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NHAI to begin...



Union MoRTH Nitin Gadkari chairing a meeting.

Delhi-Katra express corridor, Dr. Jitendra Singh recalled that the express corridor had been approved after a lot of efforts and the effort began way back in 2015. There were initial delays, he said, because Punjab had also demanded a similar express corridor between Delhi and Amritsar, and finally after arriving at a compromise to have an express corridor between Delhi and Katra with stop-overs at Amritsar and Kathua, the project was finalized.

He informed that the express corridor is in the last phase of its completion and expressed satisfaction that on the Kathua-Hiranagar stretch, the public demand for the construction of underpasses at places like Hatli, Rajbagh, Chann Arorian, Chapper and Kootah had been accepted for the convenience of the local population.

In the same constituency, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the work on the national highway section of Kishtwar Chatru will also be expedited which will provide an alternative road connectivity for ease of travel.

While expressing gratitude to the government headed by PM Narendra Modi for having allocated major highway projects to his Lok Sabha Constituency, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, the work on another prestigious project of Chenani-Sudhmahadev national highway will also be expedited.

He further informed that the new national highway via Khilani to Gohla will have proper linkage to the adjoining villages of Bergana, Humbal and Kalota which also happens to be his own native village.

As the Minister representing J&K in the Union Council, Dr. Jitendra Singh also appreciated the MoRTH Minister for giving a special focus to the ongoing projects of Srinagar-Sonamarg section, Zojila tunnel, Jammu Rajouri highway and the two ring roads of Srinagar and Jammu respectively.

CDS visits Jammu...

police at Chattergalla in Bhaderwah while a search party in the Gandoth area of Doda district was attacked on June 12, resulting in injuries to seven security personnel, including a policeman.

Amarnath Yatra: Police...



Police carrying out mock drill in Jammu.

they are well-prepared to handle real-time operations in the event of any unforeseen incidents," a police officer said.

The exercise concluded successfully, demonstrating the readiness and coordination of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, he said.

The police on Wednesday issued an 'alert advisory' in the Jammu region, urging residents to stay vigilant regarding the movement of suspicious individuals and objects.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna...

UT of J&K, Jawad Ahmed, Chairman DLSA, Srinagar and Sheikh Zulfiqar Azad, Superintendent, Central Jail Srinagar. The inspection covered various aspects of operation of jail, including the Jail Legal Aid Clinic, Welfare Block, Vocational Training Centre, Computer Training Centre, Music and Fine Arts Centre, Calligraphy Centre, Jail Hospital, Kitchen Area, Women Block Prisoners, and the exclusive Women-Centric Tailoring Centre. The Medical Center within the jail premises was also inspected and a detailed review about the de-addiction facilities for jail inmates were reviewed.

Justice Khanna extended Eid greetings to the jail inmates, emphasizing the spirit of compassion. During his visit, he interacted with several inmates, addressing their concerns and assuring them of continued efforts to improve their living conditions and access to justice.

The interaction also included a meeting with the officers of the Central Jail, where Justice Khanna discussed the importance of effective legal aid provisions, rehabilitation and skill development programs for inmates.

As a token of respect the jail inmates presented paintings to the Justice Khanna, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh and Justice Tashi and also expressed their gratitude for visiting them on this auspicious occasion of Eid. Another highlight of the visit was a live musical performance by the jail inmates, showcasing their talents and the positive impact of the rehabilitation programs.

Justice Khanna highlighted the introduction of a unique and full-time Legal Aid Defense Counsel (LADC) system, designed to benefit those who are unable to afford legal representation in various courts. This initiative aims to ensure that every individual, regardless of their financial status, has access to justice and fair representation in our system which is not only robust but also a unique concept as compared to the other parts of the world.

Justice Khanna praised the efforts of the prison administration in providing inmates with vocational and educational training, which is crucial for their reintegration into society. He also commended the staff for maintaining cleanliness and hygiene within the jail premises and ensuring the welfare of the inmates.

Those present on the occasion included Shahzad Azeem, Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh, M.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice, Anit Kumar Gupta, Member Secretary, J&K Legal Services Authority, Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar Judicial, Prem Sagar, Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Abdul Bari, Joint Registrar (Judicial), Jahangir Ahmad Bakshi, Secretary, DLSA Srinagar, Showkat Ahmad, SP North Srinagar, officers of CRPF, Shabir Ahmad, Deputy Superintendent, Central Jail Srinagar, Medical Officers and Para Medical Staff of Jail Hospital and members of LADC system as well PLVs.

Modi meets US..

said on 'X'. In the Doval-Sullivan talks, the two sides firmed up a number of significant initiatives to bolster cooperation in areas of critical technologies, defence, semiconductor,

advanced telecommunications, artificial intelligence, quantum, biotechnology and clean energy.

Sullivan is visiting Delhi from June 17 to 18, in the first trip to India by a senior Biden administration official after the Modi government came to power for the third term.

The US NSA is accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising senior US government officials and industry leaders.

Sullivan's visit to India came three days after Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden had a brief conversation on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Italy's Apulia region.

The top Biden administration official also met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Goods train rams...

disregarded the signal. The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) has started a probe into the cause of the accident.

While rescue operations had concluded at the accident site by late afternoon, efforts to restore rail services by removing the derailed and mangled coaches of the affected trains from the area were continuing till reports last received.

Bengal government officials confirmed that while several injured were treated and discharged during the course of the day, 41 patients remained admitted at the North Bengal Medical College and Hospital. The conditions of nine patients, including a child, were stated to be critical.

Pointing towards a possible "human error" on part of loco pilot of the goods train, chairperson of the Railway Board Jaya Varma Sinha told the media in Delhi that the collision may have happened because a goods train disregarded the signal.

Sinha, though, admitted that the railways' 'Kavach' or anti-train collision system was not in place along the Guwahati-Delhi route where the accident took place. "It is not there right now," she said.

PM Narendra Modi expressed condolences, calling the incident in West Bengal tragic and stating his prayers for the swift recovery of the injured.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav visited the spot and took stock of relief operations and announced compensation for the injured and kin of the deceased.

While Rs 10 lakh would be given to the next of kin of the deceased, Rs 2.5 lakh would be provided to the grievously injured and Rs 50,000 to those with minor injuries, Vaishnav posted on X.

Vaishnav said the CRS has started a probe into the cause of the accident and added that steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence of the circumstances that led to the accident.

He stressed that restoring train operations on the critical route connecting northeast India with the rest of the country is a top priority for the railways.

According to a passenger, the train stopped abruptly with a sharp jerk accompanied by a loud sound. Upon disembarking, he saw that the goods train had hit their rake from behind. "We were having tea when the train stopped suddenly with a jerk," he said.

A pregnant woman, traveling with her family, said she fell off her seat upon impact. "It felt like an earthquake. It took us some time to collect ourselves and understand what happened," she said, sitting with her family in one of the air-conditioned sleeper coaches.

A passenger from Agartala, who was in coach number S6, said he felt a sudden jerk and the compartment screeched to a halt.

"My wife, child and I somehow managed to come out of the mangled coach. We are currently stranded... The rescue operations also started quite late," the passenger told a television channel.

According to railway officials, the passenger train was stationary when the goods train rammed into it.

Meanwhile, internal documents showed the goods train was allowed to cross all red signals as the automatic signalling had "failed".

The document, a written authority called TA 912, was issued to the driver of the goods train by the station master of



Ranipatra, authorising him to cross all red signals, a railway source said.

The Railway Board said initial findings indicated that the goods train driver violated signal regulations and failed to adhere to operational norms of the faulty automatic signal system.

Responding to claims that the goods train driver was permitted to pass red signals, a senior Railway Board official clarified, "The TA 912 authorisation was issued to the driver. As per protocol, when encountering a red signal on the automatic system, the loco pilot should proceed cautiously at speeds not exceeding 15 kmph under good visibility conditions and 10 kmph under poor visibility." According to the Board, the driver exceeded the permissible speed limit, leading to a collision with the Kanchanjunga Express between Ranipatra station and Chattar Hat junction.

A railway source said the automatic signalling system between Ranipatra station and Chattar Hat junction was defective since 5.50 am.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who visited the spot in the evening, alleged that the railways had become "totally parentless" and that it was only keen on increasing fares and not improving passenger amenities.

Governor CV Ananda Bose, who also visited the site and the hospital, said priority should be given to treating the victims and not to play blame games.

Railway officials, meanwhile, said the train has begun its journey to Kolkata with passengers in the unaffected coaches and is scheduled to reach Kolkata around midnight.

Rahul retains Rae...

"I will continue to visit Wayanad and the promises we made to Wayanad will be fulfilled," he said.

Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and party general secretaries K C Venugopal and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were among those present during the discussions. "Rahul Gandhi won from two Lok Saba seats but as per the law, he has to vacate one. Rahul Gandhi will retain Rae Bareilly and we have decided that Priyanka ji will fight from Wayanad," Kharge said after the meeting. Rahul Gandhi said both Rae Bareilly and Wayanad "will get two MPs".

"I have an old relation with Rae Bareilly and I am very happy that I will be representing it. This was not an easy decision, because affection is with both (Wayanad and Rae Bareilly)," he said

Rahul Gandhi has to vacate one of the seats within 14 days of the Lok Sabha results, which came out on June 4. "I won't let the people of Wayanad feel Rahul's absence," Priyanka Gandhi said.

Intense heat batters Ladakh to Jharkhand, northwest India

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: From Ladakh to Jharkhand and large parts of northwest India, a huge swathe of the country remained in the grip of an intense heat wave with maximum temperatures touching 47.6 degrees Celsius in Prayagraj and 26.2 degrees in Nubra, nestled in the high Himalayas.

The weather office said maximum temperatures were markedly above normal (5.1 degrees Celsius or more) at most places in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar.

In Jammu and Kashmir, Katra recorded a maximum temperature of 40.8 degrees Celsius, which was 5.7 notches above normal, while the mercury touched a high of 44.3 degrees in Jammu.

The national capital recorded maximum temperatures in excess of 45 degrees Celsius, which was seven notches higher than normal for the season, in the absence of thunderstorms and rain-fall triggered by extra tropical weather systems called western disturbances.

Dehradun in Uttarakhand recorded a maximum temperature of 43.1 degrees Celsius, which was 9.5 notches above normal for the season, while Una in Himachal Pradesh recorded 44 degrees -- 6.7 notches above average.

Daltonganj in Jharkhand recorded a maximum temperature of 46 degrees Celsius, which was 9.1 notches above normal.

Most of the regions over Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, west Rajasthan, west Uttar Pradesh and east Madhya Pradesh experienced warm nights as

minimum temperatures were 5.1 notches or more above normal.

The weather office has forecast no change in maximum temperatures over northwest India during the next 24 hours. The temperatures are expected to fall by 2 degrees Celsius thereafter.

However, central and eastern India will continue to reel from high temperatures for the next three days and expect some respite thereafter.

There was no let up in the ongoing heatwave conditions sweeping Punjab and Haryana for the last several days, with Bathinda reeling at 46.9 degrees Celsius.

While blistering heat swept Bathinda in Punjab, Pindara in Haryana's Jind district also recorded a maximum temperature of 46.9 degrees Celsius, making it the hottest place in the state.

Chandigarh, the common capital of the two states, recorded a maximum temperature of 44.5 degrees Celsius, according to the local Met centre.

Faridkot in Punjab was also under the grip of severe heat at 46 degrees Celsius while Pathankot recorded a high of 45.8 degrees.

The maximum temperature in Amritsar was recorded at 45.8 degrees Celsius, Ludhiana at 44.6 degrees, Patiala at 45.4 degrees, Gurdaspur at 45 degrees and Ferozepur at 44.3 degrees.

In Haryana, intense heat scorched Faridabad and Sirsa, which recorded maximum temperatures of 46.6 degrees Celsius and 46.2 degrees, respectively.

Mahendragarh recorded a high of 45.2 degrees Celsius while Hissar registered 45.7 degrees.

Hot weather conditions also prevailed in Gurugram and Kurukshetra, where the maximum temperatures were recorded at 45.1 degrees Celsius and 44.5 degrees, respectively, the Met office said.

Rohtak sizzled at 46.2 degrees Celsius while Ambala and Karnal registered maximum temperatures of 44.8 degrees Celsius and 43.8 degrees, respectively.

Heatwave conditions intensified in Rajasthan on Monday, with several places recording maximum temperatures one to six notches higher than the previous day.

A spokesperson for the Jaipur Meteorological Centre said Ganganagar was the hottest place in the state with a high of 46.2 degrees Celsius, 4.9 notches above normal.

The maximum temperature in Pilani was 45.9 degrees Celsius, 6.5 notches above normal.

Churu and Karauli recorded highs of 45.4 degrees Celsius each, Dholpur 44.9 degrees, Alwar 44.8 degrees, Bikaner 44.3 degrees, and Bharatpur and Phalodi 44 degrees each.

The mercury crossed the 40 degrees Celsius mark in several other major cities.

The Met official said the minimum temperature in most places of the state was recorded 2 to 8.1 notches above normal. The night temperature in major cities was noted between 28.6 and 37 degrees Celsius, he added.

Alwar recorded a low of 37 degrees Celsius, 4.9 notches above normal, while Phalodi registered a minimum temperature of 34.6 degrees, which was 8.1 notches above average.

'Bharat', 'India' to be used interchangeably in textbooks, debate over it useless: NCERT chief

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: "Bharat" and "India" will be used interchangeably in NCERT textbooks as is the case in the country's Constitution, National Council of Educational Research and Training Director Dinesh Prasad Saklani has said.

The comments assume significance in the wake of a high-level panel working on the social science curriculum recommending that "India" should be replaced with "Bharat" in school textbooks for all classes.

In an interaction with PTI editors at the agency's headquarters here, the NCERT chief said both the words will be used in the books and the council has no aversion to either "Bharat" or "India".

BJP appoints G Kishan Reddy as Incharge for poll-bound J&K

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: BJP president JP Nadda on Monday appointed the party's election incharges and co-incharges for assembly poll-bound Jammu and Kashmir, Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and.

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has been appointed as the incharge for Jammu and Kashmir, according to a statement issued by the party.

Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Bhupender Yadav has been appointed as the incharge for Maharashtra while Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav will be the co-incharge for the state, it said.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has been made the BJP's election incharge for Haryana and former Tripura chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb the co-incharge for the state, it said. Former Madhya Pradesh chief minister and Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is the election incharge for Jharkhand and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma the co-incharge for the state, the statement said.

While assembly polls in Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand are due later this year, the Supreme Court has directed the Election Commission to hold the elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September.

"It is interchangeable....our position is what our Constitution says and we uphold that. We can use Bharat, we can use India, what is the problem? We are not in that debate. Wherever it suits we will use India, wherever it suits we will use Bharat. We have no aversion to either India or Bharat," he said.

"You can see both being used in our textbooks already and that will continue in new textbooks. This is a useless debate," Saklani said.

A high-level committee for social sciences, constituted by the NCERT to revise the school curriculum, had last year recommended that "India" should be replaced with "Bharat" in the textbooks for all classes.

Committee chairperson C I Isaac, who was heading the panel, had said they have suggested replacing the name "India" with "Bharat" in the textbooks, introducing "classical his-

tory", instead of "ancient history" in the curriculum, and including the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) in the syllabus for all subjects.

"The committee has unanimously recommended that the name Bharat should be used in the textbooks for students across classes. Bharat is an age-old name. The name Bharat has been used in ancient texts, such as Vishnu Purana, which is 7,000 years old," Isaac had told PTI. The NCERT had then said that no decision has been taken on panel's recommendations.

The name Bharat first appeared officially last year when the government sent out G20 invites in the name of "President of Bharat", instead of "President of India".

Later, the nameplate of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the summit in New Delhi also read "Bharat", instead of India.

The NCERT is once again at the centre of a

controversy with the revised Class 12 political science textbook not mentioning the Babri masjid but referring to it as a "three-domed structure".

The latest deletions in the textbooks include: BJP's 'rath yatra' from Somnath in Gujarat to Ayodhya; the role of kar sevaks; communal violence in the wake of the demolition of the Babri masjid; President's rule in BJP-ruled states; and the BJP's expression of "regret over the happenings at Ayodhya".

The new political science textbook of Class 11, now says that political parties "give priority to the interests of a minority group" with an eye on "vote bank politics", which leads to "minority appeasement".

This marks a complete shift from what was taught until the 2023-24 academic session -- that if students "think hard", they will find there is "little evidence" to suggest that vote bank politics favours the minorities in the country.



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