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lauded the University of Jammu for its revolutionary initiatives and enabling the students to realize their true potential.

He also called upon the educational institutions to adopt a global approach to education to keep pace with the change. "Our immediate goal should be to make India the third largest economy," he said.

The Lieutenant Governor felicitated the winners of pre- activities under Viksit Bharat-Yuva Connect Programme. Viksit Bharat Shapath was also administered on the occasion.

Prof. Umesh Rai, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu gave a detailed overview on the pre-activities organised by the University under Viksit Bharat - Yuva Connect programme.

Senior officials, Heads of Departments, faculty members, staff and students were present at the valedictory ceremony.

Highlights...

Along with modern inventions, you have to keep alive the thirst to achieve new dimensions of consciousness.

To create Viksit Bharat, youth will have to try to live their endeavour to its fullest

Our young generation must understand needs of the society, dedicate themselves to fulfil it and be prepared to sacrifice everything for the goal of Viksit Bharat.

Calls upon young minds to harness potential of knowledge and contribute towards social transformation and economic growth of nation.

Modi, Amit Shah...

on July 21. Also, the Lok Sabha last week approved the extension of the President's rule in Manipur for six more months, while the Rajya Sabha is yet to take up the motion for discussion. The President's rule was imposed in the Northeastern state on February 13.

The Prime Minister's meeting with the President also came days after US President Donald Trump announced 25 per cent tariffs on exports from India and an unspecified penalty because of New Delhi's purchases of Russian military equipment and oil.

The meetings also came nearly two weeks after Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21 tendered his resignation as vice president to the President citing health grounds.

The Vice President also functions as the chairman of Rajya Sabha.

The Election Commission had last week announced that election of Vice President will take place on September 9.

The electoral college for the vice-presidential election comprises all elected and nominated members of the Rajya Sabha and all members of the Lok Sabha.

10th Century Shivling...

This collaborative effort ensures the artifact's safety and allows the public to appreciate its cultural importance.

Speaking on the occasion, Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K, Kuldeep Krishan Sidha, stated, "The recovery of the Shivling is not only an important archaeological find but also a testament to our enduring cultural legacy. The Department is committed to the preservation and respectful showcasing of such

artefact for educational and spiritual enrichment of the public."

This discovery represents a valuable addition to the cultural and historical heritage of Jammu and Kashmir; highlighting the importance of protecting and preserving the region's rich archaeological legacy.

SSP Udhampur's daughter...

Raj, Javid Ahmad Dar also expressed condolences on the demise.

In a condolence message, Javid Dar has said, "Shocked and heartbroken by the tragic news of the passing of the daughter of SSP Udhampur Amod Nagpure Ashok. My deepest condolences to the grieving family. May the Almighty give them courage and strength to bear this irreparable loss. I pray for peace to the departed soul."

The Jammu & Kashmir Dragon Boat Association has expressed their deepest condolences with Amod Ashok Nagpure, SSP Udhampur on the tragic demise of his child.

2 killed as...

road around 12.40 am, officials stated.

Following the vehicle's plunge into the deep gorge, local volunteers promptly initiated a rescue operation. All five individuals were subsequently taken to the Government Medical College Hospital in Kathua.

Mohinder Paul (60) and Pawan Madhan (50) were declared brought dead by the doctors upon their arrival at the hospital. The three injured - Anil Monga, Sunny Arora, and Sudhir - were admitted for treatment, officials said.

Bank Manager, former...

and Swankha in Samba district offering them work visas for jobs abroad. The complainants were provided fake visas to work in Italy and Australia, the official said.

Yet another FIR was registered against five accused -- identified as Mohammed Issaq, Sher Mohammed and Mukhtiar Ahmad from Doda, and Tariq Hussein and Mudassir Hussein from Kupwara -- for defrauding four complainants of Rs 12.70 lakh on the pretext of arranging government jobs for them.

Senior Superintendent of Police (Crime), Jammu, Benam Tosh said that further investigations are underway in each of the five cases.

Senior army officer...

social media showed the enraged army officer hitting several airline employees with an iron stand.

The airline issued a detailed statement about the incident, saying one of the four victims of the assault had suffered spinal injuries.

The airline also said it has initiated the process to place the passenger on the no-fly list in line with civil aviation regulations.

"A passenger grievously assaulted four SpiceJet employees at the boarding gate of flight SG-386 from Srinagar to Delhi on July 26, 2025. Our staff members suffered a spinal fracture and serious jaw injuries after being attacked with punches, repeated kicks and a queue stand," the SpiceJet statement said.

According to the airline, one employee fell unconscious on the floor, but the passenger continued kicking and hitting the victim.

"Another staff member suffered bleeding from the nose and mouth after receiving a forceful kick to the jaw while bending down to assist the colleague who had faint-

ed," it added.

SpiceJet said the passenger, a senior Army officer, was carrying two pieces of cabin baggage weighing a total of 16 kg, more than double the permitted limit of 7 kg.

"When politely informed of the excess baggage and asked to pay the applicable charges, the passenger refused and forcefully entered the aerobridge without completing the boarding process - a clear violation of aviation security protocols. He was escorted back to the gate by a CISF official," the statement said.

At the gate, the airline said the passenger grew increasingly aggressive.

It could not be immediately ascertained whether the passenger was detained at the airport after the incident.

An FIR has been registered with the local police, and the airline has initiated the process to place the passenger on the no-fly list in accordance with civil aviation regulations, the statement said.

SpiceJet said it has also written to the civil aviation ministry, apprising them about the "murderous assault" on its staff and has requested appropriate action against the passenger.

The airline also said that it has secured the CCTV footage of the incident from the airport authorities and handed it over to the police.

Strongly condemning any act of violence against its employees, SpiceJet said it will pursue this matter to its fullest legal and regulatory conclusion.

Army officials said the issue has come to the notice of the Indian Army, and "we are awaiting the conclusion of the pending investigation".

Indian Army is fully committed to maintaining discipline and mutual respect in all civil spaces across the country, they said.

Meanwhile, IndiGo has announced imposing a flying ban on the passenger who slapped a co-traveller onboard the Mumbai-Kolkata flight on Friday.

Former Com Secy...

the administration in many important positions with honour and commitment. His work focused on uplifting the underprivileged and ensuring effective governance.

Minister for Agriculture Production Department, Rural Development Department and Panchayati Raj , Javid Ahmad Dar also expressed grief over the demise of G A Peer.

In a condolence message, the Minister prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

"Saddened to hear about the passing away of the former Commissioner Secretary, G A Peer. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members", said Javid Dar.

Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, has expressed deep sorrow over the demise of G.A. Peer.

In his condolence message, the Chief Secretary described Peer as a committed and principled officer who served J&K with distinction and dedication throughout his illustrious career.

His contributions to public service and governance in J&K have left an enduring legacy. He will be remembered for his integrity, professional competence, and calm demeanour, Atal Dulloo said.

Extending his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, the Chief Secretary prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Landlord booked for violating tenant verification guidelines

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BISHNAH: A landlord has been booked for allegedly failing to provide details of his tenants to police for their verification, officials said.

An information was received at Bishnah police station in Jammu that a house owner had accommodated tenants at his premises without conducting their mandatory police verification.

"This act was in clear violation of the directions issued by the district magistrate, which mandate all landlords to verify their tenants at the concerned police station before allowing them to stay," a police spokesman said.

During preliminary inquiry, it was found that Ajay Kumar had rented out his property in the Chak Muraar locality to multiple tenants without submitting their verification details at the local police station.

Police have registered an FIR against Kumar under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the spokesman said.

He also requested the general public to strictly adhere to the tenant verification guidelines issued by the district magistrate. "Non-compliance will invite strict legal action under relevant provisions of law," he said.

2 held with banned Chinese thread

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KHOUR: During the patrolling in the Pallanwala area regarding curbing the menace of banned plastic/nylon thread (manja), persons namely Harsh Bhu, resident of Mohalla Ghari Wala Pallanwala teh. Khour, district Jammu and Rohit Singh, son of Budhi Singh, resident of Pallanwala teh khour, district Jammu, apprehended for the possession/sale stocking, 03 plastic/nylon thread rolls (02 and 01 respectively). Upon this cognizance taken and case FIR no. 35/2025 u/s 223 BNS registered at P/S Khour. Investigation of the case is in progress. Submitted for favour of kind information.



Two nabbed with heroin

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JAMMU: Acting swiftly on suspicious activity, a police party from Police Station Gharota apprehended two persons during a special naka at Thathi near Thathi Bridge, recovering heroin from their possession.

The naka was established earlier today when two unidentified individuals were spotted roaming in suspicious circumstances. Upon noticing the police party, the duo attempted to flee but were chased down and apprehended after hectic efforts by the alert personnel. The suspects were identified as Sushil Sharma, son of Ashok Kumar; resident of Jandial Thathi, Tehsil Bhalwal, District Jammu, and Vishal Sharma alias Happy, son of Late Somnath Sharma, also a resident of Jandial Thathi, Tehsil Bhalwal, District Jammu.

A personal search led to the recovery of 10.93 grams of heroin (chitta-like substance) from their possession. In this regard, a case FIR No.77/2025 under Sections 8/21/22/29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Gharota. Further investigation is underway to trace both the forward and backward linkages in the drug supply chain in the area.

Three rusted artillery shells found

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SAMBA/JAMMU: Three rusted artillery shells were found and subsequently destroyed in a controlled explosion in Samba district on Sunday, police officials said.

Police were informed by locals about the abandoned shells along the banks of Basantar river near village Palth following which a bomb disposal squad was rushed to the scene, the officials said. They said the shells were later destroyed in a controlled explosion without causing any damage.

4 tractor trolleys, tipper seized in illegal mining crackdown

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POONCH: In continuation of its concerted efforts to curb illegal mining activities, Poonch Police in the intervening night conducted multiple raids across the jurisdiction of Police Station Surankote. During these operations, four tractor trolleys and one tipper were found engaged in illegal mining activities without the requisite permissions.

The vehicles were seized on the spot were Tipper bearing registration No. JK14C-7276, driven by Adil Khan S/O Allha Ditta Khan, R/O Buffliaz, Tehsil Surankote; Tractor Trolley bearing registration No. JK12B-0837, driven by Mukthair Khan S/O Mohd Aslam, R/O Mohra Bachai, Tehsil Surankote; Tractor Trolley bearing registration No. JK12C-5681, driven by Jahanger Chouhan S/O Mohd Latief, R/O Lassana, Tehsil Surankote; Tractor Trolley (without registration number), driven by Riaz Ahmed S/O Mohd Sadiq, R/O Malhan, Tehsil Surankote and Tractor Trolley bearing registration No. JK12B-2102, driven by Danish Sheikh S/O Mohd Parvez, R/O Upper Potha, Tehsil Surankote.

All the above-mentioned vehicles have been seized and taken into police custody. The Mining Department has been duly informed for further necessary action under relevant laws.

JKTJAC raises issues of teaching community

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UDHAMPUR: A monthly of Jammu Kashmir Teachers' Joint Action Committee (JKTJAC) held at Udhampur under the leadership of UT President Vinod Sharma and District President Lekh Raj Parihar.

The meeting was attended by executive and apex body members of JKTJAC from all the zones of the district. Speaking on the occasion Vinod Sharma raised the genuine and burning issues of the teachers and urged the Education Minister and Secretary School Education to resolve these issues for the welfare of thousands of teachers of Jammu and Kashmir.

Raising the burning issue of comprehensive transfer policy in favour of teachers appointed under ReT scheme he appealed the Education Minister for the resolution of this issue. He said that even CAT has given clear out directions that after regularisation ReTs are equivalent to general line teachers and they can't be differentiated on the basis of mode of their recruitment and can be transferred within the district.

Raising the genuine and burning issue of Old Pension Scheme in favour of employees appointed on or after 01.01.2010 Sharma appealed the Government to implement it by

fulfilling the promise.

Highlighting the genuine issue of release of MDM dues Sharma said that teachers have managed money (a huge amount) from their own pockets for purchasing eating ingredients for smooth functioning of Mid Day Meals but the funds are released only for 3 to 4 months in the year 2024-25 and still there is huge liability for the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 and teachers are now unable to continue the same. He appealed the authorities concerned to look into the matter immediately and get released the pending dues under MDM ,otherwise they will be forced to stop Mid Day Meals from September 2025 and for the suffering of poor students concerned authorities will be responsible.

He also appealed Director School Education Jammu for issuance of Regularisation orders of left out ReTs who have completed 5 years ReT period whose files are lying in DSEJ and Conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/ III . He said that recently Director School Education Jammu issued regularisation of some ReTs and also conversion of RRETs to Teachers Grade II/III has been done which is quite appreciable job of Directorate and hoped same for pending cases. He

also appealed the Director for DPC of teachers to masters to clear the backlog. He also demanded Benefit of Cash in Lieu in favour of teaching fraternity; Conversion of head teachers posts into non plan posts of masters; Release of time barred arrears of Teachers/masters; Raising Grade of teachers at par with their counter parts in other UTs; Earned leave in favour of teachers engaged during summer/ winter vacation for summer/ winter camps and for other duties; Filling up of vacant posts of Headmasters in headless schools.,

He also appealed Chief Minister Jenab Omar Abdullah Sahib to intervene in the matter of release of GP and other retirement dues of the employees which are pending for last more than one year.

Speaking on the occasion Lekh Raj Parihar appealed the Chief Education Officer Udhampur to issue necessary directions to DDOs for the completion of service books of the teachers as in many zones same is pending. He also demanded rationalisation of teachers in transparent manner and said that pick and choose policy must not be adopted. Earlier before starting the meeting two minutes silence prayers were held by JKTJAC members to con-

dole the sad and untimely demise of four teachers of UT namely Jagdev Singh and Sanjay Kumar of Zone Ghordi District Udhampur, Mohd Akhlaq of District Rajouri and Irshad Ahmed of District Kupwara who lost their lives during recent natural calamities and tragic accidents. Also condolence was held to condole the sad demise of SDM Rammagar Rajinder Singh Rana & his son and loving daughter of SSP Udhampur who also went to heavenly abode . They prayed for eternal peace to the departed souls and strength and courage to the bereaved families to bear the irreparable losses.

Others who also spoke on the occasion were :- Sham Sharma, Sukesh Khajuria, Pritam Goswami, Chain Singh, Ravinder Singh Rathore, Shamsher Singh, Jagdish Chander Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Sham Singh, Manoj Sharma, Jai Parkash, Anil Sharma, Vipin Raina, Sudesh Kumar, Som Raj, Mohd Mustafa, Parshant Sharma, Mohd Saleem, Kuldeep Singh, Deewaker Sharma, Ajit Singh, Gopal Sharma, Pawan Sharma, Uttam Singh, Ashok Kumar, Balvinder Singh, Ajay Singh, Kuldeep Sharma, Abdul Gani, Rakesh Tripathi, Romesh Kumar, Yash Paul and others.

Religions in world have same opinion about soul: Madhuparamhans

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SAMBA: Sadguru of Sahib Bandagi Madhuparamhans Ji Maharaj, while explaining the secrets of spirituality to the congregation in his discourses in Rakhbandu, said that all the religions in the world have the same opinion about the soul. There is no discrimination. I often say one thing that India is the world guru. The oldest book of the world is Rigveda. One thing is very clear in that Rigveda that God is formless. This thing has been taken from all the religions of the world. That is why Muslims also say that God is formless.

Newton was not the first scientist who said that the earth is rotating. He was Copernicus. He was given the death sentence. His formula was adopted by Newton later on. Today the name is of Newton, not of Copernicus. Similarly, the oldest book is Rigveda. Rigveda is saying that God is formless. If you look at all the other religions, there is not much difference. That is why it is also called ancient, Sanatan Dharma. Because humans first settled in India. All the gods and incarnations also came to India. Humans did not live anywhere else. No one lived in Russia. No one lived in Africa. No one lived in the desert. No one lived in America. America was discovered by Columbus only 400 years ago. Earlier

there were no systems. Everyone was afraid of going into the sea.

India is called Vishwaguru because India has talked about soul and religion. 2600 years ago there were no Christians. 1500 years ago there were no Turks. 3000 years ago there were almost no Buddhists. But Hindu culture came first. Everyone transformed it. Rigveda was the first to say that God is formless. The Veda says formless and then goes on to say that it does not end here. There is something ahead as well. Saints have come and spoken about Sahib further: But to remove them, they were called the son of a virgin Brahmini etc. so that people do not go there. This thing was put in everyone's mind. Kabir Sahib was the one who was not born from the womb of his mother. Neither was his body found while leaving. He had come to take the swans from the immortal world.

Once Dadu Dayal was conducting a religious discourse. Dadu Dayal asked whoever had seen Kabir Sahib, raise their hands. There was an old man of 120 years. He raised his hand. Dadu Dayal asked how he saw him. He said that his grandfather was a Subedar in Veer Singh Baghel's army. One day when Dadu was going to Kabir Sahib, I said that I also want to come.

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RAMBAN: In a vibrant display of patriotism and unity, the District Administration Ramban, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Alyas Khan, intensified the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by organizing a series of patriotic activities throughout the district today.

As part of the campaign, a series of events were also organized at the Block, Tehsil and Sub-Division level, focusing on Swachhata (Cleanliness Drive), water conservation, sanitation and hygiene. These activities witnessed enthusiastic participation from the public, along with active involvement of staff from various government departments.

Educational institutions including schools, colleges and various other institutions enthusiastically took part by hosting wall painting initiatives, painting competitions, cultural programs and collective pledge-taking ceremonies. These activities aim to foster national pride and awareness about the importance of displaying the Tiranga - the National Flag - on every household



and public establishment as part of the campaign's vision.

Deputy Commissioner personally participated in events at Government Higher Secondary School Ramban, High School Chanderkote, and Government Polytechnic Chanderkote.

Addressing students and faculty, he lauded their energy and encouraged their continued participation in such patriotic endeavors. Emphasizing the unifying spirit of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, he inspired students and citizens to widen the campaign's reach by motivating friends, families and neighbors to proudly hoist

the National Flag atop their homes and within markets.

During his interaction with participants, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the importance of collective celebration of India's heritage, encouraging the public to actively contribute towards making the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative a widespread success across Ramban district.

Deputy Commissioner was accompanied by Chief Education Officer Mukthar Ahmed, Principal GPC Vivek Mahajan, Principal GMHSS Ramban Kewal Krishan Sharma and several other distinguished officers.