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had "betrayed diplomacy" with the military strikes in support of Israel, and said that "the US has itself launched a dangerous war against Iran" now. "The Islamic Republic of Iran reserves its right to resist with full force against US military aggression and the crimes committed by this rogue regime, and to defend Iran's security and national interests," the ministry said in a lengthy statement.

Hours after the American attacks, Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard said it launched a barrage of 40 missiles at Israel, including its Khorramshahr-4, which can carry multiple warheads.

Israeli authorities reported that more than 80 people suffered mostly minor injuries, though one multi-story building in Tel Aviv was significantly damaged, with its entire facade torn away to expose the apartments inside. Houses across the street were almost completely destroyed.

Following the Iranian barrage, Israel's military said it had "swiftly neutralised" the Iranian missile launchers that had fired, and that it had begun a series of strikes toward military targets in western Iran.

The US helped Israel strike Iran's toughest nuclear site

Iran has maintained that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only, and US intelligence agencies have assessed that Tehran is not actively pursuing a bomb. However, Trump and Israeli leaders have argued that Iran could quickly assemble a nuclear weapon, making it an imminent threat.

The decision to directly involve the US in the war comes after more than a week of strikes by Israel that significantly degraded Iran's air defences and offensive missile capabilities, and damaged its nuclear enrichment facilities.

But US and Israeli officials have said American B-2 stealth bombers and the 30,000-pound (13,500-kilogram) bunker-buster bomb that only they have been configured to carry offered the best chance of destroying heavily fortified sites connected to the Iranian nuclear programme buried deep underground.

Trump appears to have made the calculation - at the prodding of Israeli officials and many Republican lawmakers - that Israel's operation had softened the ground and presented a perhaps unparalleled opportunity to set back Iran's nuclear programme, perhaps permanently.

"We have completed our very successful attack on the three Nuclear sites in Iran, including Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan," Trump said in a post on social media, using common alternate spellings for two of the sites. "All planes are now outside of Iran air space. A full payload of BOMBS was dropped on the primary site, Fordow. All planes are safely on their way home."

Trump added in a later post: "This is an historic moment for the United States of America, Israel, and the world. Iran must now agree to end this war. Thank You!"

Israel announced Sunday that it had closed its airspace to both inbound and out-bound flights in the wake of the US attacks.

The White House and Pentagon did not immediately elaborate on the operation. US military leaders are scheduled to provide a briefing at 8 am Eastern.

The attack used bunker-buster bombs on Iran's Fordo nuclear fuel enrichment plant that is built deep into a mountain, a US official said. The weapons are designed to penetrate the ground before exploding. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss military operations.

In addition, US submarines launched about 30 Tomahawk missiles, according to another US official who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

The International Atomic Energy Agency wrote on X that there has been "no increase in off-site radiation levels" after the strikes but that it would continue to monitor the situation.

Trump's turn to strikes departs from some previous statements

The decision to attack was a risky one for Trump, who won the White House partially on the promise of keeping America out of costly foreign conflicts and scoffed at the value of American interventionism.

But Trump also vowed that he would not allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon, and he had initially hoped that the threat of force would bring the country's leaders to give up its nuclear program peacefully.

For months, Trump said he was dedicated to a diplomatic push to persuade Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions. And he twice - in April and again in late May - persuaded Netanyahu to hold off on military action against Iran and give diplomacy more time.

After Israel began striking Iran, Trump went from publicly expressing hope that the moment could be a "second chance" for Iran to make a deal to delivering explicit threats on Khamenei and making calls for Tehran's unconditional surrender.

He has bristled at criticism from some supporters who have suggested that further US involvement would be a betrayal to those who were drawn to his promise to end US involvement in expensive and endless wars.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Trump's decision to attack in a video message directed at the American president.

"Your bold decision to target Iran's nuclear facilities, with the awesome and righteous might of the United States, will change history," he said. Netanyahu said the US "has done what no other country on earth could do."

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called the strikes a "dangerous escalation," as world leaders began chiming in with calls for diplomacy.

"There is a growing risk that this conflict could rapidly get out of control - with catastrophic consequences for civilians, the region and the world," he said in a statement.

Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen, who had threatened to resume attacks on US vessels in the Red Sea if the Trump administration joined Israel's military campaign, called on other Muslim nations to form "one front against the Zionist-American arrogance."

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had warned the United States on Wednesday that strikes targeting the Islamic Republic will "result in irreparable damage for them." And Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei declared "any American intervention would be a recipe for an all-out war in the region."

The Israeli military said Saturday it was preparing for the possibility of a lengthy war, while Iran's foreign minister warned before the US attack that American military involvement "would be very, very dangerous for everyone."

Israeli strikes on Iran have killed at least 865 people and wounded 3,396 others, according to the Washington-based group Human Rights Activists. The group said of those dead, it identified 363 civilians and 215 security force personnel.

Trump's decision for direct US military intervention comes after his administration made an unsuccessful two-month push - including with high-level, direct negotiations with the Iranians - aimed at persuading Tehran to curb its nuclear program.

During his previous administration, Trump pulled the US unilaterally out of the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, prompting Tehran to begin enriching uranium to higher levels and restrict the access of IAEA inspectors to its facilities.

## LS Speaker to...

Council Chairman Ram Shankar Shinde, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar, and Chairperson of Committee on Estimates of Parliament Sanjay Jaiswal are scheduled to address the inaugural session.

Chairperson of Committee on Estimates Maharashtra Legislature Arjun Panditrao Khotkar will deliver the welcome address and Maharashtra Legislative Council Deputy Chairperson Neelam Gorhe will deliver the Vote of Thanks during the inaugural session.

Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan will deliver the valedictory address on Tuesday. Birla, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Jaiswal and Leader of Opposition of Maharashtra Legislative Council Ambadas Danve are scheduled to address the valedictory session.

## Engaging with states...

of India, deputationists, Saudi authorities and local support systems.

The secretary especially acknowledged the effectiveness of the Haj Suvidha App, which played a crucial role in enhancing pilgrim experience and easing on-ground challenges.

He affirmed that insights from this year's Haj operations will be used to further improve arrangements for Haj 2026.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs remains committed to ensuring efficient administration of waqf properties and a dignified pilgrimage experience for all Hajis through digital empowerment and responsive governance, the statement said.

Following the launch of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995 (UMEED) Central Portal on June 6, 2025, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has been actively engaging with states and union territories to ensure the effective implementation of this statutory platform, it said.

As per the mandate of the UMEED portal, details of all registered Waqf properties across India are to be mandatorily uploaded within six months.

The government launched the portal on June 6 to create a digital inventory after geo-tagging all Waqf properties, with Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju calling it a historic step that would ensure that community-owned Waqf assets are utilised

effectively and fairly for poor Muslims.

The UMEED portal will serve as a centralised digital platform for real-time uploading, verification, and monitoring of Waqf properties.

## ‘Sarhad Shauryathon’, grand...

The participants ran through the rugged terrain of Drass, symbolically tracing the journey of India's brave soldiers during the Kargil conflict.

Akhoon lauded the initiative and expressed deep gratitude to the armed forces for their sacrifices. He also congratulated the organisers for the successful conduct of the race.

"Sarhad Shauryathon reminds us of the courage of our soldiers and the unity of our people," he said.

Later, the CEC also met Shinde and discussed various issues related to Kargil's development.

Shinde assured him that a CT-scan machine will be given to the Drass Sub-District Hospital and a few ambulances will be provided for Kargil district.

He also promised to extend support for tourism in Drass, the official said.

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on July 26 to pay tribute to the 559 soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the motherland during the Kargil War.

## Ahmedabad plane crash...

have been handed over to kin," Ahmedabad Civil Hospital medical superintendent Dr Rakesh Joshi said.

He said 70 victims are from Ahmedabad, 24 from Vadodara, 26 from Anand and 11 from Kheda in the state. Some of the victims identified so far are from Rajasthan, Manipur, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Diu and Bihar, Joshi added.

"Since the process of DNA sample matching is very sensitive and involves legal protocol, it is being completed with seriousness and speed. The Forensic Science University and associated institutions, local administration, health and other departments of the state government and various agencies are working tirelessly to hand over the mortal remains to kin," he said.

Officials on Saturday asked families of eight Ahmedabad plane crash victims to give a sample of another relative for DNA tests after the first sample submitted by a kin did not match.

## Shah warns Naxals...

Speaking after laying the foundation stones for the National Forensic Science University (NFSU) campus and a Central Forensic Science Lab in Chhattisgarh's Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, he said the complete implementation of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam will make India's criminal justice system the most modern, speedy and scientific justice system in the world.

"The country will enter into an era of more evidence-based criminal justice. After complete implementation of three criminal laws, any FIR registered in any corner of our country will ensure justice to the complainant and the victim up to the Supreme Court within 3 years. There will be no delay in justice for more than three years," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047 not only focuses on innovation, infrastructure, industrial and economic progress but also ensuring timely justice and the three new laws will help in this regard, he said.

"There was a time when arguments for justice were based on feelings or imagination and evidence, but I believe that where there is proof, scientific evidence, only then the accurate result comes. With the help of FSL (forensic science lab), India will be among the countries with the highest conviction rate in the world in a few years," he said.

The new laws make it mandatory for the forensic science team to visit the scene of any crime in which the punishment is more than seven years, Shah said.

Shah said the NFSU campus in Nava Raipur will cost Rs 145 crore and CFSL Rs 123 crore, adding these will come up in three years.

Graduation from NFSU means a job guarantee and youth of Chhattisgarh must grab this great opportunity, he added.

"In the coming years, 32000 forensic experts will emerge every year and our requirement is not more than 30000 every year. We will become self-reliant in the field of forensic science. Yesterday, someone sent me a survey which claims the global forensic technology market is worth USD 20 billion and will be worth 55 billion US dollars by 2036 with a 13 per cent compound annual growth rate," he said.

The survey estimates India's share in it to be 9 per cent, which means there is huge potential for the youth to explore, he added.

"Chhattisgarh has four regional State Forensic Science Laboratories in Ambikapur, Bilaspur, Durg and Jagdalpur. Now CFSL will also be set up which will give huge strength to our criminal justice system. Now no one will have to go to any other state and there will be no need to send forensic samples to Delhi for investigation. The entire investigation will be done in Nava Raipur Atal Nagar itself," he added.

Within a short time, the NFSU has 16 campuses, seven of which have been established and nine have been approved. Ten additional campuses are proposed, which will see NFSU expand its operations to 26 major locations nationwide, Shah said.

During the function, Shah also virtually inaugurated the NFSU transit campus in Sejbahar here and i-Hub Chhattisgarh.

After the Sai government took over, MoUs worth Rs 5 lakh crore have been signed in recent investment summits, Shah said, but added that the state's industrial revolution cannot happen till its youth become entrepreneurs themselves.

"If someone from outside sets up an industry, employment, revenue and possibilities will increase. But when the youth of Chhattisgarh become MSME industrialists, create their own startups, they will create a culture of industrial adventurism. Chhattisgarh will not be able to develop until then," he said.

The i-Hub High Hope initiative launched during the day will not only help youth create startups but will also give them technological support and check the practicality of their ventures, Shah said.

A similar centre has been set up in Gujarat and it is doing very good work, Shah said. Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, Deputy CMs Arun Sao and Vijay Sharma, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Director of Intelligence Bureau Tapan Deka and Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain were present on the occasion.

## Rajnath to release...

and Broadcasting. Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw, and Union Minister of State L Murugan will also attend the event.

"Wings to Our Hopes - Volume 2" is a carefully curated collection of 51 speeches, offering a window into the vision, philosophy, and priorities of President Murmu during her second year in office (August 2023 -- July 2024), according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The second volume of the president's speeches will also be release with an e-version.

## DAJGUA Campaign catalyses inclusive governance in Kishtwar's Tribal Belt on Day 8

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KISHTWAR: To ensure inclusive development and last-mile service delivery to the tribal community, District Administration Kishtwar hosted a vibrant multi-departmental camp was at Panchayat Ghar Neeju Kukerwas, Block Drabshalla, on the day 8 of the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gramin Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA).

The initiative-aimed at socio-economic empowerment of tribal communities-brought together several departments including Health, Agriculture, Education, ICDS, Employment, Rural Development, and Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), offering an array of services to the tribal community members. Their joint presence not only enhanced awareness of welfare schemes among the Scheduled Tribe (ST) population but also facilitated direct access to key entitlements and services.

Each department established dedicated facilitation kiosks offering real-time assistance in beneficiary enrollment, application processing, multilingual informational material, and personalized consultations-thereby ensuring that critical services reach the remotest corners.

A key highlight of the day's proceedings was the grievance redressal forum, which allowed residents to voice their concerns regarding infrastructure gaps, healthcare access, education challenges and delays in scheme implementation. Officers engaged in open dialogue, offering immediate assurances and timelines for resolution, reflecting the administration's commitment to responsive and accountable governance.

Field-level officers emphasized the significance of sustained community engagement and highlighted DAJGUA's role in narrowing the divide between administration and tribal citizens. The platform fostered mutual dialogue-enabling officials not only to disseminate information but also to listen, learn, and adapt to community-specific realities.

The outreach received widespread acclaim from Tribal Community and local inhabitants, who lauded the district administration's proactive, empathetic and ground-level connect.

## Man carrying sharp edged weapons arrested

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R S PURA: Acting tough against criminals and with an aim to diminish the crime in the area, J&K Police arrested one namely person Jasbinder singh @ Sonu S/o Ghar Singh R/o Shamka tehsil R.S Pura with two sharp edged weapon (TOKA'S) and one motorcycle chain in the jurisdiction of Police Station R.S Pura.

In this context, a case FIR No.125/2025 U/S 4/25 Arms Act has also been registered at Police Station R.S Pura.

The arrest was made by a team of Police Station R.S Pura headed by SHO PS R.S Pura under the close supervision of SDPO R.S Pura & S P Headquarters Jammu, under the overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

The locals of the area have appreciated the efforts of J&K Police in taking tough stand against these criminals.

## Drug peddler nabbed with 6 grams of heroin

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SUNDERBANI: Continuing its sustained efforts to combat drug trafficking and substance abuse in Rajouri, Sunderbani Police arrested one individual and seized 6 grams of heroin like narcotic substance from his possession at ITI Naka Sunderbani.

The accused has been identified as Adil Nazir S/O Nazir Hussain resident of Rajdhani Manjakote presently residing at Ward No. 2 Bella Rajouri he was arrested on the spot.

In this connection a case FIR No. 41/2025 under relevant sections of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Sunderbani and further investigation is underway. The Station house officer SHO Sunderbani Rajiv Sharma said we committed to its zero-tolerance policy against drug-related activities. The general public is urged to remain vigilant and report any drug related activities to police to help make the Rajouri drug-free.

## Bovine smuggling attempt foiled, couple of bovines rescued

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UDHAMPUR: Police team

of Police Station Panchari led by its SHO have foiled one bovine smuggling bid in which 02 bovines were rescued which were being illegally transported on foot towards Kashmir Valley (via Sanasar) from Galiote area without any valid permission. Bovine Smuggler namely Javed Ali S/O Safar Ali R/O Galiote, Panchari has been arrested on the spot.

Both the bovines were rescued and have been shifted to a safer place.

In this regards, case FIR No. 27/2025 under relevant sections of law stand registered at Police Station Panchari. Further investigation of the case is underway.

## Missing lady reunited with family

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BILLAWAR: In a significant achievement, Police Station Billawar successfully traced and reunited a missing lady with her family, demonstrating swift response and professional dedication.

On 22-05-2025 one person namely resident of Dharalta Tehsil Billawar Distt. Kathua came in this P/S Billawar and lodged a written complaint regarding missing of her daughter age about 19 years.

On receiving a complaint a missing report is entered at this P/S Billawar vide GD No. 16 dated 22 05-2025 and a team of P/S Billawar led by SHO Billawar Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Neeraj Padyar searched various places, analyzed CCTV cameras at various places and with the help of technical assistance along with timely human intervention, recovered the missing lady .After completing all legal formalities the said missing Lady handed over to her legal heirs. Moreover the missing report stands closed.

## Samba police foils bovine smuggling attempt, rescues 15 bovines

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SAMBA: Continuing its drive against bovine smugglers and their propagators, Samba Police has successfully foiled bovine smuggling attempt in the jurisdiction of Police Station Ghagwal, rescued fifteen bovines from the clutches of bovine smugglers and seized vehicle used for illegal transportation of bovines. A Police team headed by SHO Police Station Ghagwal while performing vehicle checking duty at NHW Naka Thapyal, intercepted a truck bearing registration No.PB11BF- 6445 coming from Kathua side. During checking of the vehicle, fifteen bovines were found inside the vehicle which were tied in a cruel manner and were being transported illegally without any valid permission. A case FIR No. 65/2025 u/s 223 BNS, 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Ghagwal and investigation started.

## SMVDU hosts expert session on Entrepreneurship with Adityajay Khajuria

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KATRA: SMVDU-TBIC, in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) and the School of Mechanical Engineering, SMVDU hosted an inspiring interactive session featuring Adityajay Khajuria, a distinguished entrepreneur and global business leader.

The event served as a significant platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to gain first-hand insights from an industry expert with extensive international experience. The session was attended by students and faculty members from various schools of the university, reflecting wide interest across disciplines.

Adityajay Khajuria, the Co-Founder and Director of Ajashy Engineering Sales India and Arabian Equipment UAE, addressed the participants during the expert session. Under his leadership, these ventures have evolved into global enterprises with operations spanning India, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Thailand, delivering products and services to clients in over 30 countries.

His strategic vision and commitment to innovation have played a key role in expanding the reach of Indian engineering solutions in international markets.

Hailing from Samba, Jammu &

