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of Messrs Bharat Papers Limited and two residential houses of directors or relatives of directors of the company, the ED said in a statement.

The ED initiated investigation based on an FIR registered by the CBI and ACB, Jammu, against Bharat Papers Limited and its directors -- Anil Kumar and his brothers Parveen Kumar, Baljinder Kumar and Rajinder Kumar -- for defrauding a consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India to the tune of Rs 200 crore on the basis of a complaint filed by the then deputy general manager, Stressed Asset Management Branch, State Bank of India, Ludhiana, Punjab. The ED investigation revealed that Bharat Papers Limited and its directors did not use the loan amount for the purpose for which the loan was sanctioned, the statement said.

However, it said the funds were diverted through bogus or shell entities and bank accounts opened outside the consortium of banks. Further, the loan funds were also siphoned off by way of cash withdrawals directly from the loan accounts, the statement said, adding that machine parts from the factory unit of the company were also stealthily removed and sold without the knowledge of the banks.

Nine SHOs among...

Station Udhampur, Inspector Padam Dev Singh from DPL Udhampur as SHO Kud, Inspector Anil Kumar Sharma from DPL Udhampur as SHO Ramnagar, Inspector Kapil Gupta from PCR Udhampur as SHO Panchari, Inspector Purab Singh from P/S Rehambal as SHO Udhampur, Inspector Purshotam Kumar from P/S Panchari as SHO Rehmbal, PSI Abdul Star from Police Station Basantgarh as SHO Majalta, PSI Robin Chalotra from Police Post Ponara as SHO Basantgarh, Inspector Rashika Sharma from Women Police Station and transferred to DPL Udhampur, PSI Azhar Shakeel from Police Station Majalta to Police Station Chenani, PSI Jasbir Singh from Police Station Majalta to Police Station Udhampur, and SI Firdous Ahmed from Police Station Chenani to Police Station Majalta.

56th Raising Day...

Corps, including Lt Gen PK Mishra, AVSM, YSM, SM, GOC HQ 16 Corps and Maj Gen Paramvir Singh Dagar, VSM, COS HQ 16 Corps, along with officials from the State Education Department and alumni of the school.

The Raising Day celebrations began with the traditional cake-cutting ceremony, where the Chief Minister was joined by Cadet Stanzin Chosgyal (School Cadet Captain) and Cadet Ayush Shan (Junior-most cadet).

Captain (IN) Shibu Devasia, Principal of Sainik School Nagrota, presented a specially crafted school memento to the Chief Minister, reflecting the ethos of knowledge, bravery and discipline. The Chief Minister also interacted with the staff during a High Tea and wrote words of encouragement in the Visitors' Book, acknowledging the school's role in nation-building.

The inauguration of girls' hostel 'Triveni' was the highlight of the day, underscoring the school's commitment to inclusivity, modern residential facilities and leadership opportunities for girl cadets. The hostel opens a new chapter in the school's journey by ensuring that girls receive the same environment as their male counterparts to excel in academics, discipline and service to the nation.

Rajnath, LG to...

the search operation carried out by multiple agencies for the past nine days and also interact with the affected people," he said. Several high-profile leaders have already visited Chashoti to interact with people and oversee the operations.

Thar Road Rage...

noted that the case went beyond a simple accident. "The act of reversing the vehicle over a helpless senior citizen shows prima facie deliberate intent to kill," the order observed, adding that such road rage incidents posed a grave threat to public peace and security.

The court further remarked that granting bail at this stage would "send wrong signals to society" and embolden others to take law into their own hands. The judge cited the brutality of the act, public trauma, and the victim's precarious health as reasons for denying bail.

The bail plea was argued by Advocate Ranbir Singh, counsel for the accused. He contended that Anand, a young engineering student with no past criminal record, had surrendered to police voluntarily and was being victimised due to public pressure and media coverage. Counsel cited Supreme Court judgments emphasising bail as a rule, not an exception.

On the other hand, Vikram Parihar, Public Prosecutor for the UT, strongly opposed the bail plea. Supporting him, Advocate Sachin Gupta, appearing on behalf of the victim, argued that the offence was heinous, non-bailable, and amounted to an "attempted murder in broad daylight." They stressed that the accused's conduct-fleeing the scene after crushing the victim-posed a risk of tampering with evidence and intimidating witnesses.

The CCTV footage of the incident, widely circulated on social media and news channels, has sparked public anger across Jammu. Citizens and civil society groups have demanded stringent punishment, calling the act "a crime against humanity."

After hearing both sides, CJM Grover observed: "Running over the victim a second time reflects deliberate intent. Such incidents are a grave threat to public peace and must be dealt with firmly." The court said that the seriousness of the crime, the victim's precarious health, and the stage of investigation did not justify grant of bail.

ED raids nine...

and Bhalwal Jammu fraudulently grabbed by the land grabbers and gangsters in connivance with the revenue and police officers. The revenue records have been tampered with and land has been sold to many.

ACB had conducted a formal verification wherein it was found that in furtherance of the criminal conspiracy, FORM 3-A (Form Alf) along with power of attorneys (POAs) were obtained from various POK Refugees, alluring them of additional lands and providing them instant money ranging from Rs 5,000 to Rs 50,000 by the conduits of land grabbers, and thereafter insertions and additions regarding additional chunks of custodian lands were made in the revenue records by the officials of the revenue and custodian department by sheer abuse of their official positions, and these lands were sold by the conduits and attorney holders to various persons including their own gang leaders and members, by resorting to fraudulent means, thereby causing a huge loss to the government.

Owing to the establishment of, prima facie, nexus of the criminal elements and land grabbers and the revenue, custodian officers and officials in alienation of custodian land through fraudulent means, ACB has registered five formal case FIRs in Central Jammu and Kashmir for investigation under the provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act, criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery and fraud.

J&K, its youth...

The minister said the Central government is making all attempts to connect the youth of J-K with sports, and provide them a good platform so that they can win medals for the country.

"The sports ministry is making attempts in this direction and I am hopeful that the national events being held here will bring a huge transformation and play a big role in developing a Viksit Bharat and taking the country forward," she said.

"We want to take sports to every household," the minister added.

PM hails Op...

rally here, the Prime Minister said the BJP fulfills every resolution it takes.

"We have recently witnessed proof of this during Operation Sindoor. Our army turned the hideouts of terrorists and their masters across the border into ruins. Our forces taught the terrorists such a lesson that Pakistan is still sleepless," he said.

Modi said the mission highlighted India's growing defence capability powered by indigenous weaponry.

"The operation dealt such a decisive blow that Pakistan still struggles to recover from its impact. The great strength behind India's success has been the Made In India weapons," the prime minister said.

Operation Sindoor was launched by India on May 7 in retaliation for the deadly terror attack in Pahalgam. The operation involved targeted air and ground strikes by Indian forces on multiple terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Modi expressed pride in the contribution of West Bengal to the country's armed forces.

"I am proud that the land of this region of Bengal has made a significant contribution to strengthening India's army," he said.

Shifting focus to Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the prime minister said the BJP draws inspiration from the vision of the late leader.

Modi to visit...

The announcement of the prime minister's visit to the two Asian countries came just days after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's trip to India.

The MEA said Modi will be in Japan on August 29 and 30 to participate in the 15th India-Japan annual summit.

This will be Modi's eighth visit to Japan as the prime minister.

DM Jammu clears...

The District Magistrate further clarified that there is no ban on BIS-approved alloy wheels, provided they conform to the manufacturer's prescribed specifications and do not cause any dimensional changes to the vehicle.

This clarification follows intensified traffic enforcement drives across Jammu, during which several vehicles with unauthorised modifications were found in violation of the Motor Vehicles Act and related safety norms. The order aims to prevent such unsafe alterations while ensuring that lawful and compliant accessories are not restricted. The District Magistrate appealed to the public to cooperate with the administration in promoting safe road practices and to ensure that any modifications remain within the ambit of law.

Ex-Congress MLC's...

conditions by J&K Bank officials led by then branch head Anoop Bhat.

The investigation revealed that the sanctioned amount was diverted to accounts linked to the Malhotras, with significant sums withdrawn in cash through a sister concern firm M/S Ann Account. Despite the funds being fully disbursed, no warehouse construction was ever undertaken, leading to the cancellation of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) contract and turning the account into a Non-Performing Asset (NPA). This resulted in a direct financial loss of ₹5 crore to the J&K Bank.

Aditya's elder brother, Vikram Malhotra, has a fluctuating political career. Once Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee, Vikram later joined the Apni Party in June 2020 and resigned in 2022. Presently, he has joined BJP.

With the latest arrest in Chhattisgarh's fraud case, questions are once again being raised about the financial dealings of the Malhotra brothers. Sources in the investigating agencies have hinted that Aditya's criminal record-including the ongoing ACB case-will be factored into the proceedings once he is moved to Chhattisgarh.

Legal experts believe the fresh charges could compound Aditya's troubles, especially given his pending corruption case in Jammu.

As of now, the Chhattisgarh Police are preparing the necessary paperwork to secure Aditya Malhotra's transit remand from Court for shifting him to Raipur, where the present case is being investigated.

SC modifies stray...

Before any direction for impounding entire stray dog population was given, the court said, it was necessary to examine the existing infrastructure and human resources available with municipal bodies.

"A blanket direction to pick up all the strays and place them in dog shelters/pounds without evaluating the existing infrastructure may lead to a catch-22 situation because such directions may be impossible to comply with," the bench said.

Outlining the need for a holistic approach in the matter, the bench modified the August 11 directions and said, "Thus, the direction given in the order dated August 11, 2025, prohibiting the release of the treated and vaccinated dogs seems to be too harsh, in our opinion."

Municipal authorities were further directed to create dedicated feeding spaces for stray dogs in each municipal ward.

The bench said feeding areas should be created or identified keeping in view the population and concentration of stray dogs in the particular municipal ward.

"Gantries/notice boards shall be placed near such designated feeding areas, mentioning that stray dogs shall only be fed in such areas. Under no condition shall the feeding of stray dogs on the streets be permitted," it said.

Persons found feeding dogs on streets in violation of its directions would face punishment, the bench added.

The top court referred to reports on untoward incidents caused by unregulated feeding of stray dogs while issuing its directions.

People's voice must...

economy, but its future is undoubtedly bright among the largest economies. Favourable environment has been created for sustained and rapid economic development across the country.

The Lieutenant Governor called upon the officials to work on improving policy performance, managing complex challenges and effectively address disruptive changes that

will occur in unpredictable future.

"People's voice must be the soul of a government policy. That's why policies cannot be drafted in offices anymore. Policy making should be done on the ground while incorporating suggestions and needs of the citizens.

A file is more than just a piece of paper; it contains the lives and future of thousands of people. The measure of any action is whether it improves the lives of ordinary citizens. We must pay special attention to these two important aspects and make the governance system more responsible and responsive.

Today, in the age of Artificial Intelligence, Change is the only constant. We will have to make decisions accordingly keeping in mind growth and welfare in every sector," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also highlighted transformation in Government-to-Citizen and Government-to-Business services in Jammu Kashmir.

There is no doubt that in the future, new technologies like Artificial Intelligence will lead to better public policies, improved decision-making, enhanced citizen engagement, and a faster, higher-quality delivery of public services, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor also congratulated District Administration Ganderbal for its innovative environmental initiatives.

Changemakers like Jairaj Bhattacharya, founder of the EdTech startup ConveGenius, and Swapneel Paul, Deputy Commissioner of Tinsukia, Assam, through their determination, succeeded in overcoming challenges to bring about tangible changes on the ground, he added.

He further asked the bureaucrats, technocrats to develop new tools, take innovative initiatives to solve the complex challenges and drive change and transformation in the society through technical applications.

On the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor called for adopting the Akshaya Patra Foundation's model to bring a significant improvement to the mid-day meal program in government schools.

He urged the bureaucrats and technocrats to put dedicated focus in agriculture sector through technology transfer from lab to land. We also need to take innovative initiatives to address the problems faced by farmers due to climate change, he said.

The Lieutenant Governor further said that the 29 reformative projects under the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) can also be implemented as per the requirement in different states/ UTs of the country.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; Dr. N. Ramesh Kumar, Director General, Administrative Staff College of India; Dr. Valli Manickam, Director, Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS); M Raju, Commissioner Secretary GAD; Ms Rehana Batul, Director J&K IMPARD; senior administrative officials and domain experts were present at the felicitation ceremony.

HIGHLIGHTS...

worked to serve the people and contributing in nation building

Prime Minister's mantra of 'Minimum Government, Maximum Governance' has enhanced ease of living for citizens and ensured seamless delivery of public services

The leadership of PM Narendra Modi has laid strong foundation, leading to innovative governance initiatives and made government more sensitive to the needs of the people

We must work on improving policy performance, managing complex challenges and effectively address disruptive changes that will occur in unpredictable future.

Army Commander lauds...

built a Bailey bridge over the Chisoti nullah, restoring much-needed connectivity to the village and the Machail Mata shrine. The Army has also inducted a couple of all-terrain vehicles as part of efforts to intensify the rescue and relief operation.

| Jammu to Srinagar | | |
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| IndiGo | 10:05 AM - 10:45 AM | |
| SpiceJet | 11:10 AM - 12:00 PM | |
| Air India Express | 12:50 PM - 1:40 PM | |
| Air India Express | 1:35 PM - 2:45 PM | |
| IndiGo | 1:55 PM - 2:35 PM | |
| IndiGo | 6:40 PM - 7:20 PM | |
| Srinagar to Jammu | | |
| IndiGo | 11:45 AM - 12:35 PM | |
| Air India Express | 12:10 PM - 1:05 PM | |
| SpiceJet | 12:35 PM - 1:30 PM | |
| Air India Express | 2:20 PM - 3:35 PM | |
| IndiGo | 3:15 PM - 4:05 PM | |
| IndiGo | 5:20 PM - 6:10 PM | |

| 11078 Jhelum Express | | |
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| Departure | : 23:35 from Jammu Tawi | |
| Arrival | : 11:15 at New Delhi | |
| 12426 Jammu Tawi - New Delhi Rajdhani Express | | |
| Departure | : 21:25 from Jammu Tawi | |
| Arrival | : 05:55 at New Delhi | |
| 12446 Uttar Sampark Kranti Express | | |
| Departure | : 21:50 from Jammu Tawi | |
| Arrival | : 08:55 at New Delhi | |
| Train 26401 - Katra to Srinagar (Morning Service) | | |
| Departure | : 8:10 AM from Katra | |
| Arrival | : 11:10 AM at Srinagar | |
| Intermediate Stop | : Banihal at 9:58 AM | |
| Fare: | | |
| Chair Car (CC): 715 | | |
| Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,320 | | |
| Booking: Available on IRCTC | | |
| Train 26403 - Katra to Srinagar (Afternoon Service) | | |
| Departure | : 2:00 PM from Katra | |
| Arrival | : 05:00 PM at Srinagar | |
| Fare: | | |
| Chair Car (CC): 660 | | |
| Executive Chair Car (EC): 1,270 | | |
| Booking: Available on IRCTC | | |

| WAR 2 HINDI | | |
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| WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU | 10:00 AM / 1:15 PM / 4:30 PM / 7:45 PM / 11:00 PM | |
| PVR KC JAMMU | 9:00 AM 12:35 PM / 7:20 PM / 10:55 PM | |
| COOLIE THE POWERHOUSE HINDI | | |
| WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU | 2:50 PM / 10:55 PM | |
| PVR KC JAMMU | 12:05 PM | |
| MAHAVATAR NARSIMHA HINDI | | |
| PVR KC JAMMU | 5:50 PM | |
| SAIYAARA HINDI | | |
| WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU | 10:30 PM / 07:00 PM | |
| PVR KC JAMMU | 4:10 PM | |
| PHAPHEY KUTTIYAN (PUNJABI) | | |
| WAVE ONE MOVIE JAMMU | 12:25 PM / 06:05 PM / 08:30 PM | |
| PVR KC JAMMU | 09:30 AM / 08:40 PM | |

CUJ students visit Semiconductor Laboratory Mohali

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Central University of Jammu (CUJ), organized an educational and technical visit to the Semiconductor Laboratory (SCL), Mohali.

The visit offered participating students a valuable opportunity to gain exposure to the nation's premier semiconductor research and development facility.

Under the guidance of eminent scientists and engineers at SCL, the students observed advanced processes including cleanroom operations, wafer fabrication, lithography, etching, doping, and semiconductor packaging.

They also toured testing laboratories, where integrated circuits are rigorously validated prior to their use in critical sectors such as space, defence, and high-speed communication systems.

A total of 25 students from the 2nd and 3rd year of the B.Tech. ECE program took part in the visit.This initiative reflects the vision of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CUJ, Prof. Sanjeev Jain and aligns closely with the goals of India's Semiconductor Mission.

The visit was coordinated by Dr. Sunil Datt Sharma Associate Professor, DoECE, Dr. Misbah Shafi Assistant Professor, DoECE and Mithul Dubey Lab Assistant, DoECE, under the supervision of Prof. Rakesh Kumar Jha, Head, DoECE.

GGM Science College students flagged off for National Red Cross Camp at Kurukshetra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: The students of Government Gandhi Memorial (GGM) Science College, Jammu, embarked on an inspiring journey to participate in the seven-day National Red Cross Camp being held at Kurukshetra, Haryana. The contin-



gent was formally flagged off by Prof. (Dr.) Romesh Kumar Gupta, Principal of the College, in the presence of Dr. Rozy Bamba, Convener, Red Ribbon Club of the College.

The prestigious camp provides a remarkable platform for young Red Cross volunteers to engage in humanitarian service, leadership training, and cultural exchange with participants from across the nation. The college contingent will showcase their multifaceted talents through a diverse range of activities including cultural performances such as singing, dancing, and skits, alongside intellectual pursuits like debates and discussion forums. Their participation is aimed at reinforcing the spirit of teamwork, discipline, and social responsibility at the national level.

The students are being accompanied by Dr. Sheikh Muzafar, Assistant Professor, who will guide and mentor them throughout the camp. Expressing their gratitude, the students thanked Principal Prof. (Dr.) Romesh K. Gupta for providing them this valuable opportunity to represent the college on a national platform.

While extending his best wishes, Prof. Gupta urged the students to uphold the values of service and dedication, expressing confidence that their enthusiastic participation would bring laurels to the institution and inspire others to contribute meaningfully to humanitarian causes.

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| International Trunk Booking | 2447952, 2577951, 2573638 | |
| Billing Complaints | 2543896, 2548415 | |
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| Change No. Announcement | | 1951 |
| Gandhi Nagar Exchange | 2451953, 2430953 | |
| HOSPITALS | | |
| Government Medical College | 2584290, 2484291 | |
| Psychiatry and Disease Hospital | | 2577444 |
| Ambulance Rajouri | 257147, 257084, 257357 | |
| Blood Bank/Eye Bank - SMGS Hospital | 2547639, 2547637 | |
| Emergency | | 2549669 |
| Blood Bank | 2547637, 2547638 | |
| Chest Disease Hospital | 2577064, 2548012 | |
| Dental Hospital | | 2544670 |
| Govt Hospital Gandhi Nagar | | 2430041 |
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| Child Hospital | | 2577023 |
| Acharya Shri Chander College of Medical Sciences and Hospital | | 262270 |
| AMBULANCES | | |
| Indian Red Cross Society | | 2549413 |
| Jammu University | 2453165, 2543525, 2435248 | |
| FIRE STATIONS | | |
| Gandhi Nagar | 101, 2435283, 2457705 | |
| City | | 2544263 |
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| Tourist Officer, Airport | | 2431917 |
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| BUS SERVICES | | |
| JKSRTC General Manager | | 2435262 |
| JKSRTC Bus Stand | | 2577475 |
| JKSRTC Jammu Srinagar, Service | | 2576562 |
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| WATER SUPPLY | | |
| Company Bagh | | 2542582 |
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| Canal | | 2554147, 2554199 |
| Parade | | 2542289, 2543398 |
| Nanak Nagar | | 2430776 |
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| Municipality | 2547846, 2542192 | |
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