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Pilgrims left from the Nunwan base camp in Pahalgal, in south Kashmir's Anantnag, and Baltal base camp in Sonamarg area of central Kashmir's Ganderbal, at the first light of the day, officials said.

Chants of 'Bam Bam Bhole' and 'Har Har Mahadev' heralded the march of the pilgrims, whose faces bore marks of happiness despite the arduous trek ahead, not to speak of the weather's vagaries.

"Baba has blessed us and there is tremendous excitement and enthusiasm around," a pilgrim from Gujarat said.

He urged the wary to come for the yatra without any fear and asserted there was no need to be scared with all the security around.

"There are very good arrangements. Security forces are deployed in large numbers. There is stringent security. Other arrangements also are up to the mark," another pilgrim said.

Among the pilgrims was Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje, who took the Baltal route for the yatra.

On Wednesday, the first batch of 5,892 yatriss was flagged off from the yatra base camp in Jammu's Bhagwati Nagar by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

The pilgrims reached the Kashmir Valley in the afternoon and received a rousing welcome from the administration and locals. The devotees are on their way to the cave shrine, the site of an ice-formation widely revered as a shivling that lasts only for a brief period, before it melts.

Authorities have made elaborate security arrangements for the safety of the pilgrims, who visit the place which has been especially fraught since the April 22 gunning down of 26 men in Pahalgal by terrorists. Thousands of security personnel from police and several paramilitary forces have been deployed, and aerial surveillance mounted, along the yatra route. The 38-day pilgrimage will conclude on August 9.

### Second batch of...

resident of Raipur and part of a 37-member group of devotees, said. Like him, Mukhtar Singh, who left for Amarnath along with a group of 20 members from Kanpur, said they do not have the slightest fear.

"The increasing number of pilgrims thronging the yatra will send a befitting reply to terrorists and Pakistan that we do not fear them," he said. So far, more than 3.5 lakh people have registered themselves online for the pilgrimage.

### Non-local's killing...

The searches were carried out to unearth critical evidence that can unravel the conspiracy behind the heinous crime and identify accomplices involved in the case, the police spokesperson said. "The searches were executed with precision, adhering to legal procedures, and have yielded significant evidence that is expected to strengthen the investigation," he added.

### Union Min, CM...

Kashmir is essential. I extend my full support to CM Omar Abdullah and his team and assure you that my office is just a call away whenever needed," the Union Minister said.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan lauded the J&K Government led by CM Omar Abdullah for its achievements in agriculture and allied sectors and appreciated the momentum being built at the grassroots.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, in his welcome address, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Union Minister for his prompt response and visit: "Your presence here today has truly won our hearts. We have always known you to be a positive and responsive leader, but I must admit-I did not expect such a swift and gracious response. A few days ago, during the NITI Aayog meeting, I had requested you to visit, especially after the Pahalgal incident, to reassure the people that the nation stands with us. Today, you are here with your full team, which reflects your deep commitment and solidarity."

He added that face-to-face engagement, as opposed to formal correspondence, helps in quicker resolution of issues. "This meeting itself is a testimony to how much can be achieved through dialogue and collaboration," he said.

Earlier in the meeting, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Production Department, Shailendra Kumar, and Secretary, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Aijaz Asad, gave comprehensive presentations on the performance and progress of their respective departments.

They highlighted implementation status, physical and financial achievements under various centrally sponsored schemes, GoI-supported and UT-specific schemes, including: PM-Kisan, RKVY, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture; Rural infrastructure initiatives under MGNREGA, PMAY-G, NRLM, and PMAY.

Key performance indicators, success stories from field-level beneficiaries, and use of digital governance tools for real-time monitoring were also showcased.

The meeting broadly reviewed sectoral achievements, discussed bottlenecks, and chalked out action plans to accelerate progress in both Agriculture and Rural Development sectors.

On the occasion, in the presence of the Chief Minister and Union Agriculture Minister, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Kudumbashree and JKRLM to establish 20 food service enterprises across all 20 districts of J&K. This initiative aims to empower women, Self-Help Groups (SHG) by creating local employment opportunities and building market-ready ventures.

Additionally, the dignitaries launched 'Har Didi Ek Kahani'-a compendium of success stories of over 100 women SHGs who have become Lakhpati Didis through structured enterprise support, capacity building, and mentorship under the JKRLM framework. The Union Minister and the Chief Minister jointly made commitment for grassroots empowerment, inclusive growth, and stronger centre-state collaboration to transform the rural and agricultural ecosystem of Jammu and Kashmir.

### ACB files charge-sheet...

so obtained." ACB official said. The official added, "Accordingly, Case FIR No 32/2018 under Section 5(1)(c), 5(1)(d) r/w 5(2) of Jammu and Kashmir Prevention of Corruption Act, Samvat 2006 and Section 468, 471, 120-B RPC was registered in Police Station Vigilance Organization Kashmir (Now ACB) and the investigations into the misappropriation/embezzlement of scholarship funds during 2010-2011 was set into motion."

Investigation conducted has established that accused public servants Mohammad Ashraf Bhat, Mohammad Ashraf Paswal, Razia Bano (the then Junior Assistant in the office of Zonal Education Officer Tangdhar) and Shafiq Rafiq (the then Zonal Gender Coordinator in the office of Zonal Education Officer Tangdhar) during the year 2010-11, have by way of abuse of their official positions in furtherance of criminal conspiracy hatched among themselves inserted fictitious names in the disbursement registers, to whom scholarship was fraudulently shown disbursed was actually misappropriated.

The official said, "By doing so the accused public servants caused misappropriation of an amount of Rs 8,30,200 meant for scholarship of Pahari Speaking and Gujjar-Bakerwal Students of Education Zone Tangdhar, conferring undue pecuniary gains upon themselves with corresponding loss to the state exchequer which constitute the offence of criminal misconduct as defined under section 5(1)(c), 5(1)(d) r/w sec-

tion 5(2) J&K Prevention of Corruption Act. Samvat 2006 and other offences of forgery, using forged documents, conspiracy etc under Sections 468, 471, 120-B RPC, which were made out and established against accused public servants.

Investigations conducted has revealed that over 600 fictitious names of the students belonging to Pahari Speaking category in Scholarship Disbursement Registers were made by accused persons on whose name funds were withdrawn and misappropriated. Whereas above 150 fictitious names of the students belonging to Gujjar and Bakerwal category in Scholarship Disbursement Registers were made by accused persons on whose name funds were fraudulently shown disbursed but were misappropriated, official said.

The investigations conducted also revealed that accused ZEO and other officials got signatures on utilization certificates/Expenditure Statements of both Pahari Speaking and Gujjar-Bakerwal Scholarship at the hands of then MLA Tangdhar and Member Advisory Board, fraudulently by misleading them that scholarship has been distributed among bonafide students only, official added.

Investigations conducted has also revealed that one of the accused, Junior Assistant Mohammad Ashraf Paswal has directly received an amount of Rs 5,00,000 which has been credited by him in his personal account maintained in J&K Bank Branch Tangdhar and later withdrawn in cash by him in ten instalments of Rs 50,000 each and then misappropriated. It is pertinent to mention here that ACB has already charge sheeted Mohammad Ashraf Paswal then Junior Assistant in the office of Zonal Education Officer Tangdhar in Disproportionate assets case which is also undergoing trial before Anti-corruption court Baramulla.

After completion of investigations and after obtaining prosecution sanction against accused public servants charge-sheet against all four accused persons including the then ZEO Tangdhar Kupwara and other was presented before court of Addl Special Judge Anti-Corruption Court Baramulla for judicial determination. All accused persons were presented before court in custody with challan and were released on personal bond, official said adding that next date of hearing has been fixed by Court for September 10, 2025.

### Message conveyed with...

manifestations, including cross-border terrorism. The Quad Foreign Ministers condemned in the "strongest terms" the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgal on April 22, which claimed the lives of 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen, while injuring several others.

"We call for the perpetrators, organisers, and financiers of this reprehensible act to be brought to justice without any delay and urge all UN Member States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant UNSCRs (UN Security Council resolutions), to cooperate actively with all relevant authorities in this regard," the joint statement said.

The UN Security Council press statement had condemned the Pahalgal attack, with members of the Security Council underlining the need to hold perpetrators, organisers, financiers and sponsors of this reprehensible act of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice.

The council members stressed that those responsible for these killings should be held accountable.

India had launched Operation Sindoor targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the Pahalgal attack that killed 26 civilians and for which The Resistance Front (TRF), a front for Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) had claimed responsibility.

Jaishankar said that he shared with his counterparts, in the Quad as well as globally, the nature of the terrorism challenge that India faces and has confronted over multiple decades, and "that we are very resolved today to respond to it very firmly and that we have the right to defend ourselves".

Apart from the Quad discussions, Jaishankar said he had a good bilateral meeting with Rubio and the two leaders "essentially did a stock-taking of the last six months" and the path looking ahead. "This included a discussion on trade and investment, technology, defence and security, energy and on mobility," he said adding that he had separate meetings with Secretary of Defence Pete Hegseth and Energy Secretary Chris Wright. To a question on the US plan to impose 500 per cent tariff on imports from countries buying Russian oil under a bill by US Senator Lindsey Graham, Jaishankar said that any development happening in the US Congress is of interest to India "if it impacts our interest or could impact our interest". The Indian Embassy and officials have been in touch with Graham over the issue, he said. "I think our concerns and our interests on energy security we (have) made conversant to him. So we'll then have to cross that bridge when we come to it, if we come to it," Jaishankar said.

### Search operation underway...

terrorist is believed to have been injured in the gunbattle, which continued this morning.

The encounter started when police, assisted by the Army and CRPF, launched a cordon and search operation in the Kuchal area of Chatroo around 7:45 pm on Wednesday following information about the presence of terrorists, they said.

The officials said the terrorists opened fire on noticing the search parties, leading to a gunfight which was continuing when last reports came in.

Reinforcements have been rushed to the area to maintain a tight cordon and neutralise the terrorists, who are affiliated with Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad outfit, the officials said. According to reports, top terrorists Saifullah and Adil are believed to be operating in the hills of the district.

This is the second encounter in the Jammu region in the past one week. On June 26, a Pakistan-based JeM terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces, and three of his associates escaped into the forested area of the Basantgarh belt of Udhampur district.

### Strong India will...

underlined that the world order created after World War II is changing fast. "The revolution in technology, the rise of the Global South, and the shifting demographics are contributing to its pace and scale," he said.

"The world is also facing new and complex crises such as climate change, pandemics, terrorism, and cybersecurity. Institutions created in the last century are struggling to respond. The changing circumstances demand credible and effective reforms in global governance," he added.

He said progress cannot come without giving voice to the Global South. "We need more than slogans. We need action. That is why, during India's G20 Presidency, we worked with the vision - One Earth, One Family, One Future," he added.

"We put emphasis on Africa's rightful place at the global high table. We are proud that the African Union became a permanent member of the G20 during our Presidency," he said.

The Prime Minister said India "remains a committed partner" in Africa's development journey. "We support Africa's Development Framework, Agenda 2063, to secure a bright and sustainable future for its people."

"Africa's goals are our priorities. Our approach is to grow together as equals. Our development partnership with Africa is demand-driven. It is focused on building local capacities and creating local opportunities. Our objective is not just to invest, but to empower," he said.

In his address, Modi said it was a privilege to be in Ghana - a land that radiates the spirit of democracy, dig-

nity, and resilience.

"When we look at Ghana, we see a nation that shines with courage, that rises above history, that meets every challenge with dignity and grace. Your commitment to democratic ideals and inclusive progress truly makes Ghana a beacon of inspiration for the entire African continent," he said.

Modi, who was conferred with 'The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana', the country's national honour, said it was a deeply moving experience and he will always cherish it. "I dedicate it to the enduring friendship and shared values that bind India and Ghana," he said.

"India is the mother of Democracy. For us, democracy is not merely a system. It is a part of our fundamental values. From thousands of years ago, we have examples of centres like Vaishali," he said.

Noting that the histories of India and Ghana bear the scars of colonial rule, Modi said, "But our spirits have always remained free and fearless. We draw strength and inspiration from our rich heritage. We take pride in our social, cultural and linguistic diversity."

"We built nations rooted in freedom, unity, and dignity. Our relationship knows no bounds. And with your permission, may I say, our friendship is sweeter than your famous 'Sugarloaf' pineapple. With President Mahama, we have decided to elevate our ties to a comprehensive partnership," he said.

Modi said India shared vaccines and medicines with over 150 countries, including Ghana, during the pandemic.

He said India launched Mission LiFE - Lifestyle For Environment, to address climate change and promote sustainable living. This inclusive spirit powers our global initiatives like: One World, One Sun, One Grid; One World One Health; for a healthier planet; International Solar Alliance; International Big Cats Alliance and the Global Biofuels Alliance; to advance clean biofuels and cut carbon emissions, he said.

Modi said India has seen a major transformation in the past decade. "The people of India have reposed their faith in peace, security, and development," he said.

"We are recognised as the Pharmacy of the world. Indian women today lead in science, space, aviation and sports. India landed on the Moon. And, today an Indian is in orbit giving wings to our human space flight mission," he said.

Modi said the people of India have resolved to make India a developed nation by 2047.

He said free and fair elections are the soul of any democracy. "It is encouraging to see our Electoral Commissions working closely together," he said.

Modi welcomed the establishment of the Ghana-India Parliamentary Friendship Society in Ghana's Parliament.

He said Ghana holds great potential to become an IT and innovation hub in the region. "Together, we will shape a future, full of promise and progress," he said.

"India and Ghana share a dream. A dream where every child gets opportunities. Where every voice is heard. Where nations rise together, not apart," Modi said.

He said India carries Africa in its heart. "Let us build a partnership not only for today but for generations to come," he added. This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Ghana in over three decades.

### Srinagar to host...

water sports and enhance the reach and popularity of water sports," Mandaviya said.

Apart from Kayaking and Canoeing, Rowing, and Water Skiing, Shikara and and Dragon Boat races will also be held.

The ministry is expecting more than 400 athletes from 36 States and Union Territories to participate in this first of its kind event.

The nomination of athletes will be done by the National Sports Federation from their National Championships or other suitable events.

### Grievance cell to be established at PCR Kashmir for victims of terrorism

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
SRINAGAR: A zonal level grievance cell has been established at Police Control Room, Kashmir, for victims of terrorism in the valley, an official on Thursday said.

"Kashmir Zone Police has established a zonal-level Grievance Cell at the Police Control Room (PCR), Kashmir. The cell aims to address the grievances of terrorism-affected families in the valley by providing structured institutional support," said a police spokesman.

The grievance cell shall operate six days a week (Monday to Saturday) from 10 am to 6 pm, he added.

The spokesman said the "cell offers the families of victims of terrorism a dedicated channel to share their grievances, which shall be forwarded to the relevant departments for swift redressal".

He said the district police in Srinagar have also established a dedicated grievance cell for this purpose.

"This initiative aims to facilitate the registration and redressal of complaints and concerns from families affected by acts of terrorism, especially within the jurisdiction of district Srinagar," the spokesman added.

The grievance cells were established two days after Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said that a special cell and a toll free number would be established in the Jammu and Kashmir secretariat for addressing the concerns of the terror victims' families and to bring the culprits to justice.

"Special Cell to be established in the LG Secretariat to address concerns of families. A similar cell to be set up in the chief secretary's office. Every possible assistance would be provided to terror victims' families and culprits roaming free for many decades will be brought to justice," Sinha said on Tuesday.

"Every possible assistance would be provided to terror victim families and culprits roaming free for many decades will be brought to justice," he added.

### Centre to soon collect signatures of MPs for motion to remove Justice Varma

■ STATE TIMES NEWS  
NEW DELHI: Prominent opposition parties have given their in-principle approval to support the motion to remove Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma and the process of collecting signatures could begin soon, Union minister Kiren Rijiju said on Thursday.

He said the government is yet to decide whether the motion would be brought in the Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha. For Lok Sabha, signatures of a minimum 100 MPs is required. For the Rajya Sabha, the requirement is the support of at least 50 MPs.

He said the signatures will be collected after the government decides on the House where the motion will be brought. The Monsoon session will commence from July 21 and end on August 21.

According to the Judges (Inquiry) Act of 1968, once a motion to remove a judge is admitted in any of the houses, the speaker or the chairman, as the case may be, will constitute a three-member committee to investigate the grounds on which the removal (or, in popular term, impeachment) has been sought. The committee consists of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) or a Supreme Court judge, the chief justice of one of the 25 high courts and a "distinguished jurist."

Rijiju said since the matter involves corruption in the judiciary, the government wants all political parties to be on board.

Ministry of Culture  
Government of India

## Tender Notice

Request for proposal for digitization of manuscripts for Gyan Bharatam Mission floated on 30 June 2025 by Ministry of Culture.

Interested bidders may see details on [eprocure.gov.in](http://eprocure.gov.in)

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