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Shah also said that the Modi government, in the last couple of years, has launched "railway projects for Bihar worth over Rs 10,000 crore, in contrast with the UPA regime, in which Lalu Prasad was the Railway Minister, and just about Rs 1,000 crore were spent on the state".

Known to be the closest aide of the Prime Minister, Shah also underscored the respect Modi has for the cultural heritage of Bihar, recalling instances of the latter presenting specimens of "Madhubani paintings" to visiting foreign digni-

Striking a chord with the public which attended the programme braving heavy rains, he said, "Legend has it that King Janaka was tilling the land here with a golden plough as he was told that it would bring rains to the drought-ridden area. Heavens opened up as soon as he discovered Sita Mata.

"And what a coincidence it is that we have a downpour on a day we have launched a project devoted to the goddess, which is in line with the Indian ethos that has always put women on

Sitharaman withdraws IT...

Nirmala Sitharaman withdrew the earlier 'Income-Tax Bill, 2025', with the Select Committee having submitted its report

As the House assembled at 3 pm, Krishna Prasad Tenneti, who was in the Chair, asked Sitharaman to move for leave to withdraw the Bill. She then withdrew the Bill.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said it is unfortunate that opposition parties are wasting time when private member bills were to be taken up. He said opposition parties must not say that the government did not cooperate as the government has said from the beginning that it is willing to discuss all issues under rules.

Earlier in the day, some members were even seen banging the table of the Lok Sabha Speaker, which was strongly objected to by presiding officer Tenneti.

"Yeh dhol nahi hai (this is not a drum). You cannot bang the able like this. I take strong objection to banging of the Lok Sabha Speaker's table," Tenneti, a TDP member, said.

With the members unrelenting in their protests, Tenneti, adjourned the proceedings till 3 pm.

When the House convened at 11 am, Speaker Om Birla paid nomage to former Lok Sabha member and former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik, who passed away on August 5. He also read out a reference on the anniversary of the Quit India Movement.

Soon after the Speaker read out the references, opposition members shouted slogans, displayed placards and some of them trooped into the Well as they protested against the SIR. Despite the din, five questions and supplementaries were

aken up during the 23 minutes of Question Hour. With no let-up in the protests, the Speaker adjourned the proceedings till 12 noon.

ACB arrests Jr...

and caught the accused public servant Umar Nawaz, son of Naseer Hussain, resident of Saaz, Tehsil Thanamandi presently posted as Jr. Assistant in the office of Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Rajouri (Nazir Section) with additional charge of Jr. Asstt. Sub-Registrar, Rajouri red handed while demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 4000

The accused was arrested on the spot by the ACB team after following due process of law, official said adding that the bribe money was also recovered from his possession in presence of independent witnesses associated with the trap team.

Subsequently, searches were also conducted in the residential house of the accused at Thanamandi, Rajouri, official said adding that further investigation of the instant case is going

Modi speaks to...

The Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement, President Putin briefed the PM on the latest developments concerning Ukraine"

"While thanking President Putin for his detailed assessment, the prime minister reiterated India's consistent position for peaceful resolution of the conflict," it said.

The two leaders also reviewed progress in the bilateral agenda, and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership

Prime Minister Modi invited President Putin to India later this year for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit, the MEA

According to sources, National Security Advisor (NSA)) Ajit Doval has said during his meetings in Moscow that dates for Putin's visit to India are being worked out.

In Russia, Doval held talks with Russian Security Council Secretary Sergey Shoigu and other senior officials, which focused on bilateral energy and defence cooperation as well as Putin's visit to India

Prime Minister Modi had travelled to Russia twice last year for an annual summit with Putin and to attend the BRICS

Modi on Thursday also received a phone call from Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, whose country has also been at the receiving end of Trump's tariffs.

The two leaders agreed to enhance cooperation in trade, technology, energy, defence, agriculture, health, and people-topeople ties.

Mann ki Baat...

earned a revenue of Rs 34.13 crore since its inception," he

Mann ki Baat was first broadcast on October 3, 2014. Murugan said a large segment of the audience engages by istening to the programme on Akashvani (All India Radio), which broadcasts it live across its national and regional network. Regional language versions are also broadcast to reach zernacular audiences

Simultaneously, the programme is telecast on various Doordarshan National and regional language channels, he said, adding that in addition to Doordarshan channels, DD Free Dish offers 48 Akashvani radio channels and 92 private television channels, making the programme accessible to viewers across the country, including those in rural and remote

The minister said the visual format of Mann Ki Baat enhances audience engagement by enabling shared viewing

experiences, fostering collective reflection and discussion. He said the programme is live-streamed and archived on YouTube channels such as PMO India, AIR, and on Prasar Bharati's OTT platform WAVES, as well as through the 'NewsOnAIR' mobile app which offers over 260 Akashvani

"It is also made available on the news feed service of Prasar Bharati, PB SHABD, to facilitate wider dissemination across affiliated platforms and channels," Murugan said.

The programme is also widely accessed by audiences in India and globally, through social media platforms, including Facebook, X, and Instagram.

GoC reviews operational...

The GOC on Friday visited the forward areas along the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district and reviewed the prevailng security situation in the region.

Lt Gen Mishra is currently visiting various operational areas in the Jammu region to enhance the operational preparedness of the troops ahead of Independence day.

"GOC White Knight Corps, along with GOC Crossed Swords Division, visited the forward areas of Sunderbani sector to assess the prevailing security situation and review the operational readiness of troops deployed along the LoC," the Corps

On Thursday, Lt Gen Mishra reviewed the security situation in Doda and Kishtwar districts, after visiting the border district of Poonch on Wednesday.

During his visits, the officer reinforced the focus on operational dominance and integrated threat response to thwart the "nefarious designs" of the enemy.

Police search houses...

the premises since Thursday evening.

The searches are aimed at intensifying the police crackdown on terrorism following activities in the district from across the

"Further details will be shared after the operation concludes," Senior Superintendent of Police Doda, Sandeep Mehta, who is monitoring the search operation, said.

RS proceedings washed...

House for the day. The Upper House will now meet at 11 am on Monday

Earlier, after the laying of papers in the morning, the Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned till 12 noon as Opposition MPs created a ruckus over various issues, including SIR.

Soon after the House met for the day and after the laying of papers, Deputy Chairman Harivansh rejected notices given by members under Rule 267, amid continuing demand by Opposition MPs to discuss the SIR issue.

Harivansh said he has received 20 notices under Rule 267. "It's interesting to note that members are often giving suspension notices to discuss a wide variety of subjects..." he said.

"Today's notices contain five different issues on which suspension of business has been sought by members... It appears that notices under Rule 267 are being used as a tool to create disorder in the House," he said, resulting in an uproar from the Opposition benches

The deputy chairman said on July 21, six different issues were highlighted, while four different issues were submitted on each day from July 22-24.

"Similarly, 7, 12 and 11 different subjects were mentioned in notices received on 5th, 6th and 7th August, respectively. Today, 267 notices contain five different issues on which suspension of listed business are sought by members," he said.

"Today's notices contain five different issues on which suspension of business has been sought by members... Some members are submitting notices daily on varying issues. It appears that notices under Rule 267 are being used as a tool to create disorder in the House," he said, resulting in an uproar from Opposition benches.

Harivansh also quoted a previous ruling by former Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, where he had said, "Members belonging to the same party have given these notices on different issues... This suggests that there is no single view on the urgency of issues for me to take up suspension of rules".

Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien said from next Monday all notices given by the Opposition will be on the SIR

"Today, on behalf of all of us, let's make a commitment that on Monday morning, we will submit 40 notices and all will be on SIR," he said.

John Brittas of CPI(M) said the Rule 267 should be scrapped, while Congress' Pramod Tiwari said the Opposition wants the House to function, and the discussion on the SIR issue should be taken up

Tiruchi Siva of the DMK said the rules should not be just on paper, but also in practice.

The Chair, however, said 56 hours and 49 minutes of the House's time have so far been lost.

He said so far in the session, they have only taken up 13 starred questions, five Zero Hour submissions, and 17 special mentions. This led to uproar from Opposition benches, and MPs were also raising slogans.

Girl students preparing...

"Apart from the armed forces, another priority is to make girls self-sufficient by teaching them various arts and skills so that they can earn while learning and support the ashrams. This is a novel concept inspired by the prime minister's vision of self-dependence for the younger generation," she said.

Jiomit, who supervises the affairs of the Seva Bl Ashram in the Ponichak border area, said that scores of girls sit for a few hours every day in circles to weave rakhis of various types with their own hands. "Each girl contributes to weaving each rakhi - from choosing the thread to adding decorative items until it is finished," she said.

"This is the standard practice in all our ashrams across Jammu and Kashmir, where we not only impart skills to girl students while they study, but also inculcate a sense of responsibility towards the country and its forces," she added.

The target this year is 10,000 rakhis, and preparations are underway with the girls working full throttle to achieve it.

While most rakhis in the market today are made using Chinese threads and materials, the girls here are preparing rakhis from Indian thread and beads sourced from worn-out clothes and other household waste.

"We do not use Chinese products. The thread we use is made in India. We also repurpose household waste - extracting beads and other usable items instead of discarding them," she

These young girls are eagerly looking forward to celebrating Raksha Bandhan with soldiers on the borders on August 9.

China welcomes Modi's...

concerted effort of all parties, the Tianjin summit will be a gathering of solidarity, friendship and fruitful results, and the SCO will enter a new stage of high-quality development featuring greater solidarity, coordination, dynamism and produc-

Guo said that leaders of over 20 countries, including all member states of the SCO and heads of 10 international organisations, will attend relevant events.

"The SCO Tianjin Summit will be the largest summit in

scale since the establishment of the SCO," the spokesperson Modi is expected to embark on a visit to Japan around

August 29, and after concluding the trip, he will travel to the Chinese city of Tianjin for the SCO summit. There is no official confirmation yet on Modi's two-nation

visit to Japan and China. Modi last visited China in June 2018 to attend the SCO summit. Chinese President Xi Jinping visited India in

October 2019 for the second "informal summit". However, the relationship came under stress due to the eastern Ladakh border face-off. The military standoff in eastern Ladakh began in May 2020

and the clashes at the Galwan Valley in June that year resulted in a severe strain in ties. The face-off effectively ended following completion of the disengagement process from the last two friction points of

Demchok and Depsang under an agreement finalised on October 21 last year. In the last few months, both sides revived the Special

Representative dialogue on the boundary question and other dialogue mechanisms.

The decision to revive various dialogue mechanisms wa taken at a meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi at Kazan in Russia on October 23, 2024.

The Modi-Xi meeting came two days after India and China firmed up a disengagement pact for Depsang and Demchok. The two sides also took a number of initiatives to rebuild the

ties, which included the resumption of Kailash Mansarovan Yatra and New Delhi restarting issuance of tourist visas to Chinese nationals.

Both sides are also discussing modalities to resume direc flight services between the two countries.

Defence Minister Rainath Singh, External Affairs Ministe S Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval visited China in the las two months to attend the SCO meetings. China is the current chair of the SCO.

It is not immediately clear whether PM Modi and President Xi will hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the SCC

It is expected that Russian President Vladimir Putin will be among the top leaders who will participate in the SCO sum mit. The SCO, comprising India, China, Russia, Pakistan Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran and Belarus, is an influential economic and security bloc that has emerged as one of the largest transregional international organisations.

It was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the pres idents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Pakistan became a permanent member along with India in 2017. Iran joined the grouping in 2023 and Belarus in

Narrow escape for Dy CM as his vehicle suffers brake failure in Poonch

JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary had a narrow escape on Thursday when his vehicle suffered a brake failure on the Mughal Road in Poonch district.

"When my bulletproof vehicle, in which I was travelling from Pir Ki Gali, suffered a brake failure following smoke coming from it near Passana," Choudhary told reporters in Poonch.

The Dy CM, who was provided with another vehicle to continue his journey, further said that the alert driver managed to bring the speeding vehicle to a halt using the hand brake preventing a potentially major accident.

"We have been given old vehicles. I have Z-plus security. We have written to the DGP and LG about replacing these vehicles, but nothing has been done," he said, adding that vehicles of ministers should be audited and replaced. "Police officers have fresh vehicles," he said, adding that such incidents have happened with him multiple times. In the evening, Choudhary visited the Buddha Amarnath shrine in Mandi and paid obeisance. "I prayed for peace, progress, and prosperity of Jammu and Kashmir. We prayed for the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir," he said.

Authorities destroy over 3500 kg of adulterated varieties of meat across Kashmir

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A rotten-meat scandal has shaken consumers in Kashmir as the authorities have destroyed more than 3500 kilograms of adulterated varieties of meat across the valley raising fears over its adverse impact.

In its crackdown on rotten and adulterated meat in the Kashmir valley, the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has seized and destroyed more than 3500 kg of decomposed and unlabelled meat in the recent days, officials said. On July 31, 1200 kgs of putrefied meat was seized by the

FDA from a trader in an industrial estate in the outskirts of the city here. Following the recovery, the authorities intensified their crackdown, and days later, in a raid in the Lasjan area of

Pulwama, more than 500 kg of rotten meat was seized. The owner claimed the supply was for commercial distribution to restaurants and hotels, the officials said.

During the last few days, the FDA conducted a series of surprise inspections and raids at multiple locations. In such raids, in Safakadal and Parimpora areas of the city here, the enforcement teams seized 2,500 kebabs allegedly found to be processed using frozen meat containing unpermitted food

Also, 150 kilograms of meatballs were also seized during the operations, the officials added

Food samples of the seized products were collected by food safety officers for detailed analysis and further legal action, while adulterated kebabs and meatballs were destroyed on the spot and safely disposed of to prevent any risk to public health, the officials said.

In a separate incident on Tuesday in the Nagbal area of the Ganderbal district, approximately 250 kilograms of locally procured meat were destroyed due to visible signs of deterio ration caused by improper handling and storage conditions the officials said. The officials said the seized consignments were either being

transported or stored without proper labelling or cold-chain logistics, raising serious concerns over public health and food

The crackdown has evoked strong reactions from defaulting food business operators (FBOs), some of whom have resorted to illegally dumping unsafe food items at abandoned sites.

Two such incidents were recently recorded in Kakapora in Pulwama, and Khandey Colony, Nawgam here, they said.

"About 350 kg of meat was found on the road between Gallandar and Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district Some suppliers had dumped it for the fear of getting caught, the officials added.

Anti-terror operation in Kulgam enters 8th day

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: In one of the longest anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir, the gunfight in Kulgam district entered the eighth day on Friday as security forces continued to bat tle the terrorists hiding in the deep forest area, officials said Senior police and Army officers are monitoring the opera tion round-the-clock, the officials said.

On Thursday, Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Nalir Prabhat visited the operation area to take stock of the situa

Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma also reviewed the security situation and counter-terrorism grid in South Kashmir, where he was also briefed on the ongoing

"The operation has entered its eighth day and is ongoing, an official said, adding intermittent exchange of fire was going on. They said security forces have pressed drones and helicopters into service to track down the terrorists in the difficult terrain in the forest area. Para commandos were also assisting the security forces in neutralising the hiding ultras Seven security forces personnel have suffered injuries dur ing the course of the operation, the officials added

Two terrorists have been killed in the encounter, which began on Friday last after security forces launched a cordor and search operation in a forest area at Akhal in the south Kashmir district, following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there.

JMC intensifies street light repair drive

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Departure

Fare:

Chair Car (CC): 660 Executive Chair Car (EC): 1.270

TELPHONES

Fault Repair

Directory Enquiry

Civil Defence Control Room

Civil Defence

Satwari

CIVIC SERVICES

FIRE SERVICE : (Control Room)

Booking: Available on IRCTC

JAMMU: Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) has launched a special city-wide drive to expedite street light repairs and maintenance, aiming to ensure all public areas are well-lit for improved safety and convenience. Dedicated camps have been set up in every ward to register complaints about faulty street lights. Citizens can also lodge complaints through the JMC online portal. Dr. Devansh Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Jammu, inspected the Gandhinagar ward camp, accompanied by former councillors. He interacted with staff and residents and directed officials to resolve all complaints within 15 days.



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