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CM calls for...

connectivity, the Chief Minister noted the popularity of the new train services to Kashmir and promised to take up the issue of capacity constraints with the Ministry of Railways. "The demand is growing, and we will explore increasing train length and frequency."

He also underscored the importance of reopening destinations that were temporarily shut post-tragedy. "We have begun this process. It's a matter of restoring confidence-for tourists and for ourselves."

Addressing the scope for adventure tourism, Omar Abdullah mentioned new ideas being explored in places like Betab Valley in Pahalgam and Gulmarg. "Zip-lining, mountain biking, and summer trekking could redefine these locations. We're in touch with national-level adventure infrastructure providers to bring these ideas to life."

He also welcomed IATO's proposal for a promotional tourism event later this year. "We look forward to sending a sizable delegation from J&K, both government and private stakeholders, to showcase the valley's offerings."

President IATO Ravi Gosain, in his address, assured full support from the Association in promoting Kashmir across domestic and international markets. "We are committed to showcasing Kashmir's beauty and culture to the world," he said.

The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the visiting delegation and reaffirmed the government's commitment to elevating Kashmir's tourism potential through partnership, innovation and sustained promotional efforts.

Earlier during the interaction, the visiting IATO delegation also shared their observations, feedback and valuable suggestions regarding their visit to the Valley and the way forward for tourism revival in the aftermath of the tragic April 22 terror attack at Baisaran that targeted tourists.

They appreciated the efforts of the government in restoring a sense of security and normalcy, while also emphasizing the need for sustained confidence-building measures, better infrastructure and targeted promotional campaigns to reassure both domestic and international travelers. The delegates reiterated their commitment to partner with the government in repositioning Jammu and Kashmir as a safe, premier and vibrant travel destination.

Parks at tourist...

Security personnel were deployed in strength around the parks to secure the areas and create a sense of security, they said.

Twenty-six people, most of them tourists, were killed by terrorists in Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, a popular tourist spot.

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday ordered the reopening of 16 parks -- eight each in Jammu region and Kashmir Valley. He said the destinations would be reopened in a phased manner.

In the first phase, eight parks were reopened in the Kashmir valley.

Betaab Valley in Pahalgam and the parks near Pahalgam market, Verinag, Kokernag and Achabal gardens in Anantnag district, Badamwari Park, Duck Park near Nigeen, and Taqdeer Park near Hazratbal in Srinagar were reopened on Tuesday.

Similarly, eight destinations were reopened in Jammu region as well including Sarthal and Dhaggar in Kathua, Devipindi, Siyad Baba and Sula Park in Reasi, Guldanda and Jai Valley in Doda, and Pancheri in Udhampur.

A large number of school children welcomed the tourists at Verinag -- a famous park in south Kashmir's Anantnag, the officials said.

"We were already feeling good and happy to have come here, but the reopening of the park and the welcome we got is very nice," a tourist from Patiala, Punjab, told PTI videos.

"We are happy that this park opened after so many days. We have come here with our families and we will visit the park to show them beautiful Kashmir," Barkat Ali, a tourist from Bikaner area of Rajasthan, said.

"It is a wonderful feeling and experience. We heard that the park was reopening today, so we came. But, the welcome we got is truly the best experience which we cannot express in words," another tourist from Punjab said. They appealed the tourists to come to Kashmir in large numbers.

Tourist police personnel were also deployed to assist the visitors. Local MLA Ghulam Ahmad Mir also welcomed the reopening of the park.

MHA to handle...

The Union Home Ministry "coordinating activities for further progression of Ex-Agniveers", it said.

In June 2022, the government rolled out the Agnipath recruitment scheme with an aim to bring down the age profile of the three services.

Under the Agnipath scheme, candidates between the age bracket of 17-and-half years and 21 who get selected are enrolled in Army, Air Force and Navy as Agniveers for a period of 4 years with a provision to retain 25 per cent of them for 15 more years.

The government has already reserved 10 per cent of jobs for ex-Agniveers in all future appointments of constables in the 11-lakh-strong Central Armed Police Forces like CRPF, BSF, CISF, SSB etc. The CAPF's recruit around 10-12 thousand personnel in constable ranks.

No physical test would be required for recruitment of the former Agniveers into the paramilitary forces as such tests have already been done by the Army. They will just need a physical fitness certificate, an official had said.

Various central government agencies and departments have also announced plans to recruit former Agniveers.

Union Home Secy...

has been heightened this year against the backdrop of the April 22 terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam that left 26 people dead.

The yatra has been targeted by terrorists several times in the past, with the last major attack coming in July 2017 when eight pilgrims were killed.

ACB registers FIR...

known sources of income. The details of assets/expenditures revealed during verification include purchased land at Hamdaniya Colony Bemina Srinagar and constructed double floor house on the said land; constructed a double floor house at Doniwari Lolab, Kupwara; purchased a Venue Hyundai car and a two-wheeler; Huge expenditures incurred on re-payment of Bank loans; and expenditure on education of his children i.e, MBBS admission outside the country and admission in nursing stream at Nursing College Amritsar, the official said.

The verification conducted revealed that immediately after receipt of complaint against suspect, he started securing frequent Bank loans i.e, to the tune of Rs 75 lakh in order to disguise his illegal/unknown sources of income & to hoodwink enquiry officer.

"The acts of omission and commission on part of suspect Patwari namely Mohd Ayoub Khan constitute cognizable offence of criminal misconduct punishable under Section 5 (1) (e) read with Section 5 (2) of the J&K PC Act Svt, 2006 against the accused public servant," the official said.

Accordingly, official added, Case FIR No. 03/2025 under Section 5 (1) (e) read with 5(2) of the J&K PC Act Svt, 2006 was registered on June 16, 2025 at P/S Anti-corruption Bureau Baramulla against the accused Patwari.

Immediately after registration of the case search warrants were obtained from Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla and searches were conducted at different places belonging to accused person during which various incriminating material including the receipts of purchase of gold articles, receipts of purchase of i-phone 15 and 15 pro and other items pertaining to the investigations of the case, were recovered and seized in the presence of magistrates and witnesses as per procedure under law, the official said.

Amarnath Yatra routes...

routes of Shri Amarnathji Yatra are hereby declared as 'No Flying Zone', including both Pahalgam axis & Baltal axis," the order said.

The beefed up security measures come in the backdrop of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 people dead.

The Amarnath yatra attracts thousands of pilgrims from all over the country reach year.

LA Committee on...

decision-making and reforms. "The aim of the Committee is to ensure that our public undertakings are functional, contributing to economic development and creating business and employment opportunities for the people," said the Chairman.

During the session, the Principal Accountant General informed on the audit procedures and offered recommendations to further enhance the performance of public sector corporations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Emphasis was given on holding Corporation wise review meetings, while members of the Committee committed to work collectively for improvement in the sector.

They also gave their suggestions regarding various issues pertaining to the sector.

Also present in the meeting were JPN Singh, Principal Accountant General J&K, Srinagar; Manoj Pandita, Secretary Legislative Assembly, Director General Accounts and Treasuries, Director General Expenditure Finance and other concerned officers.

Troubles at Air...

London Gatwick one was cancelled due to unavailability of aircraft, the airline said.

The disruptions came as investigators probed what caused a London-bound Air India flight to crash in Ahmedabad shortly after take-off on June 12. The incident dealt a severe blow to the airline and its owner Tata, which prides itself on producing luxury cars to salt and software as well as assembly of iPhones.

Civil aviation regulator DGCA in a statement said it met senior officials of Air India and Air India Express, which operates over 1,000 domestic and international flights daily, to review "operational robustness" and "ensure continued compliance with safety and passenger service regulations."

"DGCA raised concerns regarding recent maintenance-related issues reported by Air India," the statement said, adding the regulator has advised the airline to strengthen internal coordination across engineering, operations, ground handling units and ensure availability of adequate spares to mitigate passenger delays.

It however said that recent surveillance on Air India's Boeing 787 fleet "did not reveal any major safety concerns".

"The aircraft and associated maintenance systems were found to be in compliance with existing safety standards," DGCA said.

An enhanced safety inspection of B787-8/9 fleet comprising a total of 33 aircraft is undergoing major checks at various MRO facilities.

The DGCA said that a total of 24 aircraft successfully completed the required check till 3PM of June 17. An additional two aircraft are planned for completion today, with one more scheduled for Wednesday, it said and added that the remaining six aircraft include two aircraft (VT-ANG and VT-ANT), which are presently grounded at Delhi.

The regulator recommended implementation of a more systematic and real-time defect reporting mechanism to ensure operational and safety-critical departments receive timely updates.

Giving details of flights Air India cancelled since June 12, DGCA said a total of 83 flights had been cancelled in six days. These included 66 B787 flights.

Air India cancelled its Delhi-Paris flight after some problems were detected during pre-flight checks. The other flights cancelled during the day included Bengaluru-London, London-Amritsar, Delhi-Vienna, Delhi-Dubai and Mumai-San Francisco.

The airline also terminated its San Francisco-Mumbai flight at its scheduled stopover at Kolkata early on Tuesday morning after one of its engines developed a technical snag.

In a statement earlier in the day, Air India said flight AI143 from Delhi to Paris has been cancelled after "mandatory pre-flight checks identified an issue which is being presently addressed".

It did not detail the issue that came to light during pre-flight checks.

"However, in view of the flight coming under the restrictions on night operations at Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airport, the said flight has been cancelled," Air India said.

Four inter-state...

in the Bari Brahmana area and was intercepted by a police party when he was seen moving suspiciously near the Swankha village.

Harpreet Singh along with a juvenile, both residents of the Taran Taran area of Punjab, were arrested after 51.06 gm of heroin was recovered from them during checking at the Phalote area of Nagri in Kathua district, the spokesman said.

He said the duo were on their way to the Phalote area of Kathua from Punjab when they were stopped by police for checking near the expressway.

Another drug peddler Aqib Ganie, a resident of Srinagar, was nabbed along with 10.51 gm of heroin during vehicle checking at Jakhani in Udhampur district, the spokesman said. He said all four arrested drug peddlers were booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and further investigations are going on.

US knows where...

providing the Israelis with bunker-busting bombs to penetrate Iranian nuclear sites built deep underground or offering other direct US military support, comes with enormous political risk for Trump.

Trump, as he made his way back to Washington, expressed frustration with Iranian leaders for failing to reach an agreement. He said he was now looking for "a real end" to the conflict and a "complete give-up" of Tehran's nuclear programme. "They should have done the deal. I told them, Do the deal," Trump told reporters on Air Force One. "So I don't know. I'm not too much in the mood to negotiate."

Iran has insisted that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only, and US intelligence agencies have assessed that Tehran is not actively pursuing a bomb.

Trump, who planned to meet with advisers in the Situation Room, appears to be gradually building the public case for a more direct American role in the conflict. His shift in tone

comes as the US has repositioned warships and military aircraft in the region to respond if the conflict between Israel and Iran further escalates.

Trump made an early departure from G7

The White House announced Monday, while Trump was at the Group of Seven summit in the Canadian Rockies, that he would cut his trip short.

"Simply stated, IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON," he wrote on social media. "I said it over and over again! Everyone should immediately evacuate Tehran!"

Asked about his evacuation comment aboard Air Force One, Trump told reporters: "I just want people to be safe."

"We're looking at better than a ceasefire. We're not looking for a ceasefire," Trump said.

Trump said he wasn't ruling out a diplomatic option and he could send Vice President JD Vance and special envoy Steve Witkoff to meet with the Iranians.

He also dismissed congressional testimony from National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard, who told lawmakers in March that US spy agencies did not believe Iran was building a nuclear weapon.

"I don't care what she said," Trump said. "I think they were very close to having it."

Speculation grows that Trump may be tilting toward more direct involvement

The Israelis say their offensive has eviscerated Iran's air defences and they can now strike targets across the country at will. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says the Israeli bombardment will continue until Iran's nuclear programme and ballistic missiles are destroyed.

So far, Israel has targeted multiple Iranian nuclear programme sites but has not been able to destroy Iran's Fordo uranium enrichment facility.

The site is buried deep underground - and to eliminate it, Israel may need the 30,000-pound GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator, which uses its weight and sheer kinetic force to reach deeply buried targets and then explode.

But Israel does not have the munition or the bomber needed to deliver it - the penetrator is currently delivered by the B-2 stealth bomber.

Israel's own defences remain largely intact in the face of Iran's retaliatory strikes, but some of Tehran's missiles are getting through and having deadly impact.

The White House dispatched Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth for a prime-time TV appearance as speculation grows about whether Trump could be tilting toward more direct US involvement.

Shekhawat to visit...

best to "minimise the dent" on tourism in J&K in the wake of the Pahalgam attack. Some people with nefarious intentions tried to again "incite separatism and terrorism" in the Valley, the tourism minister had said.

PM Modi meets presidents of South Korea, Mexico on sidelines of G7 Summit

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KANANASKIS (CANADA): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met with South Korean President Lee Jae-myung and President of Mexico Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo on the sidelines of the G7 Summit here.

Prime Minister Modi, who is here to attend the G7 Summit, held a pull-asside with Lee Jae-myung, officials said. He also met with the Mexican president on the sidelines of the summit and shared perspectives on key global and regional issues, including priorities of the Global South. This was the first meeting between the two leaders. "Boosting India-Mexico warm & historical ties. PM @narendramodi met President Dr @Claudiashein of Mexico, on the sidelines of 51st G7 Summit in Kananaskis, Canada," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on X. "Both sides discussed avenues to further deepen India-Mexico cooperation in trade, pharmaceuticals, S&T, digital innovation and shared perspectives on key global & regional issues, including priorities of the Global South," he added. Earlier, Modi had said he would be discussing important global issues and emphasise the priorities of the Global South as he meets world leaders at the G7 Summit. This is Modi's first visit to Canada in a decade.

Reasi to Become J&K's Second District to Roll Out SMILE Scheme for Vulnerable

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
REASI: In a significant step towards ensuring a life of dignity for marginalized individuals, Reasi is poised to become the second district in Jammu and Kashmir, after Srinagar, to implement the SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme. Deputy Commissioner Reasi Nidhi Malik emphasised on Swift Implementation of SMILE Scheme for Tackling Begging with Compassion and Opportunity

Launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on February 12, 2022, the SMILE scheme focuses on the rehabilitation, reintegration, and empowerment of beggars, helping them transition into mainstream society through structured support. The Ministry has identified 50 districts, towns, cities, and locations. Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Temple in District Reasi is one of them.

A key Project Approval Committee meeting, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Reasi, Ms. Nidhi Malik, was held recently to scrutinize applications from NGOs interested in implementing the scheme. Out of the three applications received, Prayas Juvenile Aid Centre Society secured the highest score based on the selection criteria established by the Ministry. Their project proposal was approved following a detailed review and presentation, which outlined a comprehensive plan including a baseline survey and subsequent rehabilitation efforts.

During the meeting, District Social Welfare Officer Reasi, Sachin Sharma, provided an in-depth briefing on the scheme's objectives and implementation strategy. Prayas NGO shared their vision for the Reasi district, detailing a phased approach to bring vulnerable individuals back into the social fold through education, skill-building, and livelihood opportunities.

Speaking on the occasion, DC Reasi Nidhi Malik stated, "We are committed to launching the SMILE scheme in Reasi within the coming weeks. Addressing the issue of begging is an urgent need, and it is equally important to provide genuine support to those in need, helping them secure a dignified means of living."

DC Nidhi Malik further emphasized that a proposal to implement the scheme in Srinagar had previously been submitted and successfully approved by the Government of India. "Special provisions will be made for children found begging - they will be enrolled in schools to ensure their education and holistic development," she added.

The scheme also includes measures to identify and dismantle organized begging rackets. "Our goal is not only to eliminate begging but also to empower individuals affected by it through vocational training and sustainable livelihood opportunities," Malik remarked.

With the rollout of the SMILE scheme, the District Administration of Reasi aims to adopt a holistic approach, focusing on social reintegration and the overall well-being of marginalized individuals.

Bootlegger held with illicit liquor

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Doda Police has apprehended one bootlegger with quantity of illicit liquor from his possession.

Giving details, SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta has said that a Police party of Police Post Pul Doda led by IC PP Pul Doda SI Ishan Sharma was on routine night checking at Pul Doda, Doda. During night checking one Electric Auto bearing registration No. JK06B 8221 was intercepted which was being driven by namely Vinod Singh S/o Kunj Lal R/o Gadan Bhagwah which was stopped for checking. On the checking of the Auto 13 bottles (750 ml each) recovered from his possession which was carried by him illegally for the selling purpose. In this connection a case FIR No. 145/2025 US 48 (a) Excise act stands registered at PS Doda and investigation of the case has been started.

Doda police traces missing girl, reunites with family

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Doda Police has traced missing girl and reunited with her family whose missing reports were lodged at Police Post DH Doda of PS Doda

On 12.06.2025 a missing report of girl namely resident of Sadiq Abad Doda of PS Doda on 12.06.2025.

Soon after getting the information regarding missing of the girl, Police swung into action and on the directions of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta JKPS, team was constituted from PS Doda led by IC PP DH Doda under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Doda and S/PO PS Doda in search of the missing girl. The Police teams by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues, succeeded in tracing them out on 17.06.2025. Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, the girl has been handed over to her family and missing report have been closed.

Hardcore criminal booked under PSA

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBA: Acting tough against criminals, Samba Police booked a hardcore criminal under the Jammu & Kashmir

Public Safety Act (PSA) and lodged him in District Jail Poonch.

The hardcore criminal namely Ayoub Ahmed S/o Shamas Din R/o Basoli district Kathua A/P Teli Basti Bari Brahmana district Samba has been booked under PSA after obtaining formal detention order from the District Magistrate Samba. The booked criminal has been subsequently lodged in District Jail Poonch.

The said criminal is involved in sixteen (16) cases registered against him at different Police Stations of district Kathua, district Jammu and district Samba viz PS Rajbagh, PS Kathua, PS Bahu Fort, PS Gangyal, PS Arnia, PS Nagrota and PS Bari Brahmana.



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