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In other words, the largest youth population and the largest democracy." The prime minister asserted that the agreements signed during his tour will benefit Indian youth both within the country and abroad. The treaties cover critical sectors such as defence, pharmaceuticals, digital technology, energy, and rare earth minerals and will create far-reaching benefits.

"These initiatives will not only strengthen India's global economic standing but also generate meaningful opportunities for young Indians in both manufacturing and services," he said.

Noting that over 25 crore people were lifted out of poverty in the past 10 years, the prime minister said it would not have happened but for the employment and sources of income generated for them.

These poor people used to have a difficult living and feared death but became so strong that they defeated poverty, he added.

Citing an International Labour Organization report, Modi said over 90 crore people were covered under the ambit of welfare schemes in the last decade.

India, based on its Gini index, is among the countries with the highest equality, he said, underscoring his government's pro-people efforts.

Modi said his government's focus on boosting manufacturing has paid off, saying electronic manufacturing has risen over five times to be worth Rs 11 lakh crore in 11 years and mobile manufacturing units number nearly 300 from two to four earlier.

Defence manufacturing is being discussed proudly after Operation Sindoor, he said in an apparent reference to the display of India's indigenous military capability during the conflict with Pakistan.

The worth of defence production has gone beyond Rs 1.25 lakh crore, he said, adding that India is now on its way to becoming the third-largest economy.

Modi said India has emerged as the largest locomotive producer in the world and rail and metro coaches have registered strong exports. The automobile sector, he added, has attracted USD 40 billion in FDI in just five years, resulting in new factories, new job opportunities, and record vehicle sales.

The government, he said, is also focusing on creating new employment opportunities as he referred to the Employment Linked Incentive Scheme, under which people in their first job in the private sector will be given Rs 15,000.

The government will contribute to the first salary of their first job and has allocated a budget of approximately Rs 1 lakh crore, he said, adding that it is expected to help in the creation of about 3.5 crore new jobs.

He stressed the transformative power of India's manufacturing sector in driving national growth, generating employment, and accelerating India's journey toward becoming the world's third-largest economy.

Appointment letters were distributed as part of the government's Rozgar Mela. The Rozgar Mela will play a significant role in providing meaningful opportunities to the youth for their empowerment and participation in nation-building, a government statement has said. Over 10 lakh recruitment letters have been issued so far under it, it said.

Women empowerment transformed...

Rao Ambedkar, the Lieutenant Governor said that Baba Saheb was the pioneer of women's rights and women's empowerment and his timeless values and resolve for selfless service, equality, and social justice continues to guide the nation.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, women's empowerment has been transformed into a mass movement in Jammu and Kashmir:

"The social and economic upliftment of women has been our top priority. I strongly believe that women-led development will lead us to overcoming challenges like terrorism, drug addiction, other social evils, and to build a peaceful and prosperous J&K.

Nari Shakti has brought a tremendous change to the rural economy. Our multi-pronged approach and women centric initiatives have empowered the women in Jammu Kashmir with training and financial support. It is being ensured that the women are not just beneficiaries of development but a key partner in J&K's growth journey," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor called for annual follow up after the participants completed the training and started their businesses. He emphasised on a planned approach to close the gap between the number of women and men entrepreneurs, especially in rural areas, and encourage the women workforce to scale-up their businesses.

We must wholeheartedly recognize and respect women's inherent abilities and invaluable contributions, and make continuous efforts to promote their leadership role across the sectors, ensuring they have every opportunity to excel and inspire, he further said.

The Lieutenant Governor also lauded the Army's community engagements and development programme. He said the Indian Army is not only ensuring the unity and integrity of India with full alertness, but also continuously performing virtuous work of transforming the society.

GOC 15 Corps, Lieutenant General Prashant Srivastava; GOC Victor Force Major General Dhananjay Joshi; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; DIG SKR Javid Iqbal Matoo, Deputy Commissioner Shopian, Shishir Gupta; senior officials of Police, Civil Administration and Army; members of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Vikas evam Sewa Sansthan, and youth in large number were present.

Fresh batch of...

and sadhvis, left for the twin base camps of Nunwan-Pahalgam in Anantnag and Baltal in Ganderbal in two separate convoys under tight security arrangements in the early hours of the day, they said.

While 4,302 pilgrims are heading for Pahalgam base camp in a convoy of 159 vehicles, 2,337 pilgrims onboard 116 vehicles have preferred the Baltal route, the officials said.

The 38-day annual pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre high cave shrine started from the two routes on July 3 and is scheduled to end on August 9, coinciding with the Raksha Bandhan festival.

Over 1.65 lakh pilgrims have so far visited the shrine, which houses a naturally formed Shivalingam.

Seven IAS officers...

Administrative Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol Department & Director of Census Operations/Director of Citizen Registration for the UTs of J&K/Ladakh, till further orders.

Ananth Divredii, IAS (AGMUT2021), Chief Executive Officer, State Health Agency, J&K, holding additional charge of the post of Mission Director, Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Mission, J&K, shall also hold the charge of the post of Additional Secretary to the Government, Revenue Department, in addition to his own duties, till further orders.

"Umer Gulzar; JKAS, Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Srinagar; shall hold the charge of the post of Assistant Commissioner (Nazool), Srinagar; in addition to his own duties, till further orders," reads an another order.

Authorities deny NC...

also used to visit the "martyrs' graveyard" to pay homage to the Kashmiris who fell to the bullets of the Dogra army while protesting the rule of the Maharaja. Last year; several leaders were put under house arrest to prevent them from visiting the graveyard.

IGP Kashmir promotes...

and expressed hope that they will strive to work hard for upkeeping the public peace, tranquillity and law and order of the Union Territory of J&K.

Indian legal system...

Broken Legal System," had made the following remark. "Even though I conclude that our legal system is in bad need of fixing, I remain cautiously optimistic that my fellow (citizens) will rise to the challenge." This comment of the American judge was quoted by CJI Gavai.

Later, delivering a lecture on 'The Role of Babasaheb Dr B R Ambedkar in the framing of the Indian Constitution' at the Osmania University here, Justice Gavai said the contribution of the Constitution in keeping the country united and strong during the last 75 years is invaluable.

The Chief Justice said Dr Ambedkar was criticised that the "Constitution is too much federal" and also that it is "too much centric." The architect of the Constitution refuted such allegations and said that the "Constitution is not too much Centric or not too much federal, but we are giving a Constitution to the country (which) will keep the country united in times of war and peace."

Further, Justice Gavai said: "We see that in the journey of last 75 years, though there are many external aggressions, many internal disturbances, but India has always remained strong and united." Also, he said: "Let us all commit ourselves to taking forward the goal of framers of the Constitution in achieving economic and

social justice along with political justice and ensure that the justice reaches to the last, most needy citizen of the country," he added.

Justice Gavai said he was greatly privileged to visit the Osmania University which had honoured Ambedkar with D.Litt in 1953.

In his address at the Nalsar University of Law, the Chief Justice also advised the passing out graduates to seek mentors for the sake of integrity and not for their power. On the "pressure to pursue a master's degree abroad", Justice Gavai said: "A foreign degree alone is not a stamp of your worth. Don't take this decision in the reflex of thought or under your peer pressure. What happens next? Years of debt, anxiety, career decisions made under financial burden."

He cited examples of some young graduates or lawyers taking loans of as much as Rs 50-70 lakh for foreign education. In fact, a small portion of a big amount like Rs 50-Rs 70 lakh can be used as an investment to start independent practice or build an office chamber. The young lawyers can go abroad for studies at a later stage in life when they are stable, he said.

The growing trend of going abroad also reflects a structural issue, signalling a lack of confidence in the state of postgraduate legal education and research in our country, Justice Gavai said.

Many who study abroad come back with renewed passion and fresh perspectives, but when they return, they often find institutions unwelcoming, under-resourced or close to new ideas. There are few structured pathways for postdoctoral research, limited funding for early career scholars and opaque hiring processes that discourage even the most committed.

"This must change if we want to keep our best minds or bring them back. We must build nurturing academic environments, offer transparent and merit-based opportunities, and most importantly, restore dignity and purpose to legal research and training in India," he said.

On issues of mental pressure faced by legal professionals, he said the working hours are long, expectations are high and the culture sometimes is "ruthless".

"You will feel pressure, not just to succeed but also to appear to be successful. Many hide their struggles. I urge not to," he said.

It is not just enough to celebrate India's legal legacy; its future should be taken care of. The future depends on how researchers, young faculty and lawyers and scholars are treated.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Supreme Court Judge, Justice PS Narasimha also participated, while acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court, Justice Sujoy Paul presided.

Air India Plane...

the airport perimeter; killing all but one of the 242 onboard and another 19 on the ground in the deadliest aviation accident in a decade.

The report did not provide any clues to why and by whom the two fuel switches were moved to a cut-off position as the plane nosed into the air; starving the two engines of the thrust needed for the lift. It ruled out any bird hit or fuel contamination.

According to a chronology laid out in the report, both fuel cutoff switches moved from RUN to CUTOFF, one second apart, almost immediately after takeoff. Ram Air Turbine (RAT) pump was deployed to supply hydraulic power as both engines fell below the minimum idle rate.

About 10 seconds later, Engine 1 fuel cutoff switch moved to its so-called RUN position, followed by Engine 2 four seconds later.

The pilots managed to relight both engines, but only Engine 1 recovered while Engine 2 failed to build up enough power again to reverse deceleration. One of the pilots issued a "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" distress call, but before air traffic controllers could get a response about what had gone wrong, the plane crashed just outside the Ahmedabad airport boundary having grazed some trees before plunging into a hostel packed with students.

The time between the takeoff and the crash was only 32 seconds. The preliminary report recommended no action for now for the operators of Boeing 787-8 planes. In a statement, Air India said that it "stands in solidarity with the families and those affected" and "[continues] to mourn the loss" of those killed in the accident.

Air India said it was "working closely with stakeholders, including regulators" and "continue to fully cooperate with the AAIB and other authorities as their investigation progresses."

On its part, Boeing said: "Our thoughts remain with the loved ones of the passengers and crew on board Air India Flight 171, as well as everyone affected on the ground in Ahmedabad. We continue to support the investigation and our customers."

The US National Transportation Safety Board noted that there were no recommended actions in the report aimed at operators of Boeing 787 jets or the GE engines.

The ill-fated flight was commanded by Sumeet Sabharwal, 56, a veteran with 30 years of experience at Air India. He had logged 15,638 flying hours, including 8,596 on the Boeing 787. He was also an Air India instructor. His co-pilot was Clive Kunder, 32, who had 3,403 hours of total experience, with 1,128 hours on the Dreamliner.

Kunder was the pilot flying, while Sabharwal was the pilot monitoring.

The crew had passed pre-flight breathalyser tests and were seen at the gate on CCTV before they took off, the report adds.

The June 12 accident was India's worst aviation disaster in almost three decades and the industry's deadliest in 11 years, as well as the first fatal accident involving a Boeing Dreamliner.

The investigation was conducted with assistance from the UK's Air Accident Investigation Branch and the US National Transportation Safety Board.

Aviation experts have said it is difficult for pilots to inadvertently move the fuel switches, as there is a little mechanical gate built into the switch. Switches need to be lifted up over this little gate to shut off supply. They also asked why the report made no reference to cockpit camera footage.

Fuel switches are devices that regulate the flow of fuel into the engine of an aeroplane. Pilots use them to start or shut down engines on the ground or during a flight in case of an engine failure. They are spring-loaded to remain in position. To change fuel supply, a pilot has to first pull the switch up and then move it from RUN to CUTOFF or vice versa.

"The aircraft achieved the maximum recorded airspeed of 180 Knots IAS at about 08:08:42 UTC (13:38 IST) and immediately thereafter; the Engine 1 and Engine 2 fuel cutoff switches transitioned from RUN to CUTOFF position one after another with a time gap of 01 sec," the report said.

As per the report, the engine N1 and N2 began to decrease from their take-off values as the fuel supply to the engines was cut off.

"In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he cutoff. The other pilot responded that he did not do so," it said.

Almost immediately after the plane lifted off the ground, CCTV footage shows a backup energy source called a ram air turbine had deployed, indicating a loss of power from the engines.

The report provided only a limited picture of the interaction between the two pilots in the flight deck.

The report said both fuel switches were found in the run position at the crash site and that there had been indications of both engines relighting before the low-altitude crash.

It said the aircraft took off at 08:08:39 UTC (13:38:39 IST) and at about 08:09:05 UTC (13:39:05 IST) one of the pilots transmitted 'MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY'.

"The ATCO (Air Traffic Controller) enquired about the call sign. ATCO did not get any response but observed the aircraft crashing outside the airport boundary and activated the emergency response," the report said.

AAIB also said fuel samples taken from bowzers and tanks used to refuel the aircraft were tested at the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) Lab and were found satisfactory.

The preliminary report was widely anticipated to throw more light on what could have led to the crash, which was one of the worst in India in decades, and also it was the first accident involving a Boeing 787 aircraft that resulted in hull loss.

The AAIB said the wreckage site activities, including drone photography/ videography have been completed and the wreckage has been moved to a secure area near the airport. "Both engines were retrieved from the wreckage site and quarantined at a hangar in the airport. Components of interest for further examinations have been identified and quarantined," it said.

The AAIB is gathering additional details based on initial leads and data downloaded from the forward Enhanced Airborne Flight Recorder (EAFR) is being analysed.

Bangladesh national nabbed...

immigration laws, the police said. An FIR was filed under relevant sections of the Foreigners Act at the Katra Police Station, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the motive behind his illegal entry and possible links, the spokesman added. Senior Superintendent of Police Reasi, Paramvir Singh, praised the team for their swift action and emphasised the police's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of citizens, urging them to report any suspicious activity to the nearest police unit.

Biker dies in road mishap

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SUNDERBANI: A tragic road accident claimed the life of a motorcyclist in the Fulwadi area of Fulwari Tehsil, Sunderbani on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Jasveer Singh, son of Gareeb Chand, a resident of Nadani, Bhajwal. According to local sources, the mishap occurred when Jasveer's motorcycle reportedly lost control and hit a wall, leading to a severe head injury.

He was immediately rushed to the Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Sunderbani for treatment. However, despite the efforts of medical personnel, he succumbed to his injuries during treatment. Sunderbani Police has registered a case under FIR number 45/2025 under relevant sections of law, and an investigation into the incident is currently underway.

Six narco smugglers nabbed with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KATHUA/UDHAMPUR: In its drive against drug smugglers and their propagators, District Police Kathua under the direction and overall supervision of SSP Kathua Shobhit Saxsena has arrested 3 drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Kathua and P/S Billawar and recovered about 10.55 Grams Heroin (Chitta) like substance(in two separate incidents) from their possession.

In the first instance, A Police team of PS Kathua led by PSI Subham Mahajan IC PP Hatli under the guidance of Addl. SP Kathua Sh. Rahul Charak JKPS and DySP Hqrs Kathua Sh. Ravinder Singh, SHO PS Kathua Sh. Sandeep Chib while performing patrolling/vehicle checking , noticed one suspect who was coming from Berrian Pattan Link road towards National Highway 44 for selling heroin like narcotics.During frisking approximately 5.60 Grams of Heroin (Chitta) like substance was recovered from his possession who have been identified as-Vineet Kumar S/o Sohan Lal R/o Ward No. 08 Kathua.Thereafter the accused person have been arrested alongwith contraband item was also seized.In this regard, a case FIR No. 333/2025 U/S 8/21/22/ NDPS Act Act has been registered at PS Kathua and investigation started.

Similarly in another incident, A Police Party of P/s Billawar led by SHO Billawar Insp Zaheer Mushtaq under the supervision of SDPO Billawar Sh Neeraj Padyar established a special naka at Dharamkot Near passenger shed on Malti Road . Two unknown persons were roaming in suspicious circumstances, on seeing police party the unknown persons tried to flee away from the spot but alert Police party did hetic efforts and apprehened them. While questioning they disclosed their name as 1. Mohd.Ramzan S/O Abdul Kuyoom R/O Malti Tehsil Billawar Distt. Kathua (2) Surjeet Singh S/O Bishan Dass R/O Banjal Bhatwal Tehsil Lohai Malhar Distt.Kathua.During their personal search 4.95 grams of Heroine (chitta) like substance and two mobile phones have been recovered from their possession. In this regard a case FIR No.109/2025 U/S 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Billawar further investigation is underway to unearth the forward and backward linkages involved in the supply chain of drug supply in the area.

Thus overall a total of 10.55 Grams of Heroine (Chitta) like Narcotics recovered in both the incidents and three drug peddlers arrested.

During patrolling duty at Subash Stadium Road, police party of Police Station Udhampur apprehended one person namely Sujat Ahmed @ Kaka S/O Abdul Rashid R/O near CRPF Camp, Jakheni, Udhampur.

During checking, 03.65 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession.

Accordingly, FIR No. 254/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Udhampur. Investigation is ongoing.

During patrolling, the police party of Police Station Majalta apprehended one person namely Gagandeep Singh S/O Bhopinder Singh R/O Kathiel, Tehsil Majalta, District Udhampur, who was found roaming in suspicious condition.

During his personal search, 1.28 grams of heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. In this regard, FIR No. 58/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act stands registered at Police Station Majalta. Investigation has been initiated.

Police Team of Police Station Udhampur led by its SHO while performing Patrolling/checking duty at circular road, intercepted one suspicious person who attempted to evade the police by turning back and walking away upon noticing the patrolling team which raised further suspicion.

On the frisking of said person namely Ajay Kumar @Aju S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O W.No.17 H.No. 215 Near Santoshi Mata Mandir Udhampur.

Police team recovered 3.10 grams of Heroin like contraband substance from the above said accused person who has been arrested on spot. In this regard, A Case FIR No. 252/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered in PS Udhampur.

Two theft cases solved; 3 arrested, stolen bike, copper wire recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Swift response by Gandhi Nagar solved two theft cases by arresting three accused and recovered stolen motorcycle and stolen copper wire.

On May June 5, 2025, an FIR No. 147/2025 under Section 303(2) BNS was registered at PS Gandhi Nagar on the basis of a written complaint filed by Rinku S/o Hans raj R/O H.no. 144 validity colony The complainant reported that on the same day he parked his motorcycle (Registration No. JK02CP 6320) In front of RKM Gym green belt park Gandhi Nagar and was stolen by an unknown person.

Acting immediately, a police team led by SHO PS Gandhi Nagar under the supervision of SDPO City South & SP South initiated a thorough investigation using technical surveillance and ground intelligence.

The investigation led to the arrest of the accused Manmeet Singh S/O jagjit singh R/O link road simbal camp Miran sahib Jammu.

Upon sustained interrogation, the accused person confessed that he has stolen the motorcycle (JK02CP6320) in front of RKM Gym green belt park Gandhi Nagar and the same bike is recovered from his possession successfully i.e M/cycle Rs 55000

In another case FIR No. 149/2025 U/S 303(2) BNS of P/S gandhi Nagar Jammu, two accused person namely Vishal saini S/O Sham Lal Saini R/O Chatha Gadi Garh Jammu & Dheraj Joshi S/O Ashok Joshi R/O Suhanjna phallian Mandal Jammu were arrested and recovered Stolen property from their possession i.e Copper wire worth 25000 Rs.

SSP Doda holds crime review meeting

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DODA: SSP Doda, Sandeep Mehta, held a crime review meeting at Conference Hall PCR Doda, which was attended by supervisory officers, SHO, IC PPs, and all IOs of PS Doda. During the meeting, all under-investigation cases of the current year and backlog cases were discussed with the IOs, and necessary instructions/directions were issued to expedite investigations, ensure quality investigations, and maximize disposal within the time limits of 60 and 90 days. SSP Doda emphasized to the officers the importance of ascertaining forward and backward links in NDPS cases to reach a dead end and identifying habitual offenders of NDPS for their detention under PSA, in addition to initiating proceedings for the attachment of their property. In UAPA cases, SSP Doda directed the IOs to collect circumstantial and electronic evidence and dispose of the cases for judicial determination.

SSP Doda also directed supervisory officers and IOs to keep surveillance over suspects, drug addicts, OGWs, trouble creators, evil designers, and rumor mongers, and take preventive action to maintain law and order at any cost. The officers were also briefed on the CCTNS front, such as the extensive use of ICJS, Data Bank Services, MedleaPR, e-Sakshya, and e-Summons, which were also taken up during the meeting for the timely execution of e-Summons, with a commitment to streamline progress and reduce delays. Progress on mandatory utilization of FSL services was also discussed. He directed all officers to personally enter case details in CCTNS to ensure accuracy and accountability.

Kishtwar police organizes crash course on new criminal laws

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

KISHTWAR: On the directions of SSP Kishtwar Naresh Singh, a five-day Crash Course on the New Criminal Laws-2023 commenced today at District Police Lines (DPL) Kishtwar. The course is aimed at equipping police personnel, including officers and Investigating Officers

from various units of District Police Kishtwar, with a comprehensive understanding of the recently enacted criminal laws promulgated by the Central Government.

The primary objective of the course is to ensure that police officials are well-acquainted with the key provisions of the New Criminal Laws-2023 so they can be implemented effectively on the ground, both in letter and spirit.

The course was formally inaugurated by Addl. SP Kishtwar Pardeep Singh Gorla-JKPS, who, in his inaugural address, emphasised the necessity of understanding all three newly introduced laws Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023 (BNS); Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita-2023 (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam-2023 (BSA).

He highlighted their significance in reshaping the country's criminal justice system and enhancing law enforcement practices.

The first day's lecture session was delivered by I/C Dy SP DAR Kishtwar Shri Vijay Kumar, along with other officers, covering the critical features and legal intricacies of the new legislations.

