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# World leaders gather in Delhi to attend G20 Summit

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NEW DELHI: Several world leaders, including US President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, arrived here on Friday to attend the G20 Summit, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi saying he looked forward to productive discussions with them over the next two days.

Biden is scheduled to have a bilateral meeting with Modi Friday evening. During the meeting, the two leaders are likely to review the progress made on the decisions that they took during the prime minister's state visit to Washington in June.

The leaders were welcomed by traditional dance performances by various troupes and a smiling IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva danced to the beat of the music at the airport.

Responding to a post by Georgieva on X on arrival here to attend the summit, Prime Minister Modi said he appreciates the affection she

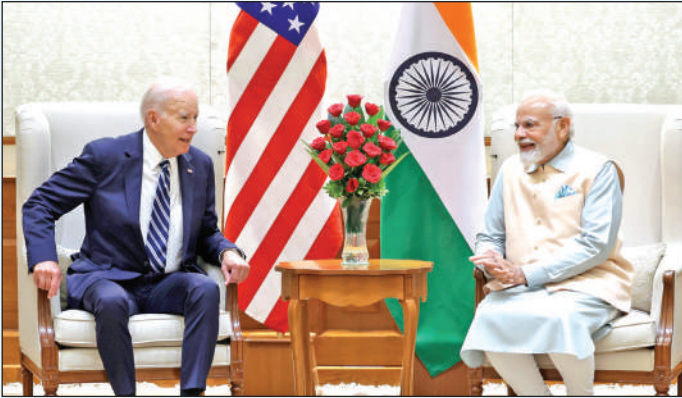
## Modi, Biden stress on importance of Quad in supporting free, open, inclusive Indo-Pacific

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden on Friday stressed the importance of the Quad grouping in supporting a free, open, inclusive, and resilient Indo-Pacific.

A joint statement issued after bilateral talks between the two leaders also said the Prime Minister looked forward to welcoming the US President to the next Quad Leaders' Summit to be hosted by India in 2024.

The Quad, comprising India, the US, Japan and Australia, has been focusing on practical cooperation to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific in the backdrop of China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the region.

The joint statement was issued after comprehensive talks between Modi and Biden to further economic and people-to-people bilateral linkages with the Prime Minister asserting that the friendship between the two nations will continue to play a great role in furthering global good. This is President Biden's first visit to India as US President. The



PM Narendra Modi in bilateral meeting with President of the United States, Joe Biden in New Delhi.

has shown for India's culture

Italian Prime Minister Meloni

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina were received

at the airport by Union Ministers Shobha Karandlaje and Darshana Jardosh respectively.

Sunak was received by Union Minister Ashwini Choubey while Argentine President Alberto Fernandez was welcomed by Union Minister Faggan Singh Kulaste.

Comoros President Azali Assoumani also arrived here to a rousing welcome. He is also the chairperson of the African Union.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also arrived for the summit.

On his arrival, Deputy Prime Minister of Oman Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said was received by Ashwini Choubey and he witnessed dance performance by cultural troupes.

President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and President of United Arab Emirates Shaikh Mohamed

## Sunak interacts with staff, students at British Council

NEW DELHI: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak arrived here on Friday for the G20 Leaders' Summit beginning on September 9 and said he would work with world leaders to address some of the challenges that impact every one of us.

Accompanied by his wife Akshata Murthy, Sunak was welcomed at the airport by Union minister Ashwini Choubey, British High Commissioner to India Alex Ellis and senior diplomats.

"I've landed in Delhi ahead of the G20 summit. I am meeting world leaders to address some of the challenges that impact every one of us. Only together can we get the job done," Sunak said in a post on X.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed Sunak and said he was looking forward to a fruitful summit. "Welcome Rishi Sunak! Looking forward to a fruitful Summit where we can work together for a better planet," Modi said on X.

Sunak is scheduled to hold a bilateral meeting with Modi during his three-day visit.

After his arrival, he met students and staff at British Council here. "Before meeting the world leaders of today I've been meeting with the world leaders of tomorrow. It's been fantastic to visit students and staff here at @inBritish (British Council in India)



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak interacting with staff of British Council.

Antonia Guterres, who also reached here to attend the Summit, was received by officials of the world body.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Modi said, "I am confident that our guests

## G20 meet 'normal process', but better forum than UN: Farooq

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SRINAGAR: The G20 forum is better than the United Nations as 20 countries discuss their issues and look for solutions, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah said here on Friday.

However, he stressed that the G20 meeting take place in every member country on a rotational basis and it is a normal process.

"G20 (meeting) is a normal process. It rotates between the 20 countries. It is a good forum where these 20 countries put themselves together and discuss their issues and look for their solutions. It is a good forum rather than the

UN where there are so many countries," Abdullah told reporters on the sidelines of a party function here.

When asked what the holding of the meeting in India means for the country, Abdullah said such meetings take place in every member country on a rotational basis.

"Did the G20 not take place in the other countries? It will happen in Brazil next year, then rotate again," the NC president said.

When asked whether he had received the invitation for the dinner hosted by the President, the Lok Sabha MP said "no".

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IGP Bhim Sen appointed Inquiry Officer to investigate charges against SP Tak

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JAMMU: The government on Friday appointed Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS, IGP Hqrs, PHQ, J&K as Inquiry Officer to conduct an enquiry into the charges framed against Ashiq Hussain Tak, Superintendent of Police.

"In terms of Rule 33 of J&K Civil Services (Classification), Control and Appeal) Rules, 1956, Bhim Sen Tuti, IPS, IGP

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JKEDI invites applications from Startups to register

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SRINAGAR: Director, Jammu and Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) on Friday convened a meeting of senior Faculty members of the Institute to accelerate the registration of Startups under the Jammu and Kashmir Startup Policy.

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**WEATHER**

**Temperature (Jammu)**  
Max: 35.7°C Min: 25.6°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 72 Min: 65

**Temperature (Srinagar)**  
Max: 32.0°C Min: 13.9°C

**Humidity**  
Max: 64 Min: 38

Sunset : 18:43 Hours  
Sunrise : 06:03 Hours

## CJ visits Shopian; reviews progress of ongoing works at new court Complex



Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh during visit to district Shopian.

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SHOPIAN: Chief Justice, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Justice N. Kotiswar Singh on Friday visited district

Shopian and reviewed the functioning of Courts.

He visited the District Court Complex Shopian and at the outset took part in a plantation drive in the Court

## Govt constitutes panel for 'Installation of CCTV Surveillance' project

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JAMMU: The government on Friday constituted Technical Appraisal Committee (TAC) for the project "Installation of CCTV Surveillance in Police Stations/ Police Posts across the UT of J&K".

"In terms of S.O 227 of 2021 dated July 9, 2021 of the Finance Department, sanction is accorded to constitution of the Technical Appraisal Committee (TAC), for the project "Installation of CCTV Surveillance in Police Stations/ Police Posts across the UT of J&K"," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

as per order, the committee will be headed by Mohamed

Saleem Khan, State Informatics Officer, NIC, J&K as Chairman while Anil Gupta, Director, Centre of IT Enabled Services and Management, University of Jammu, and Representative of NIELET to be nominated by Director Incharge, NIELET, J&K will be its Members and Rajeev Gupta, Technical Officer, IT Department as Member/ Convener.

"The committee shall examine and get the document technically vetted and accordingly, shall make the necessary recommendations to the indenting department," it stated and added, "The committee shall also give its recommendations/suggestions on the viability of

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## Main conspirator behind Dhangri terror attack shot dead in PoK

JAMMU: A terrorist wanted in India was shot dead by unidentified gunmen inside a mosque in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir on Friday, officials said.

Riyaz Ahmad alias Abu Qasim, affiliated with the proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba, was one of the main conspirators behind the Dhangri terror attack on January 1.

Seven people died and 13 more were injured when terrorists struck Dhangri village of Rajouri district and opened indiscriminate fire. They also left behind an improvised explosive device that went off the following morning.

Originally hailing from the Jammu region, Ahmad exfiltrated across the border in 1999. He was considered as the brains behind the revival of terrorism in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, the officials said.

Utterpora Puchal, and Shahid Gul, son of Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, resident

of Pulwama's Wagum -- were apprehended tactfully, he said.

## HC modifies transfer of Judicial Officers

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JAMMU: The Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court modified transfers and posting of Judicial Officers (JOs).

According to the order issued by Registrar Genera Shahzad Azeem that in partial modification to High Court Order No. 1047 of 2023/RG dated 06.09.2023, it is hereby ordered that Sandeep Singh Sen, Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board, Jammu (under transfer as Additional Special Mobile Magistrate, R.S Pura) and Arusa Chowdhary, Munsiff, R.S Pura shall swap

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## 19 officers promoted to Time Scale, 14 to Selection Grade, six to Special Scale of JKAS

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JAMMU: The government on Friday appointed (by promotion) of the 19 officers of departmental feeding services to the Time Scale of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) while 14 Time Scale officers to the Selection Grade and six Selection Grade to the Special Scale of JKAS/

"In terms of the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service Rules, 2008, sanction is accorded to the appointment (by promotion) of 12 officers of departmental feeding services to the Time Scale of Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service [(Level 11 (67700-208700)], notionally from January 1, 2023 and on reg-

ular basis from July 18, 2023," reads an order issued by Sanjeev Verma, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department.

Consequently, it is ordered that the aforesaid officers shall continue at their present places of posting (s), till further orders.

As per order, the officers including Naeem-ul-Rehman Mughal, Shahzada Noor-ul-Ain, Abhishek Chandra Vaidya, Hamidullah Mir, Srinath Suman, Zafar Ahmad Lone, Jyoti Raina, Mohammad Ayub Dar, Phoola Raina, Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat, Harvinder Singh and Yasmeen Jan.

As per another order, sanction is accorded to the promotion of Mehmood Ahmad

## IASOWA J&K members conduct donation drive at Jammu, Delhi

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JAMMU: The IAS Officers Wives Association (IASOWA), J&K, on Friday conducted a donation drive under the guidance of its President, Dr. Amita Mehta. Besides donation, IASOWA carried out a plantation drive as well.

Members distributed stationary goods and other useful items among the students at Government Middle School, Doldhi Gujar Colony, Channi.

On this occasion, the members present included Anuradha Jangid, Geetanjali Singla and



IASOWA, J&K members during donation drive in Jammu.

Jayashree Kundal.

The members conducted a quiz among the students to create awareness about the significance of environment e.g. planting trees and the

hazards of single use plastics.

The members asked student about their aims and hobbies and

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## Govt rolls out 3rd phase of mandatory gold hallmarking 55 new districts including 3 in J&K covered

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NEW DELHI: The government on Friday said the third phase of mandatory hall-marking of gold jewellery and artefacts has come into force in 55 new districts in 16 states and one Union territory.

Gold hall-marking is a purity certification of the precious metal and was voluntary in nature till June 16, 2021, when the government decided to implement mandatory gold hall-marking in a phased manner.

Currently, a total of 343 districts are covered under mandatory hall-marking. In the first phase, launched on June 23, 2021, 256 districts were covered, while the second phase from April 4, 2022, included 32 more dis-

tricts.

According to the Consumer Affairs Ministry, an order for implementation of the third phase of the mandatory hall-marking of gold jewellery and gold artefacts was notified on September 8.

The third phase of the mandatory hall-marking will cover an additional 55 new districts in 16 states and one Union territory, it said in a statement.

Eight districts, including East Champaran, will be covered in Bihar, five districts each in Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra, and four districts in Telangana under the third phase.

Three districts each will be covered in Haryana,

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