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### J&K witnessing massive...

future of the youth. Addressing the students, the Lt Governor exhorted them to continuously innovate to meet the local challenges and work towards a bright and prosperous future of the country.

"Desire and Determination, the two key factors will guide you to harness opportunities and steadily contribute to build Viksit Bharat," the Lt Governor told the students.

I believe that the prime objective of education is to create higher values and independent thinking in students to shape the destiny of the nation. Our educational institutions must lay special emphasis on reinventing the class-room learning to unleash students' true potential, the Lt Governor said.

He further emphasised on strengthening Industry-academia connect and providing a collaborative space for startups and business ideas to prosper.

Startups are powerful instruments to bridge the gap between universities and industries. Education should be driven by creativity rather than by a rigid curriculum, he said.

The Lt Governor also congratulated the Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students of IUST for making remarkable strides in the fields of academics, research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

IUST has not only excelled in providing skill training to its students but has also been a pioneer in various educational innovations in J&K, the Lt Governor said.

As per National Education Policy 2020, IUST has made notable additions to its academic offerings, engaging in multidisciplinary education successfully blending humanities with sciences and introducing new pedagogies, he observed.

He said the introduction of UG program in Design Your Own Degree mode, 4-Year UG Programs with Multiple Entry Multiple Exit and other innovative programs like Robotics & Automation, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Media Studies, Operation Theatre Technology, and many other areas stands as a testament to the commitment to offer flexible and modern educational opportunities that cater to the diverse needs of our students.

Speaking on the occasion, Padma Vibhushan Dr Anil Kakodkar, eminent nuclear scientist and former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, congratulated the students for embarking on their new journey.

"The World out there is full of opportunities as well as challenges. The capabilities the students acquire from IUST will enable them to lead a successful career ahead and empower them to make meaningful contributions to nation building," he said.

Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST, presented the University report and highlighted the achievements of the University.

During the convocation, 27 students were conferred with Gold Medals, while 53 students were awarded with merit certificates.

A total of 1056 students have been awarded with degrees for UG/PG programmes, and 19 students received their Ph.D Degree Certificates.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice Chairman, J&K Higher Education Council; Vice-Chancellors of various Universities; HoDs of different educational institutions, senior officials of Civil and Police administration, faculty members, students and their parents were present.

### Highlights...

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### Kathua ambush: Two...

supporting terror-related actions, a police spokesperson said.

On July 8, five army personnel, including a junior commissioned officer, were martyred and five others injured in the attack by heavily armed terrorists in the remote Machedi area of the district.

"These individuals were found to have deliberately withheld crucial information from the police," the spokesperson said, adding that those arrested have been identified as Layaqat Ali, alias Pawu of Kalna Dhanu Parole (Billawar) and Mool Raj alias Jenju from Bowli Mohalla (Malhar).

According to the spokesperson, the duo refused to disclose vital information to the police, thereby obstructing efforts to prevent terrorist actions.

Ali and Raj have been booked under 61(1) (Criminal conspiracy), 113 (Terrorist act) , 147 (Waging, or attempting to wage war against Government of India), 150 (Concealing with intent to facilitate design to wage war) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the EIMCO (Egress and Internal Movement Control) Act at Malhar Police Station, he said.

Over 100 individuals have been interrogated and preventive measures have been taken against over 40 others in connection with the case to mitigate risks and disrupt potential support systems for terrorist activities, the spokesperson said.

"The arrest of these OGWs underscores our commitment," the spokesperson added.

### Man on bail...

evening when the attacker, identified as Kathua-resident Devendra Singh who currently resides in Jammu's Nanak Nagar, alighted from the Jhelum Express and launched the assault.

"Singh also attempted to snatch the constable's service rifle before attempting to flee the scene," a police official said.

However, Railway police personnel rushed to the spot and swiftly apprehended him. Singh has a criminal history and among others faces a murder case in Kathua. He was out on bail for health reasons.

The video of the incident has gone viral of social media. Authorities have registered a case against Singh at the railway police station. The officials said it is being investigated what was the motive behind him trying to snatch the weapon.

### ECI orders 2nd...

of name in the existing electoral roll, Form 8 for multiple purposes like correction of any particulars in the roll, shifting of residence (within or outside constituency), replacement of EPIC and marking of person with disability and Form 6 B could be used for capturing Aadhaar number of the existing electors. The Draft Electoral Roll could be downloaded at [www.eco.jk.gov.in](http://www.eco.jk.gov.in) and [www.ecojk.nic.in](http://www.ecojk.nic.in).

Further, the notice reads that the claims and objections could be filled in both online as well as offline mode. "For online filing of claims and objections, one can log on to Voter's Service Portal ([www.voters.eci.gov.in](http://www.voters.eci.gov.in)) or download voter helpline app (VHA), and for offline mode, the concerned BLO, AERO or ERO could be contacted," it adds.

The document also reads that all stakeholders are requested to participate in the revision exercise to ensure that maximum eligible voters are enrolled in the electoral rolls. "Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (Migrant) in Delhi, Jammu, and Udhampur shall receive the claims and objections from the Kashmiri migrants living within their jurisdiction as per the mentioned schedule," reads the notice.

### Army Chief Dwivedi...

commanders and troops on the ground.

"#COAS lauded All Ranks for maintaining high standards of professionalism & exhorted them to remain steadfast in meeting emerging #security challenges," the ADGPI said.

General Dwivedi later left for Kargil to take part in the silver jubilee celebrations of Kargil Vijay Diwas. After arriving here on Wednesday, General Dwivedi, along with Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, GOC-in-C Northern Command, Chinार Corps Commander, civil dignitaries and all ranks of Chinार Corps paid homage to Naik Dilawar Khan, who laid down his life during an anti-terror operation in Kupwara.

### CS for ensuring...

the machinery and infrastructure in view of the present climatic conditions. He advised for taking both the short and long term measures to augment supply of drinking and irrigation waters as per the requirements on ground.

He directed the Deputy Commissioners to submit regular reports on the status of power and water supply in their respective districts, ensuring continuous monitoring and swift action whenever needed. He asked for establishment of control rooms at the district level for instant resolution of complaints regarding these essential

supplies in their areas.

Dulloo further instructed for ascertaining the need for deployment of additional water tankers so that people do not face any inconvenience due to water scarcity. He directed to ensure the supply of drinking water in villages right up to the tail end.

He also took note of the power scenario prevailing in the UT. He advised that people should be provided electricity as per the designated schedules. He impressed upon the Department to be ready with the contingency plans to address any unforeseen circumstances.

On the occasion, the Additional Chief Secretary, Jal Shakti Department gave a detailed overview of present water levels, supply management and future preparedness of the department to handle the heat wave conditions both in Jammu and Kashmir provinces.

He said that the Department has devised a roadmap to address shortfalls in drinking water and irrigation supplies. He revealed that the average gauge readings in both the rivers of Jhelum and Chenab have reduced substantially by several feet which had put many water and irrigation schemes in distress across the UT.

He further informed the meeting about the mitigation measures taken by the department during the past three months. He added that the tanker services had been put in service in the water shortage areas besides constituting task-force to tackle the misuse of water.

### SFs launch anti...

on Thursday. Scores of police and security personnel equipped with specialised gear are meticulously scanning border areas, focusing on dense bushes and forested regions as part of this operation, the police said.

"A comprehensive anti-tunnel exercise has commenced to ascertain the presence of any cross-border tunnels," said a police officer involved in the operation.

The search operations also involve deployment of drones and is being conducted daily in response to the ongoing security threats posed by potential terrorist infiltrations, he said.

"Security forces are clearing dense bushy areas to eliminate the possibility of existence of tunnels," the officer added.

Police recently said that Pakistan-sponsored terrorists have infiltrated into Jammu and Kashmir via the International Border and have been involved in terrorist attacks in the region.

Reports also indicate that between 50 to 60 foreign terrorists have infiltrated into Jammu via the International Border and Line of Control over the past few months, according to police.

Over the last six weeks, they have targeted army personnel, security forces and civilians, including pilgrims, particularly in Kathua, Doda, Rajouri, Poonch and Reasi districts.

### LS adjourned twice...

the Congress to join the BJP.

Bittu, the Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries, countered by making certain personal remarks against Channi and former Congress president Sonia Gandhi, triggering an uproar.

Amid the angry exchange of words, Congress member Amrinder Singh Raja Warring tried to enter the Well of the House, but was stopped by Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi.

From the treasury benches, Bittu also tried to enter the Well.

BJP member Sandhya Ray, who was in the chair, then adjourned the proceedings for 30 minutes till 2 pm.

When the House reconvened, Defence Minister and Deputy Leader of the Lok Sabha Rajnath Singh urged Speaker Om Birla to remove any unparliamentary references and continue with the debate.

Birla also directed the treasury and the opposition members to maintain the dignity of the House, adding that ministers especially should not break the rules.

Channi then proceeded to conclude his speech.

He mentioned the meeting of Rahul Gandhi with some farmer leaders on Wednesday, adding that they had also sought time to meet the prime minister.

Channi also accused the government of not keeping its promises to the farmers. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal intervened and accused the Congress MP of misleading the House, saying he should authenticate the allegations he was making.

Channi accused the ruling party members of obstructing his speech and alleged that the government was overlooking farmers.

He stressed that the farmers had several demands, including one for a loan waiver.

As he alleged that National Security Act provisions were invoked against protesting farmers, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said Channi should authenticate the allegations and accused him of misleading the House.

Rijju also urged the chair to move a privilege motion against Channi.

The war of words between the ruling and the opposition benches went on even after Channi concluded his speech.

### Azad expresses concern...

to initiate measures that foster trust and goodwill among the people", Azad said, adding that there are always enemies of peace, who thrive on discord and unrest.

"Our history shows that a positive and inclusive approach can ensure lasting harmony", he added.

Reflecting on past successes, he said, "In previous times, we managed to secure peace through our constructive efforts and positive engagement. It is our hope that the current government will adopt a similar strategy to bring about stability and tranquility in the region."

During his visit, Azad met with party office bearers at the residence of Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami and also visited the residence of DDC member Intiyaz Khanday and Zonal President DPAP Dr. Asif Khanday to offer condolences on the passing away of their mother.

In an interaction with party office bearers, Azad spoke about the importance of informed voting and the dangers of succumbing to emotional appeals and false propaganda. He pointed out that many elected representatives are unable to effectively advocate for their people in Parliament.

Azad said, "People often vote on the basis of emotions and misleading propaganda. However, the reality is that those they vote for frequently cannot plead their cause in Parliament. We must help people understand the necessity of choosing representatives, who can raise their voices and drive development."

He warned that if the current trend continues, it would lead to increased suffering for the people.

Azad called for a shift in voter mentality towards selecting capable and effective representatives who can truly serve the interests of their people.

Among others present on the occasion included Mohd Amin Bhatt Provincial President Kashmir, Gen Secretary Ch Haroon Khatana, Chief Spokesperson Salman Nizami, Bilal Deva DDC, Mir Altaf, Mufti Sarwar and others.

### Over 3,000 pilgrims...

Of these, 1,803 pilgrims opted for the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route, while 1,286 chose the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route, they said.

Since June 28, when Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch from Jammu, 3,11,493 pilgrims have embarked from the Jammu base camp.

The 52-day yatra, which commenced formally on June 29 from Baltal and Pahalgam base camps in Kashmir, will conclude on August 19.

### PM Modi gave...

the Abdullah, Mufti, and Gandhi-Nehru families, who threw the people of Jammu and Kashmir into the burning flames to serve their own interests. He highlighted how these families ignored the plight of Jammu and Kashmir during the 1990 massacres and instead pushed the region towards further turmoil.

### Sacrifices of soldiers...

Kargil War, the CDS said, there were lessons in the war for not only the military but for all those who deal with national security. He stressed that the lessons learnt by shedding blood must not be forgotten, the mistakes must not be repeated and the right lessons must be reinforced.

Regarding the ongoing reforms in the Armed Forces, Gen Anil Chauhan underlined that the Tri-services are on the threshold of a major reform, that range from organisational, structural, conceptual to cultural. "The underlying aim of these reforms is to improve fighting efficiency and keep the Armed Forces battle ready at all times. We must be prepared to shed the obsolete practices and adopt new ones. The shape and contour of reforms must reflect the uniqueness of the Indian environment and challenges," he said.

On the occasion, CDS assured the citizens that the Armed Forces remain enthused with new energy as the nation steps into the Amritkaal and are determined to march in step with the rest of the country to make India a 'Viksit Bharat'.

### Justice Tashi Rabstan...

efficiently and assist those in need of legal representation.

Justice Tashi commended the efforts of the District Legal Services Authority in Udhampur for their dedication towards providing quality legal aid services to those who are entitled to the same. He further said that the new block would strengthen

the legal aid infrastructure and contribute to the overall mission of ensuring justice for all, irrespective of socio-economic backgrounds.

Following the inauguration, Justice Tashi Rabstan interacted with the district administration to take stock of judicial infrastructure coming up in different Tehsils of district Udhampur.

A delegation of Bar Association Udhampur led by President J.D. Slathia also met Justice Tashi and presented a charter of demands which were patiently heard and some of them were resolved by issuing instructions to the concerned quarters.

Justice Tashi also had interaction with the Judicial Officers of the District Court Udhampur. He discussed various initiatives and measures to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the legal system in Udhampur, reaffirming his commitment to continuous improvement in the delivery of justice.

The inauguration of the new LADC block is a testament to the ongoing efforts of the J&K Legal Services Authority to promote legal awareness and provide robust legal aid services, ensuring that justice is accessible to every citizen.

### Letter to CJ...

this matter on 28th August, 2024 and in the meantime, response on behalf of the respondents. While seeking response from respondents, DB observed that in the letter, deep concern has been expressed over the safety of the environment and ecology of Ladakh. It has been averred in the letter that the residents of District Ganderbal have encroached upon the land of Ladakh under the garb that the Border Roads Organization (BRO) has divided the snow area land into equal proportions and this action on part of the inhabitants of Ganderbal has endangered the flora and fauna of the Ladakh region which being a threat to the environment and ecology of the said region. Further it has been pleaded that the traffic movement and allied rules governing the subject are being applied to impede only Ladakh people who are made to suffer from various aspects whereas the tourist vehicles as well as heavy vehicles without any restrictions are being allowed to move throughout the year.

### Avtar Singh Murder...

Vinod Kumar, had ordered the suspension of incharge Police Post (IC/PP) Greater Kailash PSI Puneet Sharma. A Special Investigations Team under the supervision of SDPO South was constituted.

Pertinently, Avtar Singh, son of Balbir Singh of Kaluchak was attacked by a group of goons when he objected to forcible possession of a plot he had allegedly purchased long back.

In the attack, Avtar Singh had suffered severe head injuries and he was taken to Government Medical College hospital Jammu, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Gangyal police had registered FIR (39/24) under section 307/323/447/147/IPC.

Deceased Avtar Singh, father of 8-month old child was scheduled to return to New Zealand to join his family on May 12. He had come to Jammu to take along his parents.

Avtar Singh was working with McDonald at New Zealand. A day before, he had joined his father Balbir Singh to save their plot measuring 1 kanal 3 marla land from land grabbers, when he was attacked on head.

In his last statement, Avtar Singh had termed land grabbers and police responsible for attack on him.

Avtar had also posted two videos on his facebook page before dying. "Corruption has deep routed into the system and so we have lost young blood and alone bread earner in the family, said Avtar's cousin.

Sources informed that those who were arrested include Ravinder Kumar alias Gola Shah, Kuldeep Charak, Purshotam Singh, Suraj Singh, Vikas Singh and Former SSP Sheikh Mehmood.

### Blind murder solved, accused held

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Police on Thursday solved a blind murder case and arrested the accused.

As per details, On July 21, 2024 an information was received at PS Chenani that one male dead body was lying in the MandoBan area of Nagulta under the jurisdiction of PS Chenani. Later the body was identified as that of Liaqat Ali S/O Musa Khan R/O Narsoo, Udhampur



On this inquest proceeding U/S 194 BNSS was initiated Vide DDR.No. 08 dated 21-07-2024 in Police Station Chenani.

During the course of enquiry, police team of Police Station Chenani

headed by its SHO Insp. Pushpinder Singh under the supervision of SDPO Chenani Tahir Sheikh Amin detained some suspects and during the sustained questioning, one of them namely Balwinder Singh, son of Attar Singh, resident of Chirdi, Tehsil Chenani confessed that he had murdered the deceased over some dispute on money.

The inquest proceeding was converted into murder and a case FIR No. 123/2024 U/S 103 BNS stands registered in PS Chenani. The accused person has also been arrested and further investigation of the case is underway.

### Bovine bid foiled, 7 bovines rescued

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UDHAMPUR: Police post Manwal Jammu rescued 07 Bovine animals from clutches of bovine smugglers.

In the wee hours an information was received at PP Manwal that one vehicle Tata mobile bearing registration No. JK14D-2672 loaded with bovine animals have entered jd of PP Manwal.

Under close supervision of SHO Jhajar Kotli and SDPO Nagrota all nakas of PP Manwal were activated and a special Police team deputed for the same.

During search of vehicle police party of PP Manwal intercepted the said vehicle at forest area of Si-gala near Jindrah and 07 bovines are rescued which were tied mercilessly. Both accused persons have been arrested.

### Crackdown on illegal mining, 7 vehicles seized

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a drive against illegal mining and to tighten noose against the violators, Jammu Police has initiated strict action against the criminals involved in illegal mining & minting money out of the public resources.

In a surprise operation which was carried at different locations in Rural zone of District Jammu.

PP Sidhra seized 04 vehicles which include Tipper bearing Regd. No.JK02CQ-6055 ; Tipper bearing chasis no MAT804301M8A01989; Tractor trolley bearing chasis no. MBNAK49AHNTN44376 4.Tipper bearing registration no JK02CD/9144,all vehicles loaded with sand and without form A.

PP Jourian seized two vehicles which include 1.Tractor bearing Chassis No 1VY5050DJPA061779; Tractors bearing Chassis No.NHN36020ZRE693436 both vehicles Loaded with Sand and without form A.

BPP Jogwan seized one Tractor with engine No.4100ELU34H1332180F32,Chassis No.JZUDK1345138532, Vehicle loaded with sand and without form A.

After seizing of these vehicles District Mining Officer was informed for necessary legal actions.

### Lady drug peddler arrested with heroin

#### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Continuing its actions against drug peddlers under Ops SANJEEVANI, a police party of Police Station RS Pura had established a naka, and were conducting routine checking and patrolling at Village Puro Bhana. During the naka, the alert Jawans of the police found a lady who was on the way from Puro Bhana towards RS Pura and on seeing the police party the said lady started behaving weirdly and tried to flee from the spot.

Alert Jawans along with lady constables of the police party, led by SHO RS Pura successfully apprehended the said lady.

During enquiry, the said lady disclosed her name as Tara Devi @Tammu W/O Narinder Pal @Bulla R/O Puro Bhana Tehsil R.S Pura District Jammu and recovered 1.5 gram heroin (chitta) like substance from her possession.

In this regard a case FIR No.152/2024 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS stands registered in P/S R S Pura & investigation taken up.

It is pertinent to mention that the spouse of the above mention lady has already been detained under stringent PIT NDPS Act.