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Ancient India was the engine of world civilization and culture. We gave the gift of science, mathematics, medicines to the world and we should be proud of our cultural, literary, scientific and spiritual heritage.

The roots of our knowledge and science have always been immense. We need to liberate ourselves from the colonial mindset and the new generation must be told that our heritage has been leading in the world and the gift of science that we have given to the entire humanity is incomparable," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is witnessing economic, cultural and scientific renaissance, simultaneously. He said, in order to strengthen the nation's spiritual, social, and emotional unity, the unique contributions of writers and thinkers are essential.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, emphasised on reviving India's ancient knowledge system and make it a part of mainstream education.

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These editions in regional language should also be prominently featured at international book festivals to introduce the world to J&K's unique literary heritage, he added. The Lieutenant Governor further asked the National Book Trust to actively promote famous literature from Kashmiri, Pahari, Gojri, Dogri, Urdu, and Punjabi at book festivals and ensure their translation into various languages to reach a wider audience. The event also witnessed the inauguration of 'Saradaksarani'- First National Exhibition of Sharada Alphabets, and Kashmiri Translation of book titled 'Jammu Kashmir and Ladakh-through the ages". The winners of Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya Amrit Kaal Story Writing Competition were also announced.

Prof. Milind Sudhakar Marathe, Chairman, National Book Trust; Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir; Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR); Dr Amit Wanchoo, Chief Convener, Chinara Book Festival; Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust; Vice heads of various educational institutions, senior officials, eminent literary personalities, book lovers, youth and children in large number were present.

## HIGHLIGHTS...

leading in the world and gift of science that we have given to the entire humanity is incomparable. We have to revive our ancient knowledge system and make it a part of mainstream education. Books open window to world. Books offer new ideas and fresh perspectives that change the way we perceive things and promote critical thinking.Calls upon National Book Trust to publish and translate the Nilamat Purana, Rajatarangini, and Kathasaritsagara into various Indian languages.

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Chinara Book Festival will connect new generation to our precious literary heritage and inspire them to preserve and promote our traditional wisdom left behind by our ancestors. 9-day annual festival will provide an opportunity to readers to keep track of new ideas and perspectives and interact with eminent writers and scholars from across country.

## India showed its...

ICU. While Pakistan's anguish is understandable, what's shocking is that Congress and Samajwadi Party leaders are also unable to cope with it," Modi said.

The prime minister also accused the Congress of repeatedly insulting the valour of the armed forces and even terming 'Operation Sindoor' a "tamasha" (spectacle).

"Can 'Sindoor' ever be a joke? They dared to insult the sacred mark of our sisters and the valour of our soldiers," he said.

Modi also attacked the Samajwadi Party (SP) for questioning the timing of the military strikes. "One of their leaders asked in Parliament 'why were the attackers of Pahalagam killed now'. Should I call and ask Samajwadi leaders whether to strike now or later? Should we wait and let the terrorists escape," Modi asked.

"These are the same people who during their rule in Uttar Pradesh gave clean chits to terrorists and withdrew cases against those involved in bomb blasts," Modi claimed, adding that such parties are now disturbed because terrorists are being eliminated. "This is 'Naya Bharat' (New India), which worships Lord Shiva but turns Kaal Bhairav against its enemies when needed," the prime minister said.

Modi also said that Operation Sindoor has demonstrated India's indigenous defence capabilities to the world.

"The power of our locally developed missiles, drones and air defence systems were on full display (during Operation Sindoor). Our BrahMos missile instilled such fear in the enemy that people in Pakistan can't sleep peacefully even in their dreams."

Launched on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalagam terror attack that claimed 26 lives, Operation Sindoor showcased calibrated, tri-services action targeting terror hideouts in Pakistan. During his visit to Varanasi -- his Lok Sabha constituency for the third term running -- the prime minister inaugurated and lay foundation for development projects worth over Rs 2,000 crore, besides distributing the 20th installment of the PM KISAN Samman Nidhi worth Rs 20,500 crore to over 9.70 eligible farmers nationwide.

## Ladakh LG meets...

the Lt Governor of Ladakh on July 18, first met the prime minister and briefed him about the ground realities, challenges and aspirations of the people of Ladakh, the spokesman said. He highlighted the expectations of the people concerning development, connectivity, healthcare and livelihood opportunities.

He also drew attention to the immense potential of Ladakh in the tourism sector, particularly in eco-tourism, adventure sports and cultural heritage-based experiences, the spokesman said. The spokesman said the prime minister reiterated the Government of India's commitment to inclusive and sustainable development in Ladakh and stressed the importance of ensuring that the benefits of governance and welfare schemes reach the last person in the remotest village of the Union Territory. Gupta assured the prime minister that the UT Ladakh Administration is fully aligned with this vision and is working diligently to deliver people-centric governance. He conveyed his resolve to accelerate ongoing developmental projects, improve infrastructure, and promote local entrepreneurship to unlock Ladakh's full potential, the spokesman said. Later, the Lt Governor called on the Union Home Minister and discussed key developmental issues concerning Ladakh.

During the meeting, the Lt Governor apprised Shah of the current administrative framework, border area development and the need to improve telecommunication connectivity in remote areas of the Union Territory, the spokesman said.

He also discussed the importance of enhancing infrastructure to support local livelihoods, particularly in agriculture, handicrafts and winter tourism.

The Union Home Minister reiterated the central government's commitment to strengthening border infrastructure and improving the quality of life for the people of Ladakh. He emphasised maintaining peace and harmony in the region while pushing forward a development-oriented agenda.

The Lt Governor assured full coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs to achieve rapid and inclusive growth across Ladakh, while safeguarding the region's unique cultural and ecological identity, the spokesman said.

## Resolution of Kashmir...

prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir. Pradhan announced that to enhance the library movement in Jammu and Kashmir, the National Book Trust (NBT) will implement various Central schemes in the Union Territory.

He assured that by next year's Chinara Festival, various books in the local languages of Jammu and Kashmir will be translated into other languages of the country. Additionally, the Union minister mentioned that efforts would be made to establish the Chinara Book Festival as a permanent event. Pradhan celebrated the success of the festival, noting that despite the prevalence of the internet, books still possess the power to engage the new generation.

## Two terrorists killed...

After an initial exchange of fire between the two sides on Friday evening, the operation was halted for the night, the officials said.

The cordon was strengthened, and additional reinforcements were rushed to the area. Firing resumed on Saturday morning, during which two terrorists were killed, the officials said. The identity and group affiliation of the slain terrorists are being ascertained, they added, noting that the operation is still underway.

## Amit Shah hails...

Under this, a total amount of more than Rs 20,500 crore was transferred to over 9.7 crore farmers across the country through DBT," he wrote on X in Hindi.

Additionally, Shah said, the prime minister also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various development projects worth Rs 2,200 crore for Varanasi.

He said these projects related to infrastructure, education, health, tourism and cultural heritage will play a significant role in the reconstruction of Kashi and for public welfare.

## Drone found abandoned...

nearby and lost control before landing inside the camp, they said.

The drone has been handed over to the local police station for investigation, the officials said.

## Drugs Mafia: History...

launched to trace the absconders.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that both Ashutosh and Kapil Sharma have a history of criminal involvement and are reportedly associated with drug trafficking activities. Notably, Kapil Sharma had previously operated a drug de-addiction centre in Samba, which, as per police records, was allegedly being used as a front for illegal drug peddling. The centre was reportedly situated on state land and it was also demolished.

Police are also investigating the possibility of a drug-related dispute being the trigger for the assault. Senior officers have assured that a thorough probe is underway and strict action will be taken against all involved.

Police is investigating that why a local youth had booked a hotel room in Jammu City and how the hotel management allowed a local to book a room for meeting friends. Sources said, these youth many times used to book a room here in this hotel. Police is working on various theories to bust the drugs mafia.

## BJP accuses Rahul...

began after "these developments".

"To suggest Arun Jaitley ji approached him for anything at all is factually incorrect and misleading," Malviya said, adding, "Let's stick to facts and not rewrite timelines to suit narratives."

The BJP leader also posted a video clip of the remarks Gandhi made at the conclave. Rohan Jaitley, who is the president of the Delhi District Cricket Association, said that it was not in his father's nature to threaten anyone over an opposing view.

"He was a staunch democrat and always believed in building consensus," he said in a post on X. "If at all such a situation were to occur, as it often does in politics, he would invite free and open discussions to arrive at a mutually acceptable solution to all. That was simply who he was and that remains his legacy today.

"I would appreciate Rahul Gandhi being mindful while speaking of those not with us. He attempted something similar with Manohar Parrikar ji, politicising his final days, which was in equally poor taste," he said.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant hit out at Rahul Gandhi, saying he had earlier also twisted facts about the Rafale fighter jet deal after meeting an ailing Manohar Parrikar. Dragging the names of such selfless leaders, who are no longer with us, into political attacks reflects Gandhi's desperation, Sawant said.

"Using the legacy of departed leaders for personal political gains is not only unacceptable but deeply hurtful to the millions who admire their sacrifice and service to the nation. Leaders like Arun Jaitley and Manohar Parrikar devoted their lives to building a strong and progressive India," Sawant said.

## Bihar polls: INDIA...

will win the Bihar elections". "I am going to meet him. All the leaders (of INDIA bloc) have been called for a meeting on August 7 and I will find out (the truth)," he told reporters here. Gandhi claimed on Friday that his party has an "atom bomb" of an evidence to prove "vote chori" by the Election Commission for the BJP and said that when it explodes the poll panel will have no place to hide anywhere in the country. The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir reached here this afternoon to express condolences to party's provincial president Rattan Lal Gupta on the death of his wife and the family of an acquaintance, who died last month. When asked why his party is not supporting the Congress, which has announced chain hunger strike from August 9 to 21 for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, Abdullah said the National Conference is already fighting for public cause. "We are fighting for it (restoration of statehood). When did we stop talking? Whenever (chief minister) Omar Abdullah met the prime minister (Narendra Modi), he raised this issue with him," said Abdullah.

## Illegal structures demolished...

the District Administration, demolished several illegal plinths and unauthorized structures erected on JDA Land. During the operation, 7 Commercial structures were sealed by the JDA Enforcement Wing. These commercial establishments had been raised without any sanctioned plan or legal authorization and were found in gross violation of the master plan and land use norms. The sealing of these shops was carried out to prevent further misuse of public land and to send a strong message to habitual encroachers. Speaking on the matter, the Vice Chairman, JDA, reiterated the Authority's commitment to safeguard government land from encroachments and restore its lawful use for public welfare. "Let this serve as a stern warning that no illegal construction or occupation of JDA land will be tolerated. Regular drives will continue across the region to uphold the rule of law and the sanctity of the city's master plan," the Vice Chairman said. The Jammu Development Authority urges the public to refrain from unauthorized construction and to obtain requisite permissions before undertaking any development on land falling within JDA jurisdiction.

## Security Headquarters holds...

found all 98 officials eligible for In-Situ promotion, comprising 29 Head Constables, 67 Sub-Inspectors and 2 Follow-up Officers. The committee recommended their promotion with effect from the date of their eligibility.

IGP Security, J&K, Sujit Kumar, subsequently granted In-Situ promotions to the officials and extended his congratulations to them and their families. He also appreciated the DPC members for completing the process in a timely manner.

This development is expected to boost morale and motivation among the personnel of the Security Wing, recognizing their hard work and dedication to serving the J&K Police.

## Yasin Malik acquitted in 1996 Protest Case after nearly three-decade

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A local court in Srinagar has acquitted separatist leader Mohammad Yasin Malik in a 29-year-old case related to a protest held in 1996, citing lack of evidence and violation of the constitutional right to a speedy trial.

The 1st Additional Munsiff and Judicial Magistrate First Class Srinagar, presided by Judge Zirgham Hamid, delivered the verdict on July 16, 2025, dismissing the charges under Sections 147 (rioting) and 341 (wrongful restraint) of the Ranbir Penal Code (RPC). The case, registered at Police Station Budgam (FIR No. 208/1996), involved a protest led by Hurriyat leaders including the late Syed Ali Shah Geelani, Abdul Gani Lone, and Yasin Malik. The trio had reportedly led a demonstration near Hyderpora, Srinagar, and attempted to march toward the Airport Road while raising slogans. Following standard procedure, a case was filed and an investigation initiated. However, only Malik remained alive by the time the case reached trial, with the other two accused having passed away. Malik, currently lodged in Tihar Jail, was charged formally in June 2024 and pleaded not guilty.

Despite court directives, the prosecution failed to produce any witnesses over the span of the trial. Citing landmark Supreme Court judgments, including Hussainara Khatoun v. State of Bihar and Abdul Rehman Antulay v. R.S. Nayak, the court reaffirmed that the right to a speedy trial is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.

"There has been an inordinate delay in prosecution. No evidence was presented, and the accused cannot be denied justice indefinitely," the order read.

The court therefore acquitted Malik of all charges, discharged his bail and surety bonds, and ordered the release of any seized property to its rightful claimants.

## Teenage girl injured in bear attack in Poonch

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JAMMU: A 19-year-old girl was critically injured in a bear attack in Poonch district on Saturday, officials said.

The girl was attacked by the wild bear when she ventured out of her house in remote Louran Top village, the officials said.

They said the girl's cries attracted the attention of the villagers, who chased the bear back into the nearby forest and shifted the girl to the hospital.

The girl suffered injuries in her face and legs, and is being referred to Jammu for specialised treatment, the officials said.

## Bike lifting gang busted; 10 stolen two-wheelers recovered, 2 arrested

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JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, Jammu Police, South Zone has successfully busted a bike lifting gang operating in and around the city. Police Station Gandhi



Nagar, under the close supervision of SDPO South and overall guidance of SP South Jammu, has recovered 10 stolen two-wheelers and arrested two notorious bike lifters involved in a series of thefts.

Over the past few months, multiple motorcycle theft cases had been reported at Police Station Gandhi Nagar. Taking serious note of these incidents, dedicated teams from Police Station Gandhi Nagar and Police Post Digiana were constituted, led by SHO Gandhi Nagar. The teams meticulously worked on all technical and human intelligence leads, scrutinized CCTV footage, and interrogated several suspects. As a result of sustained and strategic investigation, two accused persons were arrested Adarsh Kumar alias Arun, son of Om Parkash, resident of Chak Abtara, Bishnah, District Jammu and Sanjay Kumar alias Sanju, son of Ram Lal, R/O Pattu, Tehsil Vijaypur, District Samba.

During interrogation, both the accused confessed to their involvement in multiple vehicle thefts across the city. Based on their disclosures, the following 10 stolen two-wheelers, collectively valued at ₹8-9 lakhs, were recovered Discover Motorbike - JK02BM 7995; Passion Pro - JK02AS 4024; Splendor - JK02BH 3135; TVS - DL11SF 8394; Bike - JK02BD 2870; Scooty - JK02AX (partial number) and four additional two-wheelers without registration number plates

## Two bovine smuggling attempts foils; 19 bovines rescued, two arrested

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

RAJOURI: In a firm action against illegal transportation of bovines Rajouri Police thwarted two separate bovine smuggling attempts in the jurisdictions of Police Station Kandi and Police Station Thanamandi rescuing a total of 19 bovine animals.

In the first instance a police naka party from PS Kandi while on duty at Mohra intercepted a group of 13 bovines being smuggled on foot towards Kashmir without any valid permission. On spotting the police party, the accused person fled from the spot. He was later identified as Zahir Khan S/O Misri Khan R/O Kandi Rajouri. and was Arrested on Spot. The bovine animals were rescued. In this connection a case FIR No. 94/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Kandi and further investigation is ongoing.

In another incident the police team of PS Thanamandi rescued 6 bovines being illegally transported on foot towards Kashmir without any permit or documentation. The accused identified as Mohd Sadiq S/O Lal Din R/O Churung Rajouri was arrested on the spot. In this regard a case FIR No. 101/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act has been registered at PS Thanamandi.

## Theft case solved; two arrested, stolen property recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: In a swift and efficient response, Doda Police cracked a theft case within 24 hours of its reporting, demonstrating their commitment to prompt justice and community safety.

On 01 August 2025, Farooq Ahmed Naik, son of Javed Iqbal and resident of Parmaz Road, Doda, reported that unknown individuals had broken into his rental home by damaging window panes and committed theft. Acting on the complaint, Police Station Doda registered a case under FIR No. 182/2025, U/S 331(4), 305 BNS.

Under the directions of SSP Doda Sh. Sandeep Mehta-JKPS, a Team was formed to crack this case. The team was led by Inspector Parvaiz Ahmed Khanday (SHO, PS Doda) and PSI Meenaksh. Using CCTV footage and technical surveillance, the police identified and arrested two accused individuals Najeeb Iqbal, son of Mohd Iqbal, resident of Pull Doda (Age: 33 years) and Anant Raj, son of Girdhari Lal, resident of Bhatta Parryote Doda (Age: 30 years).

Following their interrogation, the police recovered three Indian gas cylinders, and a formal recovery-cum-seizure was carried out in connection with the case. The investigation is still underway, and further developments are anticipated.

## Missing girl traced, reunited with family

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: An information was received at PS Gharota about the missing of one lady (Name withheld) R/O P Jammu, whose missing report was entered at PS Gharota on 30/07/2025.

Acting upon this, a Police Team of PS Gharota led by SHO PS Gharota put strenuous efforts and with the help of technical assistance as well as human intervention traced out the missing girl and after completing all legal formalities the said girl has been handed over to her legal heirs. Accordingly missing report has been closed.

## 2 bovine smuggling bids foiled, 11 bovines rescued, accused arrested

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

DODA: Continuing its efforts against bovine smuggling, Doda Police has rescued 11 bovine from the clutches of smugglers in Nalthi and Bhalla area falling under the jurisdiction of PS Bhaderwah.

Official sources has said that on 01-08-2025 during early hours in the morning during Naka checking at Nalthi Naka, three individuals were found transporting/carrying eight Bovine animals towards Bhaderwah on foot. They were doing so without arranging fodder and water for them and they were ruthlessly beating these bovines. The police party deployed at Naka became suspicious and apprehended one individual, namely Asif Ali, S/O Mohd Shafi, resident of Botla Bhaderwah. The other two individuals Raj Mohd, S/O Mohd Shareef, and Mohd Rafiq, S/O Roshan Din, both resident of Thanalla Bhaderwah fled the scene upon seeing the police party. The police party managed to rescue the bovines. The apprehended individual during questioning failed to produce any lawful authorization for transporting the bovines.

During naka checking at Bhalla, Police party intercepted a vehicle bearing Registration No. JK06-5478 and stopped for checking. During checking, 03 bovine animals were found tied with rope without arrangement of food and water. Accused driver disclosed his name fareed Ahmed S/O Liyakat Ali R/O Cheka Driana Tehsil Bhalla District Doda and he failed to produce any vauled document regarding transportation of these bovine. Accordingly , cognizance has taken and FIR No. 110/2025 and FIR No 111/2025 U/S 223 BNS and 11 PC Act has been registered at PS Bhaderwah and investigation of both the case has been started.

## Bootlegger arrested, 23 bottles of illicit liquor recovered

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Acting on reliable information, a police team from Police Station Panchari conducted a raid at a chicken shop near 4S Hotel Panchari and recovered 23 bottles (750 ml each) of JK Special Desi Whiskey from the premises.

During search, one accused person identified as Surjeet Singh S/O Pritam Singh R/O Chulna, Tehsil Panchari, District Udhampur was arrested on the spot. Another accused namely Hosiyaar Singh S/O Pritam Singh, also a resident of Chulna, fled from the spot upon seeing the police party.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 40/2025 under sections 48 (a)(f) of the Excise Act stands registered at Police Station Panchari and further investigation is underway.