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of the administration or security forces, it is the people's Yatra. Everyone should feel proud to contribute to it," he said.

He said the security agencies have prepared a comprehensive security plan and urged the pilgrims to travel in the designated convoy.

The Lieutenant Governor said over the past few years, significant improvements have been made in infrastructure to support the Yatra which include better roads, improved power and telecom connectivity, increased accommodation facilities, and strengthened security systems.

The Lieutenant Governor also visited the Nunwan Base Camp and reviewed the progress of Disaster Management Centre and Yatri Niwas. He also inspected security and other arrangements for Shri Amarnathji pilgrimage beginning 3rd July.

The Lieutenant Governor was accompanied by Dr Mandeep K. Bhandari, CEO Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board and Principal Secretary to Lieutenant Governor; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; VK Birdi, IGP Kashmir; Syeed Rakhrudin Hamid, Deputy Commissioner Anantnag and senior officers of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, Armed forces, Civil and Police administration.

Meets family of...

martyr Adil's wife symbolizes our deep gratitude to the brave civilian who sacrificed his life while protecting tourists at Pahalgam on 22nd April," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The appointment of Gulnaz Akhter has been made by Lieutenant Governor in exercise of the discretionary powers conferred under Clause-2A of Jammu and Kashmir Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme, 2022 in relaxation of her educational qualification.

As per clause 2A of J&K Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme-2022, the Lieutenant Governor in exceptional circumstances may appoint the dependent family member of a civilian, who has died as a result of militancy/terrorist related action or due to law and order situation or due to enemy action and who is not involved in militancy related activity, in Government Service.

The conferment of relaxation of age/qualification for appointment under J&K Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme-2022 solely lies with the Lieutenant Governor.

The appointment of Gulnaz Akhter has been made by Lieutenant Governor under exceptional circumstances as her husband was a civilian and not a Government employee. Further, appointment has been made in relaxation of her educational qualification. There is no role of Fisheries Department in granting relaxation as well as appointment in the instant case.

Acknowledging the supreme sacrifice of Adil Hussain Shah during the terrorist attack at Baisaran Pahalgam, the Lieutenant Governor in exercise of the discretionary powers has considered the appointment of wife of the slain civilian in relaxation of her educational qualification, so that it can bring a succour to the family.

"This decision is a heartfelt gesture to support the bereaved family and ensure their dignity and well-being, reflecting the administration's unwavering commitment to justice and compassion.

Modi to take...

European Union. Carney, an economist and political newcomer, took charge as Canada's prime minister in March following the exit of Justin Trudeau from the top office.

Modi received a call from Carney earlier this month, during which the latter invited the prime minister to attend the G7 meeting. The call was also an occasion for the two prime ministers to reflect and talk about India-Canada relations and how they can be taken forward, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told reporters on June 12.

Describing India and Canada as "vibrant democracies", the external affairs ministry had also said that New Delhi believes the forthcoming meeting between the prime ministers of the two countries on the sidelines of the G7 Summit will offer an important opportunity to exchange views and "explore pathways" to reset bilateral ties.

The MEA spokesperson also asserted that the "reset" of the relationship is based on mutual respect, shared interests and sensitivity to each other's concerns.

The MEA statement said that in the final leg of his tour, Modi will undertake an official visit to Croatia on June 18 at the invitation of the prime minister of the European country, Andrej Plenkovic.

Modi will hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Plenkovic and also meet the President of Croatia, Zoran Milanovic.

"The visit to Croatia will also underscore India's commitment to further strengthening its engagement with partners in the European Union," the statement said.

ACB traps HC...

Corruption Bureau for taking legal action against the accused public servant under law.

On receipt of the complaint, official said, a discreet verification was conducted, which confirms the demand of bribe by the public servant concerned and accordingly, a case FIR No. 12/2025 under Section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered in Police Station ACB Jammu and investigation taken up.

During the course of investigation, official said, a trap team headed by Gazetted rank officer was constituted.

"The team laid a successful trap and accused public servant after accepting bribe amount of Rs 15000 from the complainant, sensing the presence of ACB on spot, fled away from the spot and threw the tainted bribe money in the bushes on the NHW near Palli," the official said adding that the tainted bribe money was recovered from the bushes by independent witnesses and seized in the instant case.

The search was also conducted in the residential house of the accused in presence of magistrate and independent witnesses, official said adding that however, the accused person is still at large and investigation of the case is in progress.

Military civil liaison...

strategic and civic importance.

The conference served as a platform to deliberate on critical issues such as infrastructure development, civic-military synergy in the remote areas and the ongoing efforts to support the local populations along the border areas, he added.

Maj Gen Bhanwala emphasised the importance of seamless collaboration between civil and military agencies.

The divisional commissioner of Jammu during his address acknowledged the Indian Army's sustained efforts in humanitarian assistance and infrastructure support across the region.

The discussions during the conference also covered the issues of road connectivity in border villages, border area tourism and welfare measures for ex-servicemen and their families, the spokesman said.

The conference concluded with a reaffirmed commitment as a 'Whole of Nation Approach' towards peace, development and resilience in Jammu and Kashmir, he added.

Drug peddler's shops...

revealed that he had illegally raised the property on the encroached government land and using ill-gotten money from the sale of drugs, Superintendent of Police (Jammu south) Ajay Sharma said.

He said Sidqi, a resident of Beli Charana in Nikki Tawi area, was recently booked in a case under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in Gandhi Nagar area.

This was the second such case registered against him as earlier a case was registered against him at Bakshi Nagar police station.

During a probe into these two cases, the SP said it came to light that he had illegally acquired property from drug trafficking and accordingly, the revenue department was consulted to start attachment proceedings against this property under relevant sections of the NDPS Act.

However, the revenue department informed that the property has been constructed on the encroached government land and accordingly, a combined operation was launched by police and civil administration to demolish the shops and retrieve the state land, the officer said.

Sharna, who was leading the drive, lauded the locals for their support and said the menace of drugs has reached a level of crisis and "everybody has to play a role to root out this evil".

"We cannot do it alone, the people are requested to come forward and lend their support to tackle this problem," he said.

ACB produces Challan...

year 2017-18 have compromised with the quality/specifications for their pecuniary benefits by using poor quality/sub-standard material and in this way have caused loss to the tune of Rs. 9,95,800 to the Govt. exchequer.

Jammu youth commissioned...

Uppal's interest in the military was sparked during visits to his elder brother at Sainik School.

Inspired by the military environment and values he witnessed there, he joined Sainik School in Class 6, overcoming significant financial and logistical challenges, the spokesperson said.

He cleared the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) examination on his first attempt. At NDA, he stood out for his academic excellence and all-round performance, which continued during his training at the Air Force Academy (AFA).

He was awarded 'Best in Aerobatics' during Stage-I flying and had the rare honour of flying with the Commanding Officer of the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT), the spokesperson said, adding he also held the distinguished appointment of Squadron Cadet Captain, reflecting his leadership potential and respect among peers. Flying Officer Uppal's journey from a border village to the skies is a testament to what grit, focus, and patriotism can achieve.

"His success story is expected to inspire countless young aspirants, especially from rural and underrepresented regions of the country," the spokesperson said.



'Op Sindoor' stands...

Air Force fast evolving into an aerospace force, many young officers will lead the nation's foray into space, he said.

These challenges will require them to be totally committed, focused, innovative, and passionate about their job, he said.

Singh also exhorted the graduating officers to focus on physical and mental fitness and personality development through a healthy lifestyle.

The event commemorated the successful completion of the pre-commissioning training of flight cadets across various branches of the Indian Air Force.

During the ceremony, the IAF Chief conferred the 'President's Commission' to the graduating trainees. The ceremony included presentation of 'Wings' upon successful completion of training to the 254 flight cadets of the IAF, officers of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and an officer from Vietnam.

Govt sets up...

robust protocols, and everything will be done to further improve safety.

"Any theory going around the plane crash will be analysed," he added.

A high-level multi-disciplinary panel, chaired by the home secretary, will hold a meeting on Monday, and the committee is expected to submit its report in three months.

Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha said the investigation is going on smoothly into the Air India plane crash.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is probing the crash.

Before the press conference, a one-minute silence was observed to pay homage to the victims of the Air India plane crash.

He said that DNA testing is happening to identify victims and hand them over to their families.

"The Gujarat government is coordinating with that. They have been there on the ground since the time of the crash and they have been facilitating all the efforts and measures that are required from their side, so once the DNA testing is confirmed, the bodies will be given to the respective families," the minister said.

"We are hoping that the process also gets (completed) as soon as possible," Naidu added.

"We have very strict safety standards in the country also, and many, including the ICAO, international organisations have also time and again established that we do have a very strict protocol, robust protocol which we follow every time."

But even after that, when the incident happened, we also felt that there is a need to do an extended surveillance into the Boeing 787 series, Naidu said, adding, "So, through the DGCA, we have also given the order to do the extended surveillance for the 787 planes".

There are 34 (before the crash) Boeing 787-8 in the Indian aircraft fleet today and "I believe that eight have already been inspected," the minister said.

He said that whatever necessary steps are needed will be taken to improve the (aviation) safety.

On the formation of the high-level committee, the minister said its composition involves three persons from various backgrounds, and people, who the government feels, can bring a lot of expertise and value to it, will investigate in a holistic way into the incident. "We have put a time limit of three months for them to sit down, talk to various stakeholders, and involve and discuss with any other important expert that is necessary as part of their investigation," he noted.

He said the AAIB team believes that "the decoding of the black box is going to give in-depth insight into what would have actually happened during the process of the crash or moments before the crash itself". "So, we are also eagerly waiting for the report's results," Naidu said. We are also eagerly waiting for the report's results, he added. Expressing his deepest condolences to all the families who have lost their loved ones in the plane crash in Ahmedabad, Naidu said, "...to a certain extent, I can understand the pain and anguish that the family members are feeling".

"I would like to reiterate that this was a very tragic incident, a very horrific incident for everyone," he said. No questions were taken from the media at the briefing.

DGP reviews Jammu...

to ensure the pilgrims' safety and security, a police spokesman said.

Rizvi highlighted the need for meticulous planning and execution of security measures to address any potential threats and challenges.

It was also discussed that proper liaison be maintained with all the intelligence agencies, army, paramilitary forces and other sister agencies involved in the conduct of the yatra in their respective jurisdiction and share the same on a real time basis, the spokesman said. The DIG also stressed for ensuring high level of vigilance and preparedness for smooth conduct throughout the duration of the yatra.

The spokesman said that instructions were disseminated among various subordinate officers and concerned authorities to conduct regular briefing, debriefing and mock drills to ensure that all plans are effectively implemented and executed on ground.

Will give full...

days ago and to get back to that level, support is needed from airlines, from hoteliers and from the tour and travel operators across the country," said Prakash.

"We will talk to people, do presentations in our chapters about what we saw here. Hopefully, in some months Kashmir will be back to where it was as it is the pride of India," he added.

The TAFI national president said it is "foolish" of someone to say 'boycott Kashmir'.

"We have come here to say that we stand with Kashmir, we stand with our brothers in Kashmir and we will support you to the extent that we can. Things will be back to better than they were," he added.

The TAFI has decided that its members will place the logo of J-K Tourism and taglines "Dil Se Kashmir" and "Jannat Phir Khuli Hai" as their signatures in their emails to show support to Kashmir's tourism industry.

Cattle smuggler among...

"Lal has been involved in several bovine smuggling cases registered in the district. Despite multiple FIRs and previous arrests, he continued his illegal activities, posing a serious threat to public peace," he said.

He further said Lal's persistent criminal behaviour has disrupted the peaceful atmosphere of the region, prompting the authorities to take strict action against him. In Kishtwar district, police detained notorious drug peddler Imran Hussain Giri of Pochhal under PSA and lodged him in district jail Udhampur, the spokesperson said. "Giri was identified as a key supplier of drugs to youth in Kishtwar town. His repeated involvement in drug peddling cases was revealed through sustained investigations, necessitating his detention under PSA to curb his activities and safeguard the future of the youth," he said. Meanwhile, the spokesperson said four suspected drug peddlers -- Monu and Pawan Kumar from Rohtak of Haryana and locals Ravinder Kumar and Ashwani Slathia -- were taken into preventive custody from Bagh-e-Bahu area of Jammu. Besides, seven more suspected peddlers were booked under relevant sections of BNSS in Channi Himmat area of Jammu as part of efforts to curb drug menace, he said.

Terrorist hideout busted...

The search of the hideout led to the recovery of 400 grams of explosive material for making improvised explosive devices, 48 rounds of a machine gun, five pistol rounds, one AK-47 round and one teargas shell, they said.

However, no one was arrested during the operation, officials said.

2 Bihar residents held with contraband in Samba

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JAMMU: Two alleged drug peddlers, hailing from Bihar, were arrested after 1.638 kg of ganja was seized from them in Samba district on Saturday, police said.

Ramparvesh Mandal of Bajura in Gaya district and Nandan Kumar of Pashroha in Khagaria district were intercepted by a police party near their rented accommodation in Bari Brahmana area. It led to the recovery of the contraband, a police spokesperson said. An FIR under various sections of the NDPS Act has been registered against the arrested duo, he added.

LMD imposes Rs 1.25 lakh fine on leading Paint Manufacturer for Breach of norms

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SAMBA : The Legal Metrology Unit Samba has imposed a penalty of Rs 1,25,000 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand) on a leading Jalandhar based paint manufacturing company for gross violations of labelling norms under the Legal Metrology framework.

The action was taken by the Assistant Controller Legal Metrology Samba, following a detailed inspection of the company's products. The investigation revealed clear violations of the Legal Metrology Act 2009 and the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011, where pre-packaged paint containers were found non-compliant with mandatory declarations essential for transparency, consumer protection and fair trade.

On detection of the violations and subsequent admission of non-compliance by the company, a compounding application was filed and penalty proceedings were initiated. The company and its responsible Directors were held accountable and penalised accordingly.

This bold and swift action reaffirms the Department's zero-tolerance policy towards violations of legal metrology norms.

Rajinder Singh Tara Controller LMD J&K stated that, "Any breach of legal metrology standards, whether intentional or negligent, will be met with immediate legal action. Consumer rights are non-negotiable."

Hardcore criminal booked under Public Safety Act

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KATHUA: Kathua Police under the overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saksena apprehended 01 hardcore criminal/Drug Peddler who was involved in various criminal cases at PS Billawar booked under Public Safety Act 1978(PSA) and lodged at District Jail Udhampur.

On dated 14/06/2025 Police team of P/S Billawar under the close supervision SDPO Billawar Neeraj Padyar & SHO PS Billawar Insp. Zaheer Mushtaq apprehended one hardcore criminal namely 1. Arun Javed S/o Salam Din R/o Dadwara Tehsil Billawar District Kathua who is hardcore Criminal /Drug Peddler involved in various criminal cases .

In order to prevent the illegal activities within the district, "Dossier" was prepared against the accused person and sent to the District Magistrate Kathua for his detention under Public Safety Act- 1978 (PSA). Accordingly District Magistrate Kathua issued a detention warrant vide order no .PSA/163 Dated 12/06/2025 against the accused person under the Public Safety Act 1978.

Accordingly, the warrant has been executed today and he has been lodged in District Jail Udhampur to curtail his illegal activities.



8 tippers, tractor & JCB seized for illegal extraction and transportation of minerals

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HANDWARA: In a major crackdown on illegal mining activities, Police have seized 08 tippers, 01 tractor and 01 JCB from different locations across Police District Handwara for their involvement in illegal extraction and transportation of minerals. Acting on inputs, police teams from various police stations carried out coordinated enforcement drives. During these operations, the vehicles were found transporting minerals without valid documentation, in violation of the Jammu and Kashmir Minor Mineral Concession, Storage, Transportation of Minerals and Prevention of Illegal Mining Rules, 2016. Police has initiated action against all these violators as per the provisions of law stipulated in this regard.

This drive underscores the unwavering commitment of Police to protect the region's natural resources, ensure environmental safety, and uphold the rule of law. Authorities have reaffirmed that strict legal action will continue against all violators in the coming days.

Habitual drug peddler booked under PIT NDPS Act

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HANDWARA: In a continued crackdown on drug trafficking, Police in Handwara have booked a habitual drug peddler under the stringent Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PIT NDPS) Act and lodged him in jail.

The accused Feroz Ahmad Khan son of Late Abdul Ahad Khan resident of Panditpora Kralgund, has been repeatedly involved in narcotics trafficking despite facing multiple FIRs. His persistent criminal activities posed a serious threat to public safety, particularly endangering the youth of the area.

Following the due procedure, competent authority after persuing the material evidences brought on record for its analysis, the detention of the accused under PIT NDPS Act was subsequently approved by the competent authority. This preventive detention is a targeted measure to incapacitate chronic offenders and disrupt the local narcotics supply chain.

Police arrests drug peddler; contraband substance recovered

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BUDGAM: As part of its continuous efforts to combat drug trafficking, police have arrested drug peddler in Budgam and recovered a significant quantity of contraband substance from his possession.

A police team from Police Station Khansahib during patrolling in Dreygam village, intercepted a suspicious person carrying a nylon bag. During search, 14.7 kgs of poppy straw-like substance was recovered from the said bag. Besides, a personal search further led to the seizure of ₹18,640 in cash and two mobile phones. He has been identified as Ghulam Rasool Beigh son of Mohammad Abdullah Beigh resident of Dreygam. He has been arrested and shifted to police station where he remains in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 111/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Khansahib and further investigation is underway.

Three-Day Sudhmahadev Mela concludes

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JAMMU: The three-day-long Sudhmahadev Mela, held from June 10 at the sacred temples of Sudhmahadev and Mantalai, concluded with great religious enthusiasm and traditional fervor. Thousands of devotees from various parts of the region participated in the annual event, which offered a vibrant blend of spiritual devotion, cultural performances, and community bonding.

Jammu and Kashmir Dharmarth Trust, under the leadership of its Hon'ble Chairman Trustee Dr Karan Singh ji and other Trustees, made elaborate arrangements to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the Mela.

During the three-day celebrations, Dr P.S. Pathania, President of the Dharmarth Trust, Ashok Sharma (IPS Retd), Trust Secretary, visited the Mela site to review the arrangements on the ground. Additionally, Varinder Singh Jamwal, Additional Secretary of the Trust remained stationed at the venue for the entire duration of the Mela to oversee coordination and management. Dr. Pathania stated that the Trust had ensured adequate facilities for a seamless and spiritually enriching experience for all pilgrims. "This sacred occasion inspires optimism, collective harmony, compassion, and a renewed sense of duty among devotees. It reinforces the ideals of unity and devotion in our society," he said.

