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JKAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Ramnagar, who lost his life in a tragic road accident in Reasi earlier this evening when he was traveling with his family.

In his condolence message, the Chief Secretary described Rajinder Singh as a sincere and dedicated officer whose unwavering commitment to public service and integrity in duty earned him respect of his colleagues and the community alike.

Adding to the sorrow, the Chief Secretary also expressed deep anguish over the loss of Singh's young son, who also lost his life in the unfortunate accident. He made out that his heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved family in this hour of immense grief.

He further added that whole administration stands in solidarity with them and pray for strength and courage to endure this unimaginable loss. The Chief Secretary further assured that all possible medical assistance and support will be provided to the injured family members and every effort will be made to ensure their recovery and well-being, he affirmed.

Vice Presidential election...

appointed the Rajya Sabha Secretary General as the Returning Officer and two officials of Rajya Sabha Secretariat as Assistant Returning Officers for the vice presidential election.

The Electoral College for the vice presidential election comprises members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The nominated members of the Rajya Sabha too are eligible to vote in the vice presidential election.

The electoral college for the vice presidential election comprises 233 elected members of the Rajya Sabha, 12 nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and 543 members of the Lok Sabha.

There are five vacancies in the Rajya Sabha and one in the Lok Sabha, pegging the effective strength of the electoral college at 782.

The ruling NDA has a comfortable edge in the ensuing poll.

The 543-member Lok Sabha has one vacant seat -- Basirhat in West Bengal -- while there are five vacancies in the 245-member Rajya Sabha.

Of the five vacancies in the Rajya Sabha, four are from Jammu and Kashmir, and one from Punjab. The seat from Punjab was vacated after AAP leader Sanjeev Arora quit following his election to the state assembly in a bypoll last month.

The effective strength of both the Houses together is 782 and the winning candidate will require 391 votes, considering that all eligible voters exercise their franchise.

We must vow to...

integrity and sovereignty of the Country. We must vow to eliminate every terrorist and terrorist organization that threatens our safety, security and prosperity," the Lieutenant Governor said. He also shared a range of key reforms and initiatives taken by the J&K UT administration and security apparatus in the past few years to ensure inclusive development, peace and prosperity. Lt Gen Harjeet Singh Sahi, Commandant, Army War College, faculty members and senior officers of the Security Forces were present.

Encounter underway in...

there, a police official said. The search operation turned into an encounter after the hiding terrorists opened fire at the forces, who retaliated, he said. The official said the cordon is being strengthened and additional reinforcements have been rushed to the area, when reports last came in.

India has consistently...

"Government of India has lodged strong protests with the Government of Pakistan and rejects all attempts by it to bring material change in these occupied territories," he added.

He emphasised that it has been India's consistent and principled position that the "entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral parts of India".

This was enunciated in the unanimously adopted 1994 Resolution of the Indian Parliament, the MoS said.

The ministry was also questioned about how PoK is represented on maps.

"The official maps published by the government of India unambiguously represent entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, including the territories illegally occupied by Pakistan, as parts of the Union of India," he said.

In response to another query, Singh noted, "India has also made clear its approach of strict action against the roots of terrorism, not tolerating any form of blackmail and taking decisive steps to protect its citizens against any threats."

The MEA also responded to the query about the current status of relations between India and Pakistan after the military clashes that occurred in April-May 2025.

"India's stand on the incompatibility of terror with any form of diplomatic interaction has also been communicated at the highest level. Operation Sindoor continues," he said.

Govt funds carding...

fabric, has been witnessing a steady decline due to various constraints, notably the lack of wool processing facilities, high input costs, and time-consuming manual methods. The refurbishment of the Carding Machine under the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) budgeting is expected to address these bottlenecks directly.

In a press statement issued here today, Mirza Shahid Ali, Deputy Director, UNDP, stated that the availability of modernized carding facilities shall reduce manual labour and processing time significantly, making the craft economically viable for artisans and increase production capacity, enabling them to meet the growing domestic and international demand. This step is also expected to attract younger artisans to the trade by improving working conditions and productivity.

"This move aligns with the Government's broader vision to revive languishing crafts, with Namdha recognized as a flagship craft. We will ensure timely refurbishment, installation and operationalization of the machine while providing necessary training to the artisans to maximize utility," he added.

This development is expected to breathe new life into the Nandha sector, preserve its rich legacy and improve the livelihoods of hundreds of artisans dependent on this culturally significant art form, which has a huge demand, both locally as well in outside markets.

Amarnath Yatra suspended...

maintenance works are already being carried out on Pahalgam route of the Yatra, the divisional commissioner added.

On July 17, the yatra was suspended due to heavy rains at the twin base camps in Kashmir.

So far this year, more than 4.05 lakh yatris have paid obeisance at the Holy Cave shrine, he said. A total of 1,44,124 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the Valley since July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

Last year, over 5.10 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine, which houses a natural-ly formed ice lingam.

“Citizen Centric Services”...

Services Authorities (SLSA/DLSA).

The mobile application will provide easy access to both Central and UT Acts, Rules & Notifications, with links to the Law Department's website and the India Code website.

It will have unique feature of providing enrolment process, welfare schemes, notary and oath commissioner services and a list of government advocates besides standing counsels and career guidance for Advocates. App will provide unique features for guiding the citizens for registration of documents and registration of marriages under different Laws.

This module will offer a list of MLAs with their contact details, information on legislative business, committee reports, and Q&As in the Legislative Assembly. It will also provide a link to live proceedings and a platform for public opinion on draft legislation.

The mobile app will also feature information on various courts, including the Supreme Court, High Court and District Courts, along with cause lists and the status of cases. It will also provides information on landmark judgments and details of courts and their locations.

The module further envisages guiding citizens on law-related education, providing a list of National Law Universities (NLUs) and local universities offering law courses. It will also offer advice from legal experts on how and when to apply.

The citizens can also find details on the registration process, including office locations, model templates, a checklist of required documents and a list of stamp vendors.

An AI-powered chatbot will be available to assist with various legal issues for the assistance of all. The final module allows for submission of grievances, complaints, and feedback, with a system for generating acknowledgements and replies.

The implementation of these services is aimed at increasing the transparency, improving access to justice and enhancing the overall efficiency of the legal and parliamentary affairs department for the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir.

Calling the initiative a milestone in public service delivery, the Chief Secretary underscored its potential to serve as a national model. He urged the departments to work in close coordination to ensure its timely and effective rollout. "This platform reflects our commitment to legal empowerment and inclusive governance. It will transform legal aid into a truly accessible right for every citizen," he added.

Proceedings adjourned for...

adjourned within three minutes till 2 pm.

Meanwhile, Rajya Sabha proceedings were also washed out on Friday amid vociferous protests by Opposition members, who were demanding a discussion on Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar and its rollback.

Some of the Opposition members tried to enter the well but were blocked by marshalls in the house, leading to strong objections by some leaders. They later alleged that it was a "paramilitary takeover" of the house.

When the House reassembled at 12 noon, some TMC and DMK MPs tried to enter the well,

but were blocked by security personnel at the entry point. However, some MPs, including some women, sneaked into the well and raised slogans. They also protested against the blockade by security staff.

Among some of the members who protested in the well were Nadimul Haque, Sagarika Ghosh, Derek O'Brien (all of TMC), Tiruchi Siva (DMK), and Sanjay Singh (AAP).

The Rajya Sabha could not function on Friday, and both the Zero Hour and Question Hour became casualties. They raised slogans against SIR and demanded its withdrawal.

In the afternoon session, there was no let-up in the protests.

Rajnath for enhanced...

service chiefs that "we have to be always prepared".

"Our ancient texts say that preparation for a war should be done in peace time," he added.

In his address, Singh commended the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), the three service chiefs and the defence secretary for the success achieved in Operation Sindoor.

He said that on April 23, a day after the Pahalgam attack, in a meeting where the CDS, all the three service chiefs, the defence secretary and the national security advisor were present, he had asked them 'are you prepared for a major military action', and, "I am not exaggerating, they had all said, 'yes!'"

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal A P Singh, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, Department of Defence R&D Secretary and DRDO Chairman Samir V Kamat were also present on the occasion along with other senior officials of the ministry.

The minister praised the "back-end support" provided by the Defence Ministry's different departments to the armed forces which was key to Operation Sindoor's success.

"More emphasis should be laid on enhancing synergy between the civil and military sides. The importance of civil-military synergy in today's time has also increased because today's world has become very uncertain" said Singh, adding this will also help bolster security structure and safeguard national interests.

Whenever the armed forces fight a war, their valour is backed by the entire country. And, when a soldier fights a war, then in a way the entire country and the entire system also fights along with him.

"Your role, when it comes to warfare, is very important. We understand it," he said.

DGP J&K visits Distt Kulgam, holds operational review

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: Director General of Police (DGP), Nalin Prabhat, accompanied by IG Kashmir Zone, VK Birdi visited Kulgam to assess the security situation and held an operational review with GOC Victor Force and other officers of J&K Police and Army.

At the onset of the meeting, SSP Kulgam made a detailed presentation on operational preparedness and ongoing operations.

During the review, the DGP directed the officers to analyze and reassess the existing strategies and recalibrate the op offensive to neutralise Pakistani terrorists.

The DGP, thereafter, toured the general area of DH Pora, Devsar and Kund.

JKHCBAJ holds meeting with Dr. Jitendra on construction of permanent CAT court in Jammu

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

NEW DELHI: Delegation of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Jammu (JKHCBAJ), led by its President K. Nirmal Kotwal along-with office bearers Vice President Baldev Singh, General Secretary Pardeep Majotra, Joint Secretary Anshu Mahajan, Treasurer Rahul Aggarwal, held a meeting with Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) to discuss the much-needed construction of a dedicated and permanent building for the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in Jammu.

During the interaction, the delegation apprised the minister of the persistent infrastructural challenges faced by the CAT Bench in Jammu. They stressed the critical need for a state-of-the-art building that matches the CAT's rising workload and best serves the interests of lit-igants and advocates.

The Bar Association provided a detailed memorandum outlining the urgent requirement for modern courtrooms, chambers, and staff facilities, in line with Supreme Court directives and standards set for judicial infrastructure nationwide.

Dr. Jitendra gave a patient hearing to the delegation and acknowledged the Bar's pivotal role in highlighting key legal and administrative issues of the Union Territory.

He assured the association of the government's steadfast commitment to establishing a per-manent and fully equipped CAT complex in Jammu.

Most notably, Dr. Singh communicated the Ministry's resolve that adequate central funds will be made available to ensure timely commencement and completion of the CAT building proj-ect. He reaffirmed that the government recognizes the CAT Bench in Jammu as a permanent necessity, given the high pendency and volume of administrative cases in the region.

The Minister further stated that with continued collaboration between the Union and Jammu & Kashmir governments, ongoing progress has already been witnessed in enhancing legal infrastructure. The new CAT building would be another milestone and a testament to the gov-ernment's consistent focus on citizens' access to justice in the UT.

JKHCBAJ expressed gratitude to Dr. Jitendra for his timely assurance and proactive stance, welcoming the announcement as a breakthrough for the legal fraternity and advocates of Jammu. They reiterated the Bar's full cooperation and readiness to support every stage of the construction project, aiming to see prompt execution for the benefit of all stakeholders.

SKUAST-Jammu launches Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme with Plantation Drive

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: In a proactive step toward realizing the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, the S h e r - e - K a s h m i r University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) launched the Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme (VBYCP) with an ambi-tious plantation drive.

The campaign, inaugu-rated by Vice Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi, aims to plant 3,000 saplings within a week, featuring native and fruit-bearing species such as mango, bael, aonla, and jamun - promoting both ecological restoration and nutritional security.

The event saw active participation from all statutory officers of the university, underseoring institutional commitment to sustainability. The VBYCP is coordinated by Dr. Sanjay Khar (Director Education), while the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) is led by Dr. Sudhakar Dwivedi (Dean Student Welfare).

The plantation activity was executed in collaboration with Dr. M.K. Pandey, Dr. R.K. Pandey, and hostel wardens Dr. A.K. Singh and Dr. Kapil Tiwari.

Prof. Tripathi, addressing the gathering, emphasized that Viksit Bharat @2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a transformative national movement. He called on academic institutions to drive innovation, entrepreneurship, and problem-solving education to empower youth as job creators. He advocated integrating the principles of idea, incubation, innovation, and startup into academic ecosystems. Prof. Tripathi acknowledged the support of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and the UT administration in enabling SKUAST-Jammu to implement national flagship programs.

In the lead-up to the national launch on August 12, SKUAST-Jammu will host pre-launch events on August 11, including a Youth Parliament, MY Bharat registration drive, and a debate competition on the theme "Emergency."

Prof. Tripathi urged the university community to make the VBYCP a success and reiterated that the future of a developed India lies in the hands of its empowered youth.

Man nabbed with 154 rolls of banned Chinese Manja

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: An information was received through reliable sources that One person namely Pankaj Gupta S/O Joginder Kumar R/O H.no. F/94, Lane No. 07, Talab Tillo Age - 38 yrs is selling the Gattu from his shop. On this information the police party of PP Tallab Tillo acted swiftly and apprehended the said person and 60 rolls of Gattu (Chinese Thread) recovered from his possession. Subsequently, on his further questioning, raid was conducted in Vikas Lane area in the presence of Tehsildar Khas Jammu Shri Paramdeep Singh and SHO Nowabad and 94 more rolls of Gattu were recovered from Vikas Lane, Talab Tillo making it 154 rolls in total.

In this regard Cognizance was taken and FIR No 109/2025, U/s 223 BNS got registered at PS Nowabad Jammu.


Sadhotra demands immediate restoration of Statehood to J&K


■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**

JAMMU: National Conference Additional General Secretary and former minister Ajay Kumar Sadhotra on Friday made a strong appeal for the immediate restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, stating that the prevailing dual admin-istrative control has harmed governance and eroded public trust. Addressing a public meeting at Raipur (Satwari) in the Jammu South Constituency, organized by Jatinder Singh Lucky, Akshay Kumar, and Ginni Singh, Sadhotra said the existing administrative arrangement has created confusion and inefficiency.

	
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Air India Express	12:50 PM - 1:40 PM
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IndiGo	6:40 PM - 7:20 PM
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Arrival	: 11:10 AM at Srinagar
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Chair Car (CC): 715	
Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320	
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PVR KC JAMMU	01:05 PM / 06:55 PM
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PVR KC JAMMU	04:05 PM
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