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Cong backing Pak...

The PM claimed that Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had on Saturday night shown him a video in which a former Congress president was seen saying that the "BJP was honouring singers and dancers".

The Congress leader's comment came after the BJP had bestowed the Bharat Ratna on Bhupen Hazarika in 2019, Modi said.

"The wounds inflicted by Jawaharlal Nehru, during the Chinese aggression in 1962, on the people of Assam are yet to heal, but this insult to Bhupen Hazarika is like adding salt to the wound," the prime minister claimed.

"I am pained by this insult to Bhupen da, but people are my masters and they will answer whether the BJP was right or not in conferring the Bharat Ratna on the legendary singer," Modi said.

People should also ask the Congress why its leaders "insulted a legend like Bhupen Hazarika", the PM said.

The BJP's double-engine government is committed to realising the dreams of Assam's great sons like Bharat Ratna Bhupen Hazarika, he said.

The term double engine is used by BJP leaders to refer to the party being in power at the Centre as well as in a state.

Modi also praised Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for "evicting infiltrators from eneroached land and ensuring that farmers can now cultivate on these plots".

The land parcels once illegally occupied are now witnessing an agricultural revolution in the hands of farmers and indigenous people, he claimed.

"The BJP will not allow infiltrators to grab land, insult women and girls, and conspire to change demography, which is a threat to national security," he said.

"Mukabla ho jai' (let there be a fight) in protecting Assam from infiltrators who are protected by certain sections of the society, and I challenge them as the BJP will not allow this (infiltration)," Modi said.

The prime minister also said, "There are conspiracies to alter the demography in the border regions through infiltration, and this poses a serious threat to national security; therefore, a nationwide Demography Mission is now being launched."

He said that the Congress had ruled Assam for decades, but built "only three bridges" over the Brahmaputra river, while the BJP-led dispensation constructed six such structures in the last 10 years.

The PM asserted that India was emerging as one of the world's fastest-growing economies, and said that Assam's growth rate was 13 per cent.

"This was achieved due to the efforts of the double-engine government. The Centre and the state government are developing Assam as a health hub. The Northeast has a big role to play in achieving the 'Viksit Bharat' dream," the PM said.

Modi also claimed, "Today, the entire nation is moving forward in unity to build a developed India, and for our citizens, a developed India is both a dream and a resolve which we will fulfil."

The BJP-led government at the Centre has been focusing on connectivity in the Northeast, which has helped businesses and created employment opportunities for youth, he said.

"Rapid development in any region requires robust connectivity, and our government is committed to enhancing seamless multimodal connectivity in the North East," he said.

The PM said that 25 years of the 21st century have passed, and the next chapter of this century "belongs to the East and the North East".

Modi urged people to buy 'swadeshi' goods for the development of the country and the bright future of their children.

PM to launch...

MoWCD will integrate 'Poshan Maah' activities with the campaign, mobilise women and adolescent girls through Anganwadi centres, and lead large-scale nutrition counselling and recipe demonstrations, the statement said.

Together, the two ministries will also drive awareness campaigns on anaemia prevention, balanced diets and menstrual hygiene, ensuring that the health and nutrition needs of women and adolescent girls are addressed in a holistic and convergent manner, it said.

The 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan' aims to advance the prime minister's vision of health, 'poshan' (nutrition), fitness and a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

This nationwide intensified campaign will strengthen screening, early detection and treatment linkages for non-communicable diseases, anaemia, tuberculosis and sickle cell disease. It will also promote maternal, child and adolescent health through antenatal care, immunisation, nutrition, menstrual hygiene, lifestyle and mental health awareness activities, the statement said.

At the same time, the campaign will mobilise communities towards healthy lifestyle practices with a special emphasis on obesity prevention, improved nutrition, and voluntary blood donation, it said.

In a post on X, Union Health Minister J P Nadda underlined that the purpose of the initiative is to strengthen healthcare services for women and children across India, ensuring better access, quality care and awareness.

He appealed to all private hospitals and healthcare stakeholders to come forward and be an integral part of this 'Jan Bhagidaari' campaign.

The 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan' will be held from September 17 to October 2 at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, community health centres, district hospitals and other government health facilities across the country, the statement said.

More than 1 lakh health camps will be organised, making this the largest ever health outreach for women and children in the country, it said.

Daily health camps will be held at government health facilities across the country.

Public representatives, including central and state ministers, and MPs, will join the campaign. ASHA workers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, Anganwadi workers, self-help groups (SHGs), Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), urban local bodies, MY Bharat volunteers and youth groups are expected to spearhead community mobilisation at the grassroots level, the statement said.

Specialist services, including gynaecology, paediatrics, eye, ENT, dental, dermatology, and psychiatry, will be mobilised through medical colleges, district hospitals, central government institutions, and private hospitals, it said.

Central government institutions such as AIIMS, defence and railway hospitals, ESIC hospitals, CGHS centres and Institutes of National Importance (INIs) will complement these efforts, ensuring specialist services and continuity of care reach the last mile. Several private sector health facilities have also offered to support the initiative. This is expected to expand the scale, quality and outreach of the initiative, it added. Alongside the MoWCD, several other ministries will extend strong support to the campaign, according to the statement.

The Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj will mobilise women through SHGs and PRIs.

The Ministry of Education will coordinate with schools and higher educational institutions while the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports will coordinate with MY Bharat volunteers to strengthen health awareness and outreach.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will help in the outreach to tribal communities. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, will also extend support in respect of 'divyangjan'.

Further, ministries of Defence, Railways, Labour and Employment, Ayush, Heavy Industries and Home Affairs, etc. will organise health camps in their respective medical institutions.

India beat Pakistan...

In reply, Abhishek Sharma (31 off 13 balls) played their biggest bowling hope Shaheen Shah Afridi (0/23 in 2 overs) with utter disdain, while Suryakumar celebrated his 35th birthday with a fine 47 not out off 37 balls in a chase that was completed in 15.5 overs.

Suryakumar finished it off in style and then walked straight back to the dug-out without shaking hands with the Pakistan players on the field.

The match was won in the first innings itself when Axar, Kuldeep and Varun delivered 40 dot balls between them and cumulatively took 6 for 60 in their 12 overs.

Add another 15 dot balls from Jasprit Bumrah (2/28 in 4 overs), and one can understand the plight of the Pakistani batters, who played dot balls worth 10.1 overs.

Bumrah's greatness could be gauged by the fact that on the day he was hit for his first six in a limited overs international (T20Is and ODIs combined) by a Pakistani batter after sending down 400 legal deliveries.

Had Shaheen Shah Afridi (33 not out off 16 balls) not used the long handle, the score wouldn't have gone past 125.

During the chase, Abhishek deflated the Pakistani hopes with a straight boundary and then a couple of sixes to up the ante.

Even after Shubman Gill (10) was quickly dismissed and Abhishek departed inside the fourth over, Suryakumar and Tilak Naidu (31 off 31 balls) didn't look in any hurry while adding 56 runs for the third wicket.

Earlier, Suryakumar lost the toss, didn't shake hands with his counterpart Salman Ali Agha, but never lost the plot as the opposition batters were all at sea

from the very first legal delivery, when the highly rated Saim Ayub (0) slashed one off Hardik Pandya (1/34 in 3 overs) to Bumrah at point.

Bumrah in the next over got last match's top scorer Mohammad Harris (3) who tried a pick-up pull shot, but this time, Pandya returned the favour to India's lead pacer by taking a well-judged catch in fine leg region.

Sahibzada Farhan (40 of 44 balls) did hit Bumrah for a couple of sixes but largely couldn't read any of the Indian spinners as dot balls accumulated by the dozen. It was not just poor shot selection but also lack of technique that troubled the Pakistan batters against the world's top spinners.

Only Fakhar Zaman (17 off 15 balls) could be excused for taking risk against Axar as he has had a good career match-up against slow left-arm orthodox bowlers. Moments after Axar was brought into the attack, Fakhar went for the jugular and was caught at long-on by Tilak Varma.

Since they were unable to read the Indian wrist spinners from their hands, the Pakistani batters went for the obvious but high-risk option of playing the slog sweep. Both skipper Salman (3 off 12 balls) and the hard-hitting Hasan Nawaz tried to hit out of trouble without gauging the length and extra bounce.

The left-handed Mohammed Nawaz found Kuldeep's googly too hot to handle.

Farhan, who not for once dominated the spinners, holed out in the deep off Kuldeep as Pakistan's woes against India in multilateral events continued.

Three terror sympathisers..

assault rifles, Shafi was arrested and rest of the weapons were recovered in the subsequent operation based on the investigation, they said.

The officials said the arrest and the recovery, which also included a large quantity of ammunition, scuttled an attempt by Hizbul Mujahideen outfit to revive terror activities in the border district.

CB books Pvt...

activities. Further, an FIR was registered on communication from CID Headquarters J&K against Sohan Lal, resident of Arnia, Jammu, for securing a job in the J&K Health Department as a Dental Technician using a fake matriculation certificate. The certificate was allegedly procured by Swarn Singh (son of Chuni Lal, Treva), who has also been named as an accused in the case.

Senior Superintendent of Police Crime Jammu, Benam Tosh, confirmed that four FIRs-No. 55/2025, 56/2025, 57/2025, and 58/2025-have been registered at the Police Station Crime Branch EOW Jammu after preliminary inquiries, and detailed investigations are currently in progress.

Pilgrimage to Mata...

not allow them to proceed ahead despite their repeated attempts for several hours during the day, the officials said, adding that the devotees were later persuaded to disperse after hard persuasion.

"I have reached Katra walking barefoot over the past two months and I want to offer my prayers at the shrine as soon as possible," said Rajiv Lodhi, a resident of Madhya Pradesh, requesting the shrine board to restart the yatra whether it means sending the pilgrims in small batches.

Chennai native Vinod Kumar said he along with his family reached Katra on Friday and was happy about the resumption of the yatra to fulfil our desire to pay obeisance at the shrine. "I came to know that the yatra was suspended again, leaving everyone present here disappointed," he said, adding "we know they have taken the decision to suspend the yatra for our safety but we cannot extend our stay for more days." Meanwhile, Rekha from Mumbai was desperate and emotionally overwhelmed. "We do not know anything and we are forcibly going to complete our yatra, whatever the cost," she said and asked "if the yatra was suspended, why have they opened the online registration". Raj Kumar Jha, another pilgrim from Bihar, said they have reached Katra on the call of the Mata and "we will leave only after performing darshan".

Hindi should be...

works are done in Indian languages, then the connection with the public is automatically established."

Shah said that while Sanskrit has given us "the Ganga of knowledge, and Hindi has taken this knowledge to every home, and that knowledge has reached every person through our local languages."

He said parents must always speak to children in their mother tongues.

"This is very important for the child's future, as many psychologists and educationists have confirmed that a child thinks in his mother tongue. ... As soon as you impose a language other than the mother tongue on a child, 25 to 30 per cent of his mind's capacity will be spent in translating it," Shah said.

He further said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has worked to strengthen local languages through various types of technology, and the Home Ministry has created Bhartiya Bhasha Anubhag (Indian languages department), which will promote Hindi and other languages.

"For this, we are using science and technology a lot," he said.

Shah said that Hindi has a place in education in Gujarat, a development which was made possible due to leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Dayanand Saraswati, etc., who urged people to communicate with each other and promote Hindi in every state.

"As a result of this, a child from Gujarat can go anywhere in the country, do business and get acceptance," he said.

He pointed out that Babubhashi Anuvad Sarthi is being used for translations powered by advanced technology.

"By training this software, we will keep enriching it further, and in the coming days, the citizens of a country will be able to communicate in their own language through this," he said.

He said that one cannot aspire for independence and self-respect if the language of communication is not one's own.

The Hindi Shabd Sindhu, which started with 51,000 words, has now crossed 7 lakh words, and by 2029, it will become the largest dictionary among all languages in the world, Shah said.

"I assure you that by 2029, this Hindi Shabd Sindu will become the largest dictionary among all languages of the world. Through this dictionary, we have also made Hindi flexible. Many Hindi scholars insist that Hindi should be Sanskrit-rich. No one has any objection to this. But the empty space has to be filled with Indian languages. Only then will Hindi feel familiar to all the people of India. And Hindi can be made a spoken language only when it becomes flexible," he said.

"We have to make many such changes with time. Those who do not change with time become history. I believe that our language is history, it is the present as well as the future. And that is why the use of the experiment with Shabd Sindhu is to make Hindi very useful, flexible and useful for the masses," he said.

Man shoots himself...

and was being handed over to his family for last rites, he said.

The officials said the motive behind his taking such an extreme step was not known immediately.

From safe houses...

early 2000s. Lt Gen Hooda, who commanded the strategic Northern Command, also flagged a major issue of absence of human intelligence now, which was one of the main assets in previous counter-terrorism operations.

Still, he is convinced that the Army will "re-evaluate its strategy" to address the new challenge.

Retired Director General of Puducherry Police, B Srinivas, who spent three decades with the Jammu and Kashmir Police, echoed this assessment and said terrorists are being forced to build these bunkers because they can no longer rely on shelters in towns and villages.

With the local people increasingly turning their back on their separatist ideology, infiltrating terrorists are now utilising these secret trenches to evade detection by locals, who they now presume to be informers.

This would be a repetition of what was witnessed in 'Operation Sarp Vinash' back in 2003, when forces were able to target concealed terror camps in the Poonch area.

To counter this new challenge, security agencies are planning to employ technology to counter the threat and are seeking to deploy ground-penetrating radar (GPR)-equipped drones and seismic sensors for deployment during anti-terror operations.

Drones can reach the hard-to-access areas, whereas GPR and seismic sensors can identify underground voids and structural changes in the earth, thus making it possible to identify the location of such underground bunkers.

The immediate objective of the security grid becomes obvious, which is to improve intelligence in these forest belts and employ these fresh instruments to neutralise the remaining terrorists.

In the past, the Army faced the menace of underground bunkers and man-made cavities but that was in the residential areas, mainly in Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian, in 2020-22.

Giving examples, the officials said there was a hideout in the middle of Rambi Ara, known for its fluctuating water levels and often affected by flash floods. The terrorists were hiding inside an iron bunker made in the middle of it. The troops saw an opening of an empty oil barrel which was subsequently used by the terror-

ists to enter the bunker.

During that period, reports of more cavities in the traditional Kashmiri households and underground bunkers started surfacing.

Covered by dense apple trees and situated at a height, the Army found another underground bunker in Bandpoh where terrorists managed to create an underground room. The bunker finally lay exposed after troops noticed a polythene sheet covering nothing and the earth nearby filled recently.

Another interesting hide and seek strategy was witnessed at Labipora in Shopian where terrorists covered an iron box on the banks of a river and kept a small pipe for breathing while hiding underground.

Broadband internet services...

The reopening of shops in the market, resumption of transport services, restoration of broadband and mobile internet services and the reopening of schools will be carried out in a phased manner after assessing the ground situation, the officers had said.

Broadband internet services were restored, while additional forces were removed from the markets which opened this morning, the officials said.

At the meeting, the representatives of Beopar Mandal, Transport Association and others assured their active support and cooperation to the district administration in maintaining public order and requested for phase-wise lifting of restrictions imposed under section 163 BNSS, so that government and private business may run smoothly and the general public feels relieved.

The representatives highlighted that the general public suffered significant losses in the recent flood-like situation in the district and people have high hopes from the government in this time of distress. They pushed for immediate restoration of services including Internet, transport, while stressing on the opening of schools and the market, the officials said.

The officials said the civil society representatives assured their active support and cooperation to the administration in bringing the situation back on track.

The DIG commended the role and support of the general public of Doda and other stakeholders in maintaining peace and order in the district by foiling the attempts of disturbing public order.

However, he stressed upon the participants, particularly the business community, to activate the CCTV cameras and ensure their functionality so that activities of trouble creators could be monitored.

He sought cooperation and responsibility of the transport association, shopkeepers to keep an eye on miscreants and trouble creators which includes sensitization of drivers, labourers and workers connected with the business activities.

The deputy commissioner assured the meeting that the issues of the public related to supply of essential commodities shall be addressed in 24 hours.

India on development...

worships nature through reverence for cows, rivers, and trees, Bhagwat said this relationship with nature is based on living and conscious experience.

"The present world is craving for such a relationship with nature. For the past 300-350 years, countries have been told that everyone is separate and only the strong will survive. They have been told that it does not matter if they trample on someone's stomach or slit someone's throat to become powerful," he said.

Earlier, only tailors used to cut the neck and pockets (of clothes). Now the whole world is doing it. They know that this is causing trouble, but they cannot stop because they lack faith and devotion, he added.

The RSS chief further stated that the faith that exists in Bharat is based on direct perception (knowledge) and evidence.

"We are all actors in the drama of life and have to play our parts, and our true self emerges when the drama ends," Bhagwat added.

He said Indian culture spreads the message of unity by rising above the distinction of "mine and yours. "Mutual intimacy and belongingness are essential for all human beings."

The RSS chief also said that both the paths of knowledge and action are necessary for humans, but "inactive knowledgeable people" are of no use.

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, members of his cabinet, and people from various sections of society attended the book release event.

Patel's book is inspired by his two circumambulation journeys of the Narmada River. "The circumambulation of the Narmada is a matter of faith. We are the country of faith. We have Karmaveers as well as 'tarkveers' (proponents of logic). The world runs on faith and belief," Bhagwat added.

Nepal Police re...

and demonstration following the Gen-Z protests against corruption and a ban on various social media sites that forced Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to resign.

Poonch Police seizes two tractor trolleys involved in illegal Mining

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

POONCH: As part of its ongoing campaign against illegal mining, Poonch Police today seized two tractor trolleys loaded with illegally extracted minor minerals.

The operation was conducted by Police Station Poonch, during which both vehicles were detained for carrying unlawful mining material.

2 missing women traced, reunited with families

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: In a significant achievement, Police Station Bahu Fort has successfully traced two missing ladies and reunited them with their families after completing all legal formalities.

One lady (name withheld), R/o A/P Trikuta Nagar, Jammu, who was reported missing vide DDR No. 30 dated 22.11.2023, has been traced and subsequently handed over to her legal heirs.

Another lady (name withheld), resident of Jammu, who was reported missing vide DDR No. 32 dated 23.06.2023, has also been traced and handed over to her legal heirs.

Bovine smuggling attempt foiled, 10 bovines rescued

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: Udhampur Police successfully foiled a bovine smuggling attempt and rescued 10 bovine animals in the jurisdiction of Police Station Latti.

During patrolling duty at Gugal Pattangarh area of Tehsil Latti Marothi, the police team received credible information regarding two persons Murad Ali S/O Yousif R/O Dhanas, Tehsil Chenani, and Mohd Sadiq S/O Saif Din R/O Bain, Tehsil Chenani who were illegally transporting 10 bovine animals on foot from Kair Gala towards Srinagar in a cruel manner without any valid permission.

On noticing the police party, both accused fled from the spot. However, all 10 bovines were safely rescued.

In this connection, case FIR No. 17/2025 U/S 223 BNS & 11 PCA Act has been registered at Police Station Latti, and a manhunt has been launched to nab the accused persons.

Crackdown on illegal mining, 14 vehicles including 6 dumpers seized

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SAMBA: Continuing crackdown on illegal mining in the district, Samba Police under the overall supervision of SSP Samba has seized fourteen (14) vehicles including six dumpers across the district which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material.

Police teams headed by SHO PS Ghagwal, SHO PS Samba, SHO PS Vijaypur SHO PS Bari Brahmana, Incharge Police Post Rajpura of PS Ghagwal and Incharge Police Posts Rakh Amb Talli & Supwal of PS Samba while performing patrolling duty in their respective jurisdictional areas, have seized six dumpers bearing registration Nos. JK21D-9880, JK02CK-0835, JK21G-9922, JK21F-8044, JK21H-4799, JK21G-9799, five tractor trolleys bearing registration Nos. JK08M-1180, JK08P-1078, JK21J-1557, JK21H-1733, JK21F-2443 and three tractor trolleys without Nos. which were being used for illegal transportation/mining of the construction material in the area.

Drug peddler arrested with heroin

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

UDHAMPUR: A police team from Police Station Rehambal, led by its SHO during patrolling duty apprehended one person who was roaming suspiciously.

Upon search, a transparent polypouch containing 4.3 grams (including polypouch) of heroin-like narcotic substance was recovered from his possession. The accused was arrested on the spot.

The arrested person has been identified as Janam Bhagat @ Jamni S/O Mohan Lal R/O Kambal Danga, Tehsil & District Udhampur.

In this connection, a case FIR No. 139/2025 U/S 8/21/22 NDPS Act has been registered at Police Station Rehambal, and further investigation is underway.