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J&K's post 2019...**

industrial and cultural landscape of India. Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was the chief architect of India's industrialisation. He laid the foundation of a self-reliant India, he said. The Lieutenant Governor impressed upon the Departments of Culture, School and Higher Education to organise exhibitions and lectures on the life and work of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee in every school, every college and every university from July 2025 to July 2027.

"Dr. Mookerjee breathed his last in Srinagar. The entire Jammu and Kashmir is indebted to him. The new generation should actively engage in honouring his legacy. Week-long exhibitions in educational institutions, and theatrical performances depicting his life's journey should be organised.

The monumental contribution of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee should be spread to every village through grand commemoration events. Our new generation should know that without the visionary leaders like Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Jammu and Kashmir would never have been able to realize its aspirations," he further added.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor released the translation of new Criminal Laws in Kashmiri language. An exhibition on life and works of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was also organised by the IGNCRA Regional Office and Culture Department.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Vikram Randhawa, and Satish Sharma, Members of Legislative Assembly; Dr Darakhshan Andrabi, Chairperson, J&K Waqf Board; Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Culture Department; Vijay Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Harvinder Kour, Secretary JKAACL; political leaders, senior officials of Police and civil administration and prominent citizens from all walks of life attended the commemoration event and paid their tributes to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee.

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exponential strides in its development journey to achieve his other resolves of building a strong, united, and developed India.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was guided by vision to build discrimination-free J&K and to change its destiny by complete integration with India.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee wished active participation of people of Jammu Kashmir in mainstream of development and nation building.

J&K setting new records of development.

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was Chief Architect of India's industrialisation. He laid foundation of self-reliant India.

J&K has launched 2-year celebratory campaign to honour life and legacy of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and his role in strengthening national unity and advocating 'One Nation, One Constitution' for brighter future of Jammu Kashmir.

Over 21,000 pilgrims...

Meanwhile, a fresh batch of over 7,200 pilgrims left the base camp here early Sunday for the Amarnath shrine in south Kashmir Himalayas amid rains, officials said.

The 38-day annual pilgrimage, which started on July 3, crossed the 50,000 mark on Sunday.

This was the largest batch of pilgrims since Wednesday, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the yatra from here.

With this, a total of 31,736 pilgrims have left the Jammu base camp for the valley.

The first pilgrim convoy carrying 3,199 pilgrims in 147 vehicles left for the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district followed by second convoy of 4,009 pilgrims in 160 vehicles who are undertaking the yatra from the 48-km traditional Pahalgam route in Anantnag district, the officials said. The pilgrims braved heavy rains which lashed wide parts of Jammu throughout the night.

Studying in one's...

in public speaking began on this very stage. Through speech competitions and cultural programs, I gained confidence. It is because of those opportunities that I am what I am today," he said.

Recalling his schooling in Marathi-medium, the CJI stated that studying in one's mother tongue helps in better conceptual understanding, and also instills strong values that stay with you for life.

He visited the classrooms, library, and art section of the school, interacting warmly with his old classmates and reliving fond memories.

The CJI felt proud and deeply emotional after the heartfelt tribute given by the students, the release stated.

There should be...

and supporters of terrorism cannot be "weighed on the same scale". Modi's remarks came against the backdrop of unease in New Delhi over several countries hyphenating India and Pakistan following their May 7-10 military clashes.

"For personal or political gain, giving silent consent to terrorism, supporting terror or terrorists, should not be acceptable under any circumstances," he said.

"There should be no difference between words and actions regarding terrorism. If we cannot do this, then the question naturally arises whether we are serious about the fight against terrorism or not," he asked.

The prime minister expressed his "heartfelt gratitude" to the friendly countries who stood with India and supported it following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin skipped the summit, hosted by Brazil in its capacity as the current chair of the grouping.

The BRICS has emerged as an influential grouping as it brings together 11 major emerging economies of the world, representing around 49.5 per cent of the global population, around 40 per cent of the global GDP and around 26 per cent of the global trade.

Modi said global peace and security is not just an ideal, but it is the "foundation of our common interests and future".

"Development of humanity is possible only in a peaceful and secure environment. BRICS has a very important role in fulfilling this objective," he said.

"To face our common challenges, we have to unite and make collective efforts. We have to move forward together," he added.

In his remarks, Modi also expressed serious concerns over the situation in Gaza.

"From West Asia to Europe, today the world is surrounded by disputes and tensions. The humanitarian situation in Gaza is a cause of great concern," he said.

Make tech and...

three tenets in their work culture and propagate them from Jammu and Kashmir to 'Kamakhya' (a temple in Assam), and every village of the country. He said the ten initiatives, launched during the event, including the start of a salt cooperative in Gujarat, will lead to the creation of a strong brand, just as Amul is.

He said, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the cooperative sector has seen the registration of 2 lakh primary agricultural credit societies (PACs), the foundation of Tribhuvan, the first national cooperative university, and the creation of three new national cooperatives in the dairy sector.

Shah urged the sector to follow five 'P's - 'people,' 'PACs,' 'platforms' (such as digital), 'policy,' and 'prosperity' - for it to thrive.

The minister said that four years ago, Modi laid the foundation of the Ministry of Cooperation with the mantra of 'Prosperity through Cooperation,' giving a new life to the cooperative system.

He said in the cooperation ministry's four years, more than 60 initiatives have been taken by the Centre, based on these five 'P's.

"The first P is 'people,' which means the people of India will be the primary beneficiaries of these initiatives. The second 'P' is 'PACs,' through which we are strengthening the primary cooperative circles.

"The third 'P' is 'Platform,' under which we have worked to initiate a range of cooperative activities. The fourth 'P' is for policy. The fifth 'P' is prosperity - prosperity for not just one person but of the entire society, prosperity not of a few rich people, but of the poor labourers and farmers," he said.

He said the annual turnover of the milk cooperative Amul will reach Rs 1 lakh crore next year, up from Rs 80,000 crore.

Shah also paid tributes to Syama Prasad Mookerjee on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

Kashmir would never have become an integral part of India without Mookerjee, he asserted.

"Mookerjee sacrificed his life for Kashmir, raising the slogan 'Ek desh mein do Vidhan, do Pradhan, aur Do Nishan nahi challenge' (There can't be two Constitutions, two flags and two leaders in the same country)," he said.

The Union Home Affairs Minister said the entire credit goes to Mookerjee and Swami Pranavananda for West Bengal becoming a part of India.

"Mookerjee (who was then Industry Minister) resigned from Jawaharlal Nehru's Cabinet in protest against the policy of appeasement. The party, Jan Sangha, which he started with 10 members, has today become the world's largest political party, as the BJP, with a membership of 12 crore people," he said.

Shah also inaugurated some new infrastructure expansion projects of Amul, such as a state-of-the-art mozzarella cheese manufacturing facility, a fully automated ultra-high processing (UHT) plant, an ultra-modern cheese warehouse in Khatraj, and the extension of the Amul chocolate plant at Mogar.

Amul or Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd procures over 320 lakh litres of milk daily from 36 lakh farmer members and 18 member unions.

Drug peddler detained...

They were travelling in a car when police intercepted them and seized the narcotic substance from them, the spokesperson said. A case under the NDPS Act was registered against the accused.

Goyal assures Srinagar...

FTII Traders' Conclave in Srinagar. On Kashmiri apples, he said the industry has requested for more protection on this fruit, which at present attracts a minimum import price (MIP) Rs 50 per Kg and 50 per cent import duty.

After accounting for all charges and costs, including transportation, marketing, branding, and retailing, consumers pay Rs 125-150 per kg, he said, adding that there is also a need to balance the interests of consumers and farmers.

At present, India imports 4.5-5 tonnes of apple every year to meet the shortage in the domestic market.

"I will talk to the (Union) agriculture ministry (on the issue)," he said.

Further, he said India is signing new free trade agreements (FTAs) to provide nearer market access to Indian goods and services.

He added that India will always protect the interest of Indian industry and consumers on these agreements.

"This is our priority. We will always protect the interest of Jammu and Kashmir and the county in these pacts," the minister said.

The remarks assume significance as the US is seeking duty concessions on apples in the proposed trade agreement with India.

2 prominent leaders...

In his letter addressed to the LAB chairman, Jora said he is withdrawing himself from the sub-committee that is scheduled to attend meetings with home ministry officials in the coming days and from the IIPC as well.

"Congress party, however, shall continue to be part of the Apex Body and support every effort towards achieving our avowed objective (Sixth Schedule and statehood) and criticise the ones that go against it," Jora said in his resignation letter.

Besides statehood and Ladakh's inclusion in the Sixth Schedule, the LAB and the KDA were also agitating for reservation in jobs for locals and two parliamentary seats for the region.

On June 3, the BJP-led Centre announced new reservation and domicile policies for Ladakh, reserving 85 per cent jobs for locals and announcing a 33-per cent quota for women in the autonomous hill development councils.

The government has also made English, Hindi, Urdu, Bhoti and Purgi official languages of Ladakh, but said English shall continue to be used for all the official purposes of the Union Territory for which it was being used before the date of commencement of this regulation.

Anjuman-e-Imamia...

different organization Leh and Kargil, administration of MESWL and people from Poonch, Rajouri, Gursai, Surankote, Mandi, Chanderkot, and Kashmir for showing exemplary discipline during the procession."

Indians can now...

months, they said. India and Bangladesh have been selected for the first phase of testing this visa, and a consultancy named Rayad Group has been chosen to test the initial form of the nomination-based golden visa in India.

Rayad Kamal Ayub, Managing Director of Rayad Group, said this is a golden opportunity for Indians to get the UAE's Golden Visa.

Whenever an applicant applies for this Golden Visa, we will first check their background, which will include anti-money laundering and criminal record checks, as well as their social media," said Rayad Kamal.

The background check will also show if and how the applicant can benefit the UAE's market and business activities in any other way such as culture, finance, trade, science, Start Up, professional services, etc.

"After this, RayadGroup will send the application to the government, which will make the final decision on the nomination-based Golden Visa," he added.

Applicants seeking the UAE Golden Visa under the nomination category may obtain pre-approval from their home country without the need to visit Dubai.

"Applications can be submitted through One VASCO centres (visa concierge service company) in India and Bangladesh, our registered offices, our online portal, or our dedicated call centre," he added.

GDC Bani concludes 7-day Youth Leadership Training Programme in collaboration with Art of Living

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
BANI: Government Degree College (GDC) Bani, in collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation, concluded a transformative 7-day Youth Leadership Training Programme (YLTP) on Sunday.

The workshop aimed at empowering youth with leadership skills, emotional resilience, and holistic well-being through experiential learning, including the signature Sudarshan Kriya technique.

The Chief Guest, Shantmanu, Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir; and the Special Chief Guest, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, MLA Bani, graced the valedictory ceremony.

Other dignitaries present included Sandeep Kumar, SDM Bani, and Pradyum Atri, Tehsildar Bani, SDPO Bani Ameen Bhat and SHO Bani.

The event commenced with an introductory address by the Principal of GDC Bani, Dr. Manohar Lal who welcomed the dignitaries and expressed heartfelt gratitude for their presence. The Principal also highlighted the various academic and co-curricular activities being conducted by the college to promote holistic student development.

Throughout the programme, participants engaged in leadership-building exercises, stress-management techniques, and community awareness activities. A major highlight of the training was the Sudarshan Kriya, which received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students. Several participants shared their personal experiences, emphasizing increased mental clarity, emotional stability, and improved focus. During his address, Dr. Rameshwar Singh, MLA Bani, spoke about his own association with the Art of Living and inspired students to actively participate in such life-enhancing programmes. He encouraged the youth to take leadership roles in building a progressive and peaceful society. Dr Narinder Kumar, HOD Dogri also shared his experience of Sudarshan Kriya on behalf of the faculty members. Dr Jogbinder Singh Soodan, Physical Director and Organizing Secretary of this seven days Youth Leadership Training Programme also expressed his views on the overall development of GDC Bani. In his valedictory speech, Shantmanu congratulated the organizing team and participants for the successful execution of the programme. He lauded the initiative as a step toward cultivating responsible and resilient future leaders and assured that such programmes will be supported and expanded across educational institutions in the region.

The Principal GDC Bani Dr Manohar Lal honored the Chief Guest Shantmanu, Dr Rameshwar Singh and other distinguished guests.

The entire programme was conducted by the Dr Nisha Devi HOD Hindi and Prof. Akash, HOD History. The programme concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr Resham Singh, HOD Punjabi.

Among the faculty members who graced the occasion were Prof. Naseeb Bhagat, Dr. Sunil Kumar, Prof. Vishav Thapa, Neena Sondhi, Accounts Officer. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates to all participants by the Chief Guest and Special Guest.

Three narco-smugglers held with heroin from Amphalla

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Three narco smugglers were arrested from Amphalla area on Sunday evening with 6.37 grams of heroin. Acting on specific information, joint teams of District Special Branch (DSB) and Jammu and Kashmir Police intercepted an Alto car (JK20-0040) on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway at Amphalla area, a police official said.

During search of the car, he said, 6.37 grams of heroin was recovered from trio travelling in the vehicle. Accordingly, the police official said that the accused, identified as Anil Kumar, son of Giridhari Lal, resident of Chatha; Parvesh Kumar, son of Ram Singh, resident of Bhagwati Nagar and Ajay Kumar, son of Om Prakash, resident of Main Bazar, Katra at present Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, were arrested and booked under the relevant sections of the law, with further investigation set into the motion.

It was alleged that Ajay Kumar, is one of the biggest drug peddler operating in the region. Police said he has allegedly earned hundreds of crores through his drug peddling, money laundering. He has purchased assets including luxury hotels, commercial shops, and large real estate holdings in Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Goa, Mumbai, and Pune. Further details are awaited as the investigation progresses, police said.

3 drug peddlers arrested, substantial quantity of contraband substance recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KULGAM: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police have arrested 3 drug peddlers including a lady drug peddler in Kulgam and recovered substantial quantity of contraband substances from their possession.

A police party led by IC Police Post Nehama under the supervision of SDPO DH Pora at a checkpoint established near Krishii Vigyan Kendra Pombay Kulgam intercepted a vehicle (Load carrier auto) bearing registration number JK18D-9075 with three persons including a lady on board. During search, 8.15 Kg of Poppy Straw like substance was recovered from their possession. They have been identified as Mudasir Ahmad Bhat son of Abdul Gani Bhat resident of Watigam, Kulgam (driver), Raju Singh son of Gurbaksh Singh resident of Ludhiana, Punjab and a lady resident of Moga, Punjab. They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody.

Accordingly, a case vide FIR No. 49/2025 under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station DH Pora and investigation has been initiated.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 20 bovine rescued, 2 smugglers arrested

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Continuing its efforts against bovine smuggling, today, a Naka was established at Thanalla by the officials of Police Post Thanalla falling under the jurisdictions of PS Bhaderwah. During naka duty one vehicle bearing registration No JK19-4106 which was coming from thanalla side stopped for checking. During checking of the vehicle 20 bovines were found loaded in the vehicle in mercilessly and without any arrangement of food and water. Driver of the vehicle disclosed his name as Mohd Sahil S/O Irshad Ahmed Wani R/O Seeri Ramban and co-passenger was Naseer Ahmed S/O Hakim Din R/O Kurfar Chaderkot Ramban. These bovines were being transported without any permission from the competent authority. Upon this cognizable has been taken and FIR No 93/2025 U/S 223 BNS 11 PC Act, got registered at PS Bhaderwah. Accused has been arrested and vehicle has also been seized. Investigation of case is going on.

The act of Police reflects the efforts to maintain law and order in the region. By taking such actions, the police aim to ensure public safety and prevent potential of law and order in the District. The sources said. SSP Doda Sandeep Mehta JKPS has also warned all such persons to desist from such activities, else stringent action as warranted under law shall be taken against them.

Doda police traces missing woman, reunites with families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
DODA: Police has traced missing lady and reunited with her family whose missing reports were lodged at Police Post Bhalla of Police Station Bhaderwah.

On May 27, 2025 a missing report of a woman resident of Sanai Tehsi Bhalla District Doda was entered at PP Bhalla of Police Station Bhaderwah now she has been traced and re-united with her family.

Soon after getting the information regarding missing of the lady, Police swung into action and on the directions of SSP Doda Sh Sandeep Mehta JKPS, team was constituted from PS Bhaderwah led by IC PP Bhalla under the supervision of SDPO Bhaderwah and SHO PS Bhaderwah in search of the missing girl. The Police teams by using all possible means as well as technical help and after getting some clues, succeeded in tracing them out on 05.07.2025. Accordingly, after completing all codal formalities, the Lady have been handed over to her family and missing report have been closed.

Samba police nabs 2 drug peddlers with 13.21 grams heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SAMBHA: Continuing its drive against drug smugglers & peddlers, Samba Police has arrested two drug peddlers in the jurisdiction of Police Station Bari Brahmana and recovered 13.21 grams approximately heroin (chitta) like substance from their possessions.

A Police party of PS Bari Brahmana during patrolling in Bari Brahmana area, intercepted an Alto Car bearing registration No. JK20A-9454 for its checking. During checking, 13.21 grams approximately heroin like substance was recovered from the possession of two persons travelling in the said car.

The drug peddlers identified as Rahul Singh S/o Rajesh Singh Rakha R/o Chak Awtara Bishnah District Jammu and Sunil Kumar S/o Rashpaul R/o Lower Canal Bishnah District Jammu have been arrested and contraband item has been seized. The said car has also been seized in the instant case.

A case FIR No. 93/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25/29 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Bari Barahmana and investigation started.

Rajouri police cracks theft case, three arrested, stolen property recovered

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI: Police on Sunday cracked a theft case by arresting three accused and recovered stolen property.

On June 25, 2025 two written complaints were lodged at Police Station Rajouri regarding two separate theft cases:- one at Jawahar Nagar and other at Malik Market Rajouri. In this regard two separate FIRs, FIR No. 330/2025 and 338/2025 were registered at PS Rajouri.

During investigation 03 suspects Zaheer Abbas @billa S/O Mohd Latief R/O Dugani Chingus; Mohd Nadeem S/O Mohd Kabir Khan R/O Saaj Thanamandi and Mohd Altaf S/O Mohd Rashid R/O Manote Surankote Poonch were rounded up and during sustained Questioning all these three Accused admitted to their involvement in both these cases and on their disclosure, stolen Property has been recovered.

Pertinent to mention that all these accused persons are notorious persons and multiple cases related to theft stand registered against them.

The entire operation was conducted by teams headed by SHO PS Rajouri under the close supervision of DySP Hqrs Rajouri. Police's prompt action and professional investigation reflect its commitment to safeguarding public property and ensuring justice.

Bovine smuggling bid foiled, 31 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NAGROTA: Under the ongoing drive against bovine smuggling, Operation Kamdhenu, Jammu Police has successfully foiled an attempt to smuggle bovines in the Nagrota Sub-Division.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Police Post Sidhra intercepted a truck bearing registration number JK02AL/2195, which was found to be illegally transporting 31 bovine animals. The animals were found tied cruelly with ropes, without access to grass or water, and were being transported towards Srinagar without the mandatory permission from the District Magistrate.

The driver of the vehicle managed to flee from the scene. The police have seized the vehicle and rescued all 31 bovines.

In this regard, a case has been registered at Police Station Nagrota under FIR No. 146/2025, U/S 223/11 of the PCA Act, and further investigation is currently underway.

Soldier dies of bullet injury from own rifle in Rajouri

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
RAJOURI/JAMMU: An army personnel died of a bullet injury from his own service rifle inside a camp in Rajouri district, officials said on Sunday.

The soldier, posted with 54 Rashtriya Rifles, was on sentry duty when he died in the company headquarters in Solki village, 40 km from Rajouri town, late Saturday, the officials said. They said his colleagues heard a gunshot from his post and rushed to the scene to find him dead on-the-spot.

It was not immediately clear whether the soldier died of suicide or accidental discharge from his rifle, the officials said, adding police have started inquest proceedings to ascertain the cause of his death.