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uniformly as he talked about flaws in the existing world order. The external affairs minister made the remarks at the session with the theme of 'Thrones and Thorns: Defending the Integrity of Nations' that focused on the working of the UN.

Arguing that there have been instances of unequal application of global rules since the end of World War II, Jaishankar cited Pakistan's illegal occupation of a part of Jammu and Kashmir and said the "attacker and the victim were put on par".

"After the second World War, the longest standing illegal...presence, occupation of a territory by another country pertains to India. What we saw in Kashmir," he said.

"We went to the UN. What was an invasion was made into a dispute. So the attacker and the victim were put on par. Who were the culpable parties? The UK, Canada, Belgium, Australia, the US. So, pardon me, I have some question marks on that old order," Jaishankar said.

In his comments, Jaishankar battled for establishing a "strong and fair" United Nations and said global norms and rules must be applied uniformly.

"We need a strong UN but a strong UN requires a fair UN," he said.

"A strong global order must have some basic consistency of standards," he added.

The external affairs minister also called for the review of the existing world order.

"I think it's important to audit the working of the world for the last eight decades and be honest about it and to understand today that the balances, the share holdings in the world have changed," he said.

"We need a different conversation. We frankly need a different order," he added.

Jaishankar suggested that the absence of a world order wouldn't benefit only big countries.

"I would argue that any country which will take risks, which will have extreme positions, which would test the system will actually use disorder to its advantage," he said.

The external affairs minister again cited Pakistan. "We have seen in our own neighbourhood, you don't have to be a big country to be a risky country. I have some smaller neighbours who have done a pretty good job of that."

He also talked about different standards adopted by Western countries in their negotiations with the Taliban in different periods.

Jaishankar said any new global order must be based on the understanding that balances and shareholdings in the world have changed.

When the West goes out into other countries, it's apparently in perseverance of democratic freedoms. When other countries come into the West, it seems to have a very malign intention, he said.

Jaishankar said India's stand on the world order is shaped by its role in the Global South, its democratic polity, market economy and respect for faiths, and its past record in navigating and adapting to a world which has not always been "kind to us", he said.

Speaking at the session, Sweden's former prime minister Carl Bildt said Russia's attack on Ukraine has raised the fundamentals of international law since sovereignty and territorial integrity of states is the "absolute foundation stone of international security".

## High-security alert...

the killing of top LeT commander Zia-ur-Rehman alias Nadeem alias Abu Qatal alias Qatal Sindhi have prompted the security alert, the officials said.

Rehman, who was wanted by the Indian security agencies for several deadly terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, including the killings of seven civilians in Rajouri in January 2023 and nine pilgrims in Reasi in June 2024, was gunned down along with his bodyguard in an attack by gunmen in the Jhelum area of Punjab province in Pakistan on Saturday evening.

Considered the most trusted handler of LeT founder and 26/11 Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed, Rehman infiltrated into the Jammu region in early 2000 and exfiltrated in 2005. He had a wide network of overground workers (OWGs) in Poonch and Rajouri through his old contacts, the officials said.

Quoting intelligence inputs, the officials pointed at the possibility of a 'lone wolf attack' or a targeted attack on any protected person by terrorists to avenge the killing of their commander and the anniversary of 'Jang-e-Badr', a pivotal military victory led by Prophet Muhammad in 624 CE (17th Ramadan, 2 AH) near the town of Badr, Saudi Arabia.

The officials said an advisory was issued to all the protected persons who have been asked to give their tour programmes in advance to the security control room or district senior superintendents of police for tying up arrangements with the concerned agencies.

They have also been asked to avoid last minute additions to their tour programmes and move in the terrorism-infested areas only on the days when the road opening parties are deployed, the officials said, adding that they were advised against visiting any area after sunset or changing the already prescribed routes.

The protected persons have been asked to keep their programmes secret, and move around with their personal security officers who should be permitted to leave only after getting a substitute, the officials said.

They said the advisory also requested the protectees to avoid participation in public meetings at crowded or vulnerable places for the time being, and not move out of their vehicles unnecessarily unless proper security cover is present.

The protectees have also been asked not to come out to receive guests without knowing their identity, the officials said, adding that they were asked to inform the security personnel immediately on noticing anything suspicious.

The officials said security around the vital institutions have also been enhanced as a precautionary measure.

## Fire breaks out...

controlled within one hour without reports of any casualty, assistant director of Fire and Emergency Services, Himanshu Gupta, said.

The patients and their attendants were taken out of the hospital building as smoke filled the wards, he said.

Three fire tenders were pressed into service to put off the blaze, the official said, adding that a probe is on to ascertain the exact cause of the fire.

Deputy commissioner of Rajouri, Abhishek Sharma, visited the hospital along with his team to assess the situation.

"Our priority is to restore normal operations, including OPD services, at the hospital," Sharma said.

On the alleged failure of the hospital's internal fire safety mechanism, the deputy commissioner said the matter will be inquired.

The hospital staff and several volunteers acted swiftly and tried to douse the flames before the firemen took over and restricted the fire to the basement area, officials said.

## Sanjeev, Saleem Dar...

As per another GAD order, Mohammad Shahid Saleem Dar, JKAS, Vice-Chairman, Lakes Conservation and Management Authority, J&K, shall hold the charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Wular Conservation and Management Authority (WUCMA), in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

## New buildings, accommodation...

post-2019, the Chief Minister stated that the apportionment of assets between J&K and Ladakh was carried out based on the recommendations of an Advisory Committee constituted under Section 85 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019, as well as a committee formed under Government Order No. 1011-GAD of 2019 dated 12.09.2019.

CM said that the asset allocation between J&K and Ladakh was done by the apportionment of assets & liabilities committee constituted by the Central Government.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister mentioned that the government is exploring possibilities of creating additional accommodation at 5 Prithviraj Road to further address accommodation needs. He also informed the House about the successful retrieval of government property at Kashmir House, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi, which had been under unauthorized occupation.

The property, measuring one kanal and 11.2 marlas, was occupied by individuals who were not duly authorized by the Estates Office, Resident Commission, New Delhi.

"Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5(1) of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971, the unauthorized occupants have been evicted, and the property is now in the possession of the Resident Commission, J&K," he stated.

## BJP MLA stages...

was listed in the day's business during the Question Hour.

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather, however, did not allow him to raise his question,

stating that he had called Pathania's name earlier, but he was absent from the House.

The MLA explained that he was late due to a traffic jam, citing poor traffic management as the reason.

He alleged bias on the part of the Speaker and the Assembly Secretariat for denying him the opportunity to speak and failing to include his questions in the House proceedings.

Angered by the Speaker's decision, he staged a walkout from the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

"As per the business of the House, every MLA is allowed to raise 10 questions each in both starred and unstarred formats. Out of these, only one of my questions was included in the House proceedings. 19 questions remain pending and only seven days are left before the session ends," Pathania told reporters outside the Assembly.

He said that he protested against what he called the biased approach of the Speaker and the Assembly Secretariat.

## LG interacts with...

perspectives, promoting cultural understanding and national unity among them and enabling the youth to gain valuable insights and inspiration for their future academic and career endeavours.

## J&K Govt to...

the family in Kulgam on Tuesday to express their sympathies.

Choudhary said they were sent by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who was busy with assembly proceedings in Jammu.

"Two lives have been lost, and another person is missing. The CM sent me, Minister Sakina Itoo, and his advisor Nasir Aslam Wani to visit the family and share their grief. He could not come as he was busy with assembly proceedings. He told us to visit the family and ask them what they want," Choudhary told reporters in Kulgam.

He announced that the government would hold a judicial inquiry into the killings.

"We cannot bring back those who have left, but we have told them (the family), the Deputy Commissioner (Kulgam), and the Deputy Inspector General of Police (South Kashmir Range), who were also here, that we will hold a judicial inquiry into it," the Deputy CM said.

He added that the government had provided some ex-gratia relief to the family. "(Minister) Itoo has announced that three women (wives) would be engaged as helpers. The government will help them in every possible way," he said.

Choudhary emphasised that the visit was purely to express sympathies with the family, and no politics was involved.

"We haven't come here for politics. Abdullah sent us to express sympathies. We have come to share their grief and express our condolences," he said.

Earlier, the Deputy CM said J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha should intervene and see why the deaths were taking place, as "the police are under him."

## Srinagar man arrested...

"inciting" anti-national sentiments with the intention of disturbing peace.

He was caught after the special monitoring units of social media companies flagged his content.

"Upon receiving input about the online activity, a swift investigation was launched, and the social media handle was resolved, leading to the identification of the suspect," he said.

Efforts to track Dar were initially hindered due to his constant movement and change of location, the official added.

A preliminary inspection of the digital devices gave access to his Facebook account and some incriminating materials, including a video of slain terrorist commander Zakir Musa and other extremist propaganda, the spokesperson said.

Musa was killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama in May 2019.

Dar has a history of radical activities.

"He was previously arrested in 2019 for being involved in stone-pelting incidents. In 2022, he was detained by the cyber police station in Srinagar for engaging in the online dissemination of radical content," he added.

Mentioning the role of online content monitoring units, the CIK said that at the request of intelligence agencies in J&K, all the social media platforms have established special teams to monitor the radical propaganda, especially in the state.

The moment any such radical activity is witnessed by their monitoring unit, it is reported to the security agencies immediately, the CIK said.

Such joint actions by security and intelligence agencies and social media companies have been responsible for busting many radical modules and identifying potential terrorists, the spokesperson said.

Dar's role and other associates are under probe, and further legal action will follow accordingly, he added.

## Maha Kumbh strengthened...

Kumbh. A section of the opposition also sought to know under what rule the prime minister was allowed to speak.

Speaker Om Birla cited Rule 372 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business that allows the prime minister and ministers to make a statement in the House but no questions are permitted after the statement.

Prime Minister Modi said the grand Maha Kumbh witnessed the awakening of national consciousness on a magnificent scale.

"The power of our unity is so great that it can shatter any attempt to divide us. This unwavering spirit of oneness is a blessing for every Indian," he said.

Throughout history, there have been defining moments that become examples for generations to come, he added.

"Our nation, too, has witnessed such moments that have given it a new direction and awakened its people ... Similarly, our freedom struggle was marked by several such turning points -- the revolt of 1857, the martyrdom of Veer Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's clarion call of 'Delhi Chalo', and Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March," Modi said.

"These events inspired the nation and paved the way for independence. I see the Prayagraj Maha Kumbh as another such defining moment, where we can see the reflection of an awakened nation," he added.

Recalling his recent visit to Mauritius, the prime minister said the atmosphere of devotion, faith and celebration was truly remarkable the moment holy water from the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj was offered at the Ganga Talab.

"This moment reaffirmed how our traditions, culture and values are being embraced and celebrated with great intensity," Modi said.

The prime minister said India's cultural values were seamlessly being passed down from generation to generation.

"Look at our modern youth today -- how deeply they connect with the Maha Kumbh and other traditional festivals. The young generation of India is proudly embracing its heritage, faith, and traditions with immense pride and devotion," Modi said.

## CM moves 13...

the aggregate amount mentioned in Demand Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 19, 20, 24, 31 and 33 be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 2026 in respect of Heads indicated in the List of Business against each demand," the Chief Minister said.

These Demands for Grants pertain to General Administration Department, Finance, Housing, Power Development, Tourism, Revenue, Law, Disaster Management, Hospitality & Protocol, Civil Aviation, Culture, Estates Information and Planning departments and the charge of these departments is held by the Chief Minister.

He added: "I also move that a sum not exceeding the aggregate amount mentioned in Supplementary Demand Nos. 1, 8, 10, 12, 18, 19, 24, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 36 be granted to Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 2025 in respect of Heads indicated in the List of Business against each demand."

## SMVDPMSS delegation, BJP leaders call on LG

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JAMMU: A delegation of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Shrines Sanstha (SMVDPMSS), led by its President Harbans Lal called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, on Tuesday.

The members of the organization presented 'Mata ki Churni' to Lieutenant Governor and extended invitation for Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji Pracheen Marg Chhari Yatra to be organized on March 31, 2025 from Kol Kandoli Nagrota to Oli Temple Bamyal.

They also sought the intervention of Lieutenant Governor for the redevelopment of the Pracheen Marg to Shri Mata Vaishno Devi shrine.

A delegation of BJP leaders and Social Activists headed by Surinder Bhagat, National Executive Member, SC Morecha BJP on Tuesday called on Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and put forth various welfare issues of Scheduled Castes community of Jammu Kashmir. A public delegation led by Dev Raj Sharma, BJP District President, Rajouri also called on the Lieutenant Governor.

## Govt. deliberately ignored demand of daily wagers in budget session: PHE Employees

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UDHAMPUR: Jal Shakti (PHE) Employees & Workers Association District Udhampur hold a massive protest at PHE Complex Udhampur under the chairmanship of Som Nath District President & Senior Trade Union leader Jammu Province in which employees drawn from Kaghote, Ramnagar, Kulwanta, Majalta, Majouri, Mansar, Khoon, Chenani, Kud, Patnitop, Sudhmahadev, Panchari, Mongri, Tikri, Jib Thathi, Garhi Rehmlle and far flung areas of District Udhampur participated.



The employees shouting the slogans in favour of their demands. Som Nath addressing the rally said that daily wagers were in hope that newly elected NC Govt. to solve the issues of daily wagers on priority, but there was no provision of any issue of daily wagers in Budget session till date. The Govt. gave the clear message for Tal Motol policy in favour of the Daily Wagers.

The association extends support the PHE United Front call for Pani Band for 72 Hours. Som Nath appealed to all the Daily Wagers to remain unite and fail the Govt. policy against the Daily Wagers.

Other who spoke on the protest are Karan Singh, Shambu Nath, Onkar Singh, Parveen, Javed, Bantu, Vijay Kumar, Mohan Singh, Darshan, Subash, Sanjay Kumar, Bhola, Parveen Singh, Liqat Ali, Tilak Raj Katoch etc.

## Vehicles carrying illegal mining material seized

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POONCH: The District Police poonch continues its relentless crackdown on illegal mining activities in the Poonch. As part of ongoing efforts, police teams of Police Station Surankote have intensified their vigilance and seized 04 vehicles to ensure no unauthorized mining activities take place in the area.

The district Police have reiterated their commitment to maintaining strict compliance with mining regulations. Regular inspections, surprise raids, and the confiscation of equipment used in illegal mining operations have become routine measures. Any individual or entity found violating the law will face strict legal action.

Speaking about the initiative, Senior Superintendent of Police Poonch Sh Shafket Hussain JKPS stated "Illegal mining not only damages our environment but also undermines the economy. We urge all individuals and entities to abide by the law. Anyone found engaging in illegal activities will face severe legal consequences."

## Medical shop sealed in connection with NDPS case

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NOWSHERA: Police Station Nowshera acting on an ongoing investigation into Case FIR No. 24/2025 under Sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act a police team from Police Station Nowshera under the supervision of SDPO Nowshera and SHO Nowshera conducted a search at M/S Malik Shah Pharmacy a medical shop located near SDH Hospital Nowshera.

The search carried out with the assistance of the Drug Control Officer Nowshera and under the authority of a Court-issued warrant revealed violations of relevant laws.

Consequently the medical shop owned by the arrested accused Ankit Kumar S/O Suresh Kumar resident of Ward No. 5 Nowshera has been closed under Section 22(d) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act until further orders.

## Jammu Zone police conducts training on New Criminal Laws, Financial Investigations

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JAMMU: Jammu Zone Police in its continuous efforts to enhance the professional competence of its personnel, organized two specialized training sessions focusing on the New Criminal Laws and Financial Investigation. The sessions were attended by 260 police personnel from the Jammu-Samba-Kathua and Udhampur-Reasi Range and aimed at strengthening their understanding of recent legal reforms, financial fraud detection, and compliance mechanisms.

The sessions were conducted by Dr. Vidyut Vikash, IRS, a 2008 batch officer with over 14 years of experience in intelligence and investigation. Currently, he holds the position of Additional Commissioner, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC).

The training placed a strong emphasis on the facets of New Criminal Laws- Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), and aimed at enhancing the understanding of these updated legal frameworks, ensuring their effective implementation in law enforcement. The training session provided key insights into the significant changes introduced in the new laws, focusing on procedural reforms, evidentiary standards, and enhanced citizen security measures. Additionally, the financial investigation module focused on tracking illicit money flows, forensic accounting, and effective utilization of financial intelligence in criminal cases.

SO to IGP Jammu; Chief Prosecution Officer ZPHQ Jammu; Sr. PO ZPHQ Jammu and other officers, attended the sessions, ensuring that the learnings from the program would be effectively implemented across policing operations.

## Jammu police displays multi-faceted policing in South Zone under 'Operation Ploughing'

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JAMMU: Jammu Police continues its commitment to law enforcement, community engagement and environmental protection in the South Zone Jammu. SHOs and ICPPs of South Zone under the supervision of SDPO East, SDPO South, and under overall supervision of SP City South, SSP Jammu are giving a decisive shape to this initiative. In continuation of "Operation Ploughing," launched by SP South to curb illegal mining, Police Post Belicharana seized two Dumpers engaged in unlawful extraction activities. This action reinforces Jammu police's dedication to safeguarding natural resources and taking strict measures against environmental violations.

As part of its outreach initiatives, SHO Gangyal conducted a public meeting at Model Town Gurudwara, Digiana, engaging with local residents to address their concerns and strengthen police-public coordination. Additionally, Police Station Gangyal undertook a community welfare initiative by visiting three senior citizens, ensuring their well-being and offering necessary assistance.

In another proactive law enforcement action, Police Station Bagh-e-Bahu seized an Alto car under Section 106 of BNSS, reinforcing efforts to curb illegal activities.

Demonstrating swift action against public nuisance, Police Station Bahu Fort apprehended two miscreants, Rahat Katoch and Danish Katoch, both sons of Satish Katoch and residents of Grand Homes, Suraj Nagar, Jammu. The duo was involved in hooliganism at Bahu Plaza, prompting the registration of FIR No. 88/2025 under Sections 74, 352, 351(2), and 3(5) of BNS at PS Bahu Fort.

## Suresh Sharma inaugurates two new hand pumps at Chowki Choura

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AKHNOOR: In a significant step towards resolving water scarcity issues, BJP leader and District Development Council (DDC) member Pandit Suresh Sharma inaugurated two newly installed hand pumps at Laleyal Mohalla of Panchayat Choura in Block Chowki Choura and the famous Naunath Temple. The initiative, completed at a cost of ₹10 lakh, fulfills a long-pending demand of the local residents. Addressing the gathering, Suresh Sharma emphasized the ongoing efforts under the Jal Jeevan Mission, where water projects worth over ₹100 crore are being executed at a rapid pace in Block Maira Mandrian and Chowki Choura. He assured that most of these projects are nearing completion, promising much-needed relief from water shortages. He also reiterated his commitment to installing hand pumps in areas where groundwater availability permits, ensuring that no locality suffers from a lack of clean drinking water. The Inauguration event was attended by several dignitaries, including former Sarpanch Ramesh Lal, former Chairman Krishna Lal, Gyan Singh, Shankar Lal, Vijay Kumar, Tilak Raj Churni Lal, Ashok Kumar, Subhash Chandra, Om Prakash, Rampal, and several department officials.

