passage.

An ambulance with the first of the 41 workers left the mouth of the tunnel around 8 pm, about an hour after a group of rat-hole mining experts dug through the last stretch of rubble.

There was hugging and cheers as the ordeal ended. Outside the tunnel some people chanted "Har Har Mahadev" and "Bharat Mata ki Jai".

Ambulances which had



Celebrations & tears of joy fill the air as 41 workers rescued from the Silkyara tunnel on Tuesday.

Prez, PM, political leaders hail rescue ops

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday night led the country in hailing the successful operation to rescue 41 workers trapped in Uttarakhand's Silkyara tunnel for almost 17 days, saying it is an emotional moment for everyone.

Murmu said the nation salutes the resilience of the workers and remains grateful to them for building critical infrastructure, even at great personal risk.

"I congratulate the teams and all experts who have acted with incredible grit and determination to perform one of the most difficult rescue missions in history," she said in a post on X. Soon after the workers were

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Sinha hosts High Tea for renowned international cricketers Power of sports to bring peace, unity is extraordinary: LG

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JAMMU: Observing that power of sports to bring peace and unity is extraordinary, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday exuded confidence that presence of cricket legends will influence and inspire the young generation to discover their true calling to shape a new future.

"Over the next three days, Jammu and Kashmir will celebrate and honour sporting excellence, dedication and commitment of the cricketers in the playing field and players will get an opportunity to



LG Manoj Sinha along with Legend League players at Raj Bhawan Jammu on Tuesday.

enjoy UT's hospitality, and incredible culture of J&K during their stay", the Lieutenant Governor said while interacting with the

cricketers at a 'High Tea' hosted for the renowned International players participating in Legends League Cricket matches, at the Raj

Bhawan. He said: "This is the first major international Cricket event for the UT after

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Top judges across nations agree 'right to legal aid' must begin at earliest: CJ

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NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud Tuesday said top judges of several countries agree that the right to legal aid has to begin "at the earliest," even before arrest of an accused.

He said judges need to educate not just students but the masses also about it.

The CJ was speaking at the valedictory session of the two-day 'Regional Conference on Access to



Legal Aid: Strengthening Access to Justice in the Global South' organised by the National Legal Services

Authority (NALSA) here.

The conference was attended by President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, and Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal.

Besides them, more than 200 delegates including Chief Justices of Bangladesh, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, the Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia,

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J&K Govt sacks Sr Prosecuting Officer after bribe charge

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday sacked a senior prosecuting officer for allegedly taking Rs 2 lakh in bribe to help a person not get arrayed as an accused in a murder case in Rajouri district.

Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Raj Kumar Goyal issued an order for the dismissal of Senior Prosecuting Officer Aijaz-ul-Hassan.

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Anti-nationals must be brought to book: Chugh

Justifies registration of FIR against those who raised pro-Pakistan slogans

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JAMMU: BJP National General Secretary Tarun Chugh on Tuesday strongly condemned the elements, who tried to invoke anti-national sentiments in the wake of the Cricket World Cup, saying due action must be taken against those trying to incite pro-Pakistan sentiments and cause a divide in the society.

At a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been undertaking numerous development and progressive steps for the prosperity of



J&K, such nefarious elements, who play disruptive role, must be checked, he said.

Condemning the stance of

former chief minister Mehbooba Mufti on the matter, Chugh justified the registration of the FIR against such elements, who not only tried to intimidate the locals but also tried to glorify Pakistan, Chugh said that exemplary punishment must be meted out to such forces so that the development of J&K continues for the welfare of the poor and deprived.

He said booking anti-national elements at SKUAST Ganderbal was a welcome step, adding

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JKAS officer suspended for violation of rules in connection with transfers

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JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has suspended a land department official for violation of rules in connection with transfer of officials in the Union Territory.

"Pending enquiry into his conduct, Abdul Hafiz Shah, Regional Director, Survey and Land Records, Anantnag, is hereby placed under suspension, with immediate effect in terms of Rule 31 of Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956." Commissioner-Secretary,

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ED attaches RB Trust's immovable properties worth Crores

167 kanal and 15 marla land valued at Rs. 1,21,80,500 as per circle rate in 2011, was forcibly transferred

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JAMMU: In a major development, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Tuesday attached immovable assets on land valued at Rs 1.21 Crore as per circle rate in 2011, in connection with a money laundering case against RB Educational Trust.

The attachment, carried out under the orders of Deputy Director ED Jammu under PAO (03/2023) dated November 28, 2023, pertaining to land acquired by R B

Educational Trust (RBET), an institution headed by Kanta Andotra, the wife of Choudhary Lal Singh and Chairperson of RBET.

This land pertained to part of DPS School Kathua, B.Ed College and Nursing College.

84 kanal and 9 marla land situated at village Karandi was acquired by R B Trust vide gift deed dated January 5, 2011; 48 kanal and 6 marla land situated at village Karandi was acquired by R B Trust vide gift deed dated

January 7, 2011 while 35 kanal land was also acquired vide a separate gift deed dated January 7, 2011.

The ED's investigation was initiated based on the FIR and chargesheet filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), CBI Jammu, against Kanta Andotra and Ravinder Singh, the then Patwari.

The probe uncovered that Choudhary Lal Singh, an ex-Minister and two-time ex-IMP, along with his wife in collusion with revenue

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Jammu lovely place, IPL matches possibility: Former NZ cricket captain Ross Taylor

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JAMMU: Praising Jammu as a "lovely place," former New Zealand cricket captain Ross Taylor said he believes that the refurbished Maulana Azad Stadium in the heart of the city could be a venue for the Indian Premier League.

The cricketer is here along with over 100 former greats of the game for the season 2 of the Legends League T20 cricket, which brought the competitive cricket to the winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir after a gap of more than three decades.

The first of the four matches was played at the 20,000 capacity stadium under floodlights Monday evening and attracted an enthusiastic turnout of fans from all parts

of the region, including the Kashmir valley.

"I think you have to leave a little bit more grass on it...different parts of India play differently and this is the beauty of the game of cricket. You don't want similar wickets everywhere and the black soil here was a bit low and slow.

"Obviously, it (the match) came down to the last over and that is what you want in T20 cricket," Taylor said.

The batter made the remarks to reporters in a post-match interaction after his team, Southern SuperStars, registered a thrilling five-wicket win over Manipal Tigers.

While chasing a modest total of 124 runs set by Manipal Tigers, the

Southern SuperStars needed 28 runs in the last two overs and rode on Pawan Negi's heroic turn to finish the game in 19.4 overs.

Cricket lovers who turned up to witness the match were seen cheering every hit to the fence but Manipal Tigers captain Harbhajan Singh, though a bowler, was definitely the favourite.

Singh, who gave away just 10 runs in his four overs, was the most economical bowler and took an important wicket of explosive opener Jesse Ryder.

Lauding the organisers of the Legends league, Taylor said it is good for a player to be still involved in the game of cricket after retirement.

"It is good to

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