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resignation as the vice president. He was seated in the front row, next to his predecessor M Venkaiah Naidu, and was seen conversing with him. Another former vice president, Hamid Ansari, was seated next to Naidu. Dhankhar's wife, Sudesh Dhankhar, was also present on the occasion.

Besides Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president J P Nadda were in the front row across the aisle.

Former president Ram Nath Kovind, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu were also present at the oath-taking ceremony.

Chief Justice of India B R Gavai was present and was seated next to Birla.

Veteran BJP leader and former Union minister Murli Manohar Joshi also attended the oath-taking function at the Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and some other opposition leaders attended the ceremony and shook hands with Radhakrishnan. Kharge was seated in the second row.

Dhankhar's term was till August 10, 2027. According to the Constitution, an incumbent vice president, who enters the office to fill a vacancy arising due to death or resignation, will get a full five-year term.

Radhakrishnan will hold office till September 11, 2030.

After the swearing in, Radhakrishnan went to pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial at Rajghat.

He also paid homage to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Sadaiv Atal and offered tributes to former prime minister Charan Singh at Kisan Ghat.

Back in the Parliament House, he assumed charge as the chairperson of the Rajya Sabha. The vice president is the ex-officio chairman of the Upper House of Parliament.

Radhakrishnan offered floral tributes at the statues of eminent leaders, freedom fighters and social reformers at the Prerna Sthal in the Parliament House complex, where he was welcomed by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Harivansh, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju and Ministers of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal and L Murugan. Rajya Sabha Secretary General P C Mody was also present.

He planted a sapling in the Parliament House complex and later, signed some official papers soon after assuming charge as the chairman.

Separately, the Union home ministry issued a notification announcing that Radhakrishnan entered the vice president's office on September 12. Radhakrishnan is the third leader from Tamil Nadu to occupy the coveted post.

Described as a "Pachai Tamizhan" (true-blue Tamil) by well-wishers, Radhakrishnan was serving as the governor of Maharashtra when he was named as the vice-presidential nominee of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

Radhakrishnan on Tuesday described his election to the second-highest constitutional post in the country as a victory of the nationalistic ideology and vowed to work towards making India a developed nation by 2047.

## Mata Vaishno Devi...

to visit the Shrine Board's official website: [www.maavaishnodevi.org](http://www.maavaishnodevi.org)," it said.

The Shrine Board expressed its gratitude to all devotees for their patience and understanding during the suspension period.

"The resumption of the Yatra marks a reaffirmation of our collective faith and resilience. The Board remains committed to upholding the sanctity, safety, and dignity of this revered pilgrimage," the spokesperson added.

The yatra suspension was the longest since the COVID-19 restrictions, with authorities prioritising pilgrim safety and completing restoration work on the damaged track and commercial structures in Katra.

The cloudburst-induced landslide took place at Adhkuwari in the Trikuta Hills of the Katra belt. The Yatra was suspended the same day.

## Fraudster arrested for...

documents, including job appointment letters and identity cards.

After getting a warrant from court, police conducted a search at Bhat's residence and recovered incriminating material, including forged job appointment orders and identity cards, the spokesperson said.

An FIR has been registered against the accused at Ganderbal police station in connection with the matter.

## Crime Branch files...

Anand Nagar Bohri, Jammu for duping an amount of Rs. 23 lakh on the assurance of providing government job to the grandson of the complainant namely Kewal Krishan Gupta of Nanak Nagar, Jammu.

Another charge-sheet has been filed against accused Ashish Dinesh Kumar Shah, son of Dinesh Kumar Shah, resident of Mhada layout Versova Andheri West, Mumbai, for duping Jammu resident Er. Bonish Behal of Old Janipur Jammu of Rs 88.50 lakh by committing real estate fraud, the spokesperson said.

Yet another chargesheet has been filed against accused Firdous Ahmed Ahanger, son of Abdul Rehman Ahanger, resident of Nund Reshi Colony Bemina, Srinagar ( currently lodged in central jail , Srinagar ) and Rahil Ahmed, son of Mohd. Yasin Bhat, rsident of Illahi Bagh Soura Srinagar (now absconding ) for fraudulently withdrawing huge amount from complainant's account.

Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh confirmed that seven charge-sheets in case FIR No 30/2013, case FIR No 57/2016, case FIR No. 79/2022, case FIR No. 05/2025,case FIR No. 16/2025, case FIR No 22/2025 and case FIR No. 29/2025 have been filed in the courts of law for judicial determination.

## Cops crack down...

were destroyed according to protocol, the spokesperson said, adding that strict legal action will be taken against violators under relevant provisions of the law. The authorities have launched a massive drive across Kashmir against restaurants and shopkeepers found violating food safety regulations and public health norms. They have seized over 5,000 kilograms of rotten meat over the last few weeks as part of the crackdown.

## Former Chief Justice...

within six months. Earlier, after hectic consultations and negotiations among various stakeholders Karki's name was announced as the head of the caretaker government.

Karki was chosen to lead the interim government after a meeting between President Paudel, Nepal's top military brass, and the youth protesters, who spearheaded the anti-government protests

A meeting held between President Paudel, the Nepal Army chief and representatives of the 'Gen Z' protesters agreed on Karki's name to head the interim government.

Soon after taking oath, Karki will form a small cabinet and at its first meeting of the cabinet, she is likely to recommend to the president dissolution of the Parliament as per an understanding reached among various stakeholders, sources said.

President Paudel also consulted leaders of all major political parties, legal experts and civil society leaders separately before deciding to appoint Karki as the caretaker prime minister.

Oli quit on Tuesday following the violent youth-led agitation.

The major demands by the Gen Z protesters included checking corruption, ending political disorder, and nepotism, and lifting a ban on the social media sites. That ban was lifted on Monday night.

Earlier on Friday, Speaker of Nepal's House of Representatives Devaraj Ghimire and Chairman of the National Assembly Narayan Dahal called for resolving the ongoing political deadlock "within the framework of the Constitution."

"The rule of law and constitutionalism must not be bypassed," said a joint statement, issued after a meeting between Ghimire and Dahal.

They also urged all parties to address the demands of protesters and commit to a stronger, more prosperous democracy.

"We are confident that we must not stray from the rule of law and constitutionalism," they said, stressing that the ongoing process to form a citizen-led government should address the protesters' demands while

ensuring that democracy grows stronger and more resilient."

Latest data from Nepal police said that at least 51 people, including an Indian national, died in the 'Gen Z'-led violent protests.

Senior Superintendent of Police Ramesh Thapa, who is co-spokesperson for Nepal police, said the casualties include one Indian national and three policemen, The Kathmandu Post newspaper reported.

Soon after taking control of the law and order situation after the collapse of the government, the Army had issued prohibitory orders.

The Army on Thursday extended prohibitory orders in three districts of Kathmandu Valley while allowing public movement during specific windows, as the Himalayan nation gradually returned to normalcy.

Meanwhile, the Hotel Association Nepal (HAN) on Friday said Nepal's hotel industry, a vital revenue earner of its tourism-driven economy, has suffered a loss of over 25 billion Nepalese rupees after nearly two dozen hotels across the country were vandalised, looted or torched during the student-led anti-government protests.

Among the worst hit is the Hilton Hotel in Kathmandu, which alone reported damages exceeding Rs 8 billion, My Republica news portal reported, quoting a HAN statement.

Nepalese authorities announced temporary measures to facilitate foreign nationals stranded in the country due to the ongoing curfew in the Kathmandu Valley. According to Immigration officials, international travellers whose visas were valid through September 8 can now obtain exit permits and regularise their visas without paying additional fees, The Himalayan Times reported.

## Suspected drug peddler's...

constructed on land measuring over five marlas belonging to Waseem Ahmad Bafanda, resident of Lachmanpora, Dandrkhia area of the Batamalo locality of the city here. The action pertains to a case registered under NDPS Act in which Bafanda has been found to be involved as the accused person, the spokesman said. The accused person is a notorious drug peddler and has a history of involvement in drug peddling, primarily targeting local youth, the spokesman added. He said investigations have revealed the property was acquired through proceeds from illicit drug trafficking.

## Digitization of India's...

This event is witness to the renaissance of India's golden past, he said, asserting that its knowledge tradition is this rich because it rests on the pillars of preservation, innovation, addition and adaptation.

The prime minister said India has the world's largest collection of about one crore manuscripts.

Modi said, "Throughout history, eroses of manuscripts were destroyed, but the ones that remain show how devoted our ancestors were to knowledge, science and learning."

He said India is a living stream with its cultural identity, consciousness and soul, and its history is not merely about the rise and fall of dynasties.

"India's manuscripts contain footprints of the development journey of the entire humanity," he said.

Modi described the country's manuscripts as a "treasure trove" and "pride of the nation", and asserted that in these ancient texts, "we find the lines of perennial flow of Indian ethos".

The prime minister also launched the 'Gyan Bharatam' portal, a dedicated digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation, preservation and public access.

Soon after his arrival, he first visited the exhibition hosted at the venue, showcasing some of the rare Indian manuscripts.

Centuries-old and rarest of the rare manuscripts of Kautilya's Arthashastra and Sundar Kanda of Valmiki Ramayana, both on palm leaves, are part of the display.

"Both manuscripts, about 500 years old, as per our records, are housed at the Oriental Research Institute (ORI), Mysore, and their original versions have been taken out of our safe custody, especially for this occasion," Krishna Nagasampige, research scholar at ORI and a participant at the conference, told PTI.

A few manuscripts drawn from the Oriental Institute of the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda and another institution in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI) in Pune have also been showcased.

Modi also saw presentations made by different working groups constituted under the Gyan Bharatam Mission at the Plenary Hall.

Eight groups have been set up under different verticals, including critical areas such as manuscript conservation, digitisation technologies, metadata standards, legal frameworks, cultural diplomacy and decipherment of ancient scripts.

Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat shared the dais with Prime Minister Modi at the event, which was attended by a large number of scholars, researchers and other participants drawn from different parts of the country.

The three-day event, which began on Thursday, brings together leading scholars, conservationists, technologists and policy experts to deliberate on pathways for revitalising India's unparalleled manuscript wealth and to place it at the heart of a global knowledge dialogue.

India has one of the richest collections of ancient manuscripts in the world, with nearly 10 million texts that hold the country's traditional knowledge and cultural heritage.

The government has launched the Gyan Bharatam Mission as a major initiative under the Ministry of Culture. It aims to survey, document, conserve, digitise and make accessible more than one crore manuscripts located at academic institutions, museums, libraries and private collections across India.

The conference aims to build an "alliance of all custodians" of old manuscripts in India and eventually create a countrywide ecosystem for their preservation and knowledge dissemination under the aegis of the Gyan Bharatam project.

## CM pledges early...

complacency, he said that these species will not wait for files to move from one department to another. "We cannot afford bureaucratic delays. The findings of this conference must translate into action with urgency," he said.

The Chief Minister thanked international and national delegates for their participation and expressed hope that such conferences would be held more frequently.

The three-day event brought together more than 200 delegates, including eminent wildlife experts, conservationists, and biologists from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia. Participants shared research and strategies for conserving Hangul, Markhor, and other threatened ungulates of the Himalayan region. On the occasion, the Chief Minister released a Vision Document titled 'Institute of Mountain Wildlife Sciences' and distributed awards and appreciation certificates to participants.

Others who addressed the gathering included Forest Minister Javed Ahmed Rana, Advisor to the CM Nasir Aslam Wani, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir Prof. Nazir A. Ganie, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Suresh Gupta and international expert Dr. Gonzalez.

Reiterating his commitment, Omar Abdullah concluded: "That is my hope, that is my belief, and I am sure that if we approach it the right way-as we saw success with Project Tiger and encouraging signs with Hangul and Markhor-that success will continue to grow."

## Farooq, Omar offer...

"Prayed to God to forgive our sins, take the people of J-K out of this difficulty, have mercy on India and keep brotherhood; and that bond between Hindus and Muslims should prevail," he said.

An official spokesperson added, the Chief Minister joined thousands of devotees in offering Jumma (Friday) prayers at the revered Hazratbal Shrine on the occasion of the Friday following of Milad-un-Nabi (SAW).

On this blessed occasion, the Chief Minister also had the honour of witnessing the sacred glimpse (deedar) of the Holy Relic of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) after the congregational prayers.

He prayed for peace, prosperity, and happiness for the people of Jammu and Kashmir. Advisor to the Chief Minister, Nasir Aslam Wani, also accompanied him on the occasion.

## Retail inflation rises...

mandated by the government to ensure inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

## 6 vehicles including 2 dumpers seized for illegal mining

### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

SAMBA: Continuing its drive against illegal mining, Samba Police has seized six vehicles including two dumpers in the jurisdiction of Police Stations Bari Brahmana, Ghagwal and Samba which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Bari Brahmana, Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal and Incharge Police Post Rakh Amb Talli of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their jurisdictional areas, have seized two dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK08Q-3273, JK21P-9867, two tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK02P-0336, JK11B-2521 and two tractor trolley without Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

The above mentioned vehicles have been seized by Samba Police and handed over to the Geology & Mining Department, Samba for further legal action.

## Two absconders nabbed

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JAMMU: In a major breakthrough, Khour Police apprehended two absconders wanted in FIR No. 107/2023 under sections 353, 332, 188, 429, 147, 201 IPC, 11 PCA Act, and 4/25 Arms Act of Police Station Khour.

On the directions of SHO Khour, a special team comprising personnel from PP Pallanwalla and P/S Khour carried out sustained efforts leading to the arrest of Rahil Khan S/o Abdul Rashid, R/o Maraliya, Miran Sahib,Jammu and Mushtaq Ali S/o Saraj Din, R/o Kanachak, Jammu.

The Court of JMIC Akhnoor had earlier issued warrants under Section 512 CrPC against the duo, who had been evading trial. Both are presently lodged in PP Pallanwalla lock-up and will be produced before the Court tomorrow.

## Three nabbed with heroin

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JAMMU: In a major breakthrough against drug trafficking, Jammu Police, South Zone has achieved a significant success by seizing 258 grams approx. of heroin (chitta) during naka checking at Purmandal Morh, Jammu, thereby preventing a huge consignment of narcotics from reaching the local market.

During naka checking conducted by Police Station Gangyal, one person identified as Lovish Choudhary S/o Late Paramjeet Choudhary R/o Ramgarh, District Samba, who was traveling from Samba towards Jammu, was intercepted. On search, 258 grams approx. of heroin-like substance was recovered from his possession. The accused was immediately apprehended and brought to Police Station Gangyal.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 99/2025 under Sections 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Gangyal, and further investigation is underway to unearth the backward and forward linkages of the consignment.

This operation was carried out under the close supervision of SHO PS Gangyal, guided by SDPO South, SP South, and overall supervision of SSP Jammu.

Continuing its drive against drug smugglers/peddlers, Samba Police has arrested one drug peddler in the jurisdiction of Police Station Vijaypur and recovered approximately 05 grams of heroin (chitta) like substance from his possession.

A Police party of Police Station Vijaypur during vehicle checking at AHMS Naka Vijaypur, intercepted a Motorcycle bearing registration number CH01AN-3833 for its checking. During frisking of the motorcyclist, approximately 05 grams of heroin like substance was recovered from his possession.

The drug peddler identified as Vijay Kumar S/O Roop Lal R/O W. No. 1 Ramgarh tehsil Ramgarh district Samba has been arrested and contraband item has been seized. The motorcycle has also been seized in the instant case.

A case FIR No. 92/2025 U/S 8/21/22/25 NDPS Act has been registered at PS Vijaypur and investigation started.

Police team from Police Station Rehambal led by its SHIO, during patrolling duty apprehended one person who is roaming suspiciously.

Upon search, a transparent polypack containing 2.79 grams (including polypack) of heroin-like narcotic substance was recovered from his possession who has been arrested on spot.

The arrested person has been identified as Vivek Chaudhary S/o Raj Kumar Chaudhary R/o Rehambal, Tehsil & District Udhampur.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 138/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rehambal and further investigation is underway.

## MoU signed between LFO-BHF & J&K Bank on Project RISE

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JAMMU: Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation NGO, in collaboration with J&K Bank, has officially launched Project RISE (Respecting Identity, Supporting Equality), a comprehensive initiative on the theme of gender sensitization.

Under this project,

a total of 176 sessions

will be conducted

across all 20 districts

of Jammu & Kashmir

UT and 2 districts

of Ladakh UT. This

will include 88

awareness sessions

and 88 follow-up

sessions, with the

ambitious target of sensitizing over 50,000 youth. The aim is to develop a society where all genders are treated equally and with respect.

The sessions will be organized in various educational institutions as well as community spaces, ensuring that students, youth, and citizens are equally engaged and empowered with the message of equality.

As part of the initiative, self-assessment training activities will be conducted to encourage participants to reflect on their attitudes and behaviors. Additionally, basic self-defense training sessions will also be organized, equipping students and children with essential techniques to build confidence, safety awareness, and resilience.

The IMOU signed in the presence of Anup Bhat (Deputy General Manager), Naseeb Javed Khan (Incharge CC & M/CSR), Tariq Bandey , (Senior Manager CSR), Owais Ahmed Shah (Manager CSR) on behalf of J&K Bank & Vivek Parihar (Director & CEO), Abhinandan (Senior Member, LFO-BHF), Ms. Babita (Project Designer, LFO-BHF)

Speaking on the occasion, Anup Bhat, Deputy General Manager stated, "J&K Bank is proud to partner with LFO-BHF for this noble cause. Along with awareness, practical skills like self-defense are equally important for empowering our youth, and this project will truly make an impact."

Echoing this commitment, Vivek Parihar, Director & CEO of LFO-BHF, said, "Gender sensitization is not just about awareness but about building a society where equality and safety are practiced every day. Through Project RISE, we want to reach every corner of J&K and Ladakh and inspire change at both personal and community levels."

With this collaboration, Live For Others - Being Helpful Foundation and J&K Bank reaffirm their shared vision of fostering equality, safety, and inclusivity across the Union Territories.

## International Literacy Day celebrated at GDC Marheen



### ■ STATE TIMES NEWS

MARHEEN: The NSS Unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Marheen celebrated International Literacy Day by organizing a Storytelling and Book Distribution Programme.

The event began with a welcome address by NSS

Programme Officer Dr. Arun Dev Singh, who underlined the importance of literacy in building inclusive communities. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Anupama Gupta, Chief Guest on the occasion, in her address, encouraged students to act as ambassadors of literacy and high-

lighted the transformative power of education.

NSS volunteers and students actively participated in the storytelling session, focusing on motivating both children and adults towards literacy and life-long learning. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Arun Dev Singh with support from Dr. Balbinder Singh and Dr. Shallu Rani. Anchoring was done by NSS volunteers Kanika and Neha Chib, while Dr. Shallu presented the vote of thanks.

Faculty members including Prof. Manu Saini, Dr. Reemi Verma, Dr. Sneh, and Dr. Priti Khajuria also graced the occasion.