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AAP retains Ludhiana West seat, Sanjeev Arora defeats Cong's Ashu

Kajol issues clarification after calling Ramoji Film City a 'haunted place': 'It's a great destination and absolutely safe...'

Pak extends airspace ban for Indian aircraft

Pakistan authorities on Monday announced to extend the airspace ban on Indian aircraft for another

The ban was initially imposed on April 23 for one month in the wake of tension between the two countries following the Pahalgam terrorist attack that killed 26 people.

Later, it was extended for another month on May 23, when ties had deteriorated due to the four day conflict as India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 and destroyed terror infrastructure in territories controlled

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The government has notified new rules titled 'Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh Judicial Service Rules, 2025" to regulate the promotion and service conditions of judicial offi-

A notification issued in this regard by the department of law, justice & parliamentary affairs said: "In exercise of the powers conferred by article 234 & 235

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Govt reconstitutes BoDs for JKTDC

The government today reconstituted the Board of Directors (BoDs) of the J&K Tourism Development Corporation Limited (JKTDC).

A GAD order issued in this regard said that the board had been reconstituted in suppression of all the previous orders issued on the subject.

The chief minister would be its chairman and the minister incharge, tourism department, its vice-chairman.

The board would have 10 directors, including the chief secretary and the ad-

Rains trigger landslide on Mata **Vaishno Devi track**

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A massive landslide today hit the new track to the holy cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi in Trikuta hills of Katra but no one was injured.

Officials said no pilgrim was injured in the landslide.

The pilgrimage was diverted to the old route and was continuing without any disruption, the officials added.

The landslide occurred

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GPS 'spoofing' forces Al flight to return to Delhi

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Suspected GPS spoofing today forced an Air India Express flight carrying 160 passengers to return to Indira Gandhi International Airport without landing in

Jammu. Officials said that the flight IX-2564 was supposed to land in Jammu around noon before leaving for Srinagar, but it hovered over the Jammu airport for some time before its pilot decided to return to Delhi without landing. An alternate flight was

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Major infrastructure boost

J&K secures Rs 10,637 cr worth 19 mega road, tunnel projects

LG Sinha thanks Modi, Gadkari

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In a major development that is set to further upgrade infrastructure, connect tourist destinations and improve mobility of troops, the UT of J&K has secured 19 mega road and tunnel projects worth whopping Rs 10,637 cr.

Tunnel construction at Peer-Ki-Gali, Sadhna tunnel and two flyovers in the valley are among the approved projects.

After the Centre's announcement in this regard, LG Manoi Sinha expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and **Union Transport Minister** Nitin Gadkari for approving 19 mega road and tunnel projects for the Union Territory.

NEW DELHI. JUNE

23: Defence Minister Raj-

nath Singh today said that

launched in May in retalia-

tion to the Pahalgam terror

attack, achieved all its ob-

jectives and succeeded in

'injecting fear into the

minds of terrorists',

demonstrating India's

strong commitment to na-

He was addressing a

gathering at an event held

at the Rashtrapati Bhavan

Singh released a curated

collection of 51 speeches by

NEW DELHI, JUNE

23: Prime Minister Narendra

Modi's energy, dynamism

and willingness to engage re-

mains a "prime asset" for In-

dia on the global stage but de-

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor

said on Monday, in remarks

that are likely to irk his party

and widen the growing cracks

in his ties with its leadership.

Tharoor's praise for the

prime minister comes at a

time when the Congress has

been consistently attacking

the Modi government over its

foreign policy, alleging that

Indian diplomacy is being

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The IRCTC has decided

to serve Jammu prantha,

ambal kaddu and rajma,

besides Kashmiri vegetar-

ian cuisine, to passengers

travelling on the Katra-

Srinagar Vande Bharat

train from the second

"We are working out a

plan to serve local cuisine

on the Katra-Srinagar

Vande Bharat train and it

is expected to start from

the second week of July,"

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In a post on X, he said he was extremely grateful to PM Modi and Union Minister Gadkari for giving approval to 19 mega road and tunnel projects for J&K.

"Major approved proiects include construction of Peer-Ki-Gali tunnel, Sadhana tunnel, Zaznar-Shopian section of NH-701A, 4-L flyover from Lal Chowk to Parimpora, Trehgam-Chamkote section of NH-701, 4-Lane Magam Flyover on Narbal-Gul-

Op Sindoor achieved all objectives,

injected fear among terrorists: Rajnath

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during her second year in

In his address, Singh

lauded Murmu and said he

considered this book -

scripting India's future".

PM's dynamism, willingness to engage

'prime asset' for India: Tharoor

'shattered" and the country

Tharoor said the diplo-

matic outreach following

"Operation Sindoor" was a

moment of national resolve

and effective communication.

shared Tharoor's article on X

and said, "Lok Sabha MP and

Jammu prantha, ambal kaddu, rajma

to be served on Vande Bharat train

tional General Manager,

"Popular local cuisine,

such as ambal kaddu,

babru, Jammu paratha in

breakfast and paneer

chaman, Kashmiri dum

aloo and Jammu rajma in

lunch, will be served to

those who wish to try the

flavour of local food during

their Katra-Srinagar train

ride," an Indian Railway

Catering and Tourism

Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi inaugurated the

Bharat train on June 6,

(IRCTC) official said.

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Vande

IRCTC, said.

The Prime Minister's Office

stands "isolated" globally.

'Wings to Our Hopes, Vol-

ume 2' - a "document for text for India's march to

marg section, Qazigund Bypass & other projects,' the LG informed.

He said these strategically important projects would improve logistic support and mobility of troops.

of tunnels will reduce the travel time, ensure allweather connectivity and spur economic growth," he

"Projects will improve infrastructure in J&K and connect various tourist destinations. Construction

This volume follows its

predecessor in chronicling

the evolving discourse on

governance, inclusivity and

national aspirations, offi-

Praising Murmu's lead-

ership and vision, Singh

said the book was not just

a collection of speeches but

a "document for scripting

He added that it reflects

the evolving discourse on

governance, inclusivity,

and national aspirations,

and will serve as a guiding

former Union Minister

Lessons from Operation Sin-

The BJP took a swipe at the

Congress over Tharoor's arti-

cle and said the Thiruvananth-

puram MP has "exposed"

Rahul Gandhi. Reacting to

Tharoor's comments, BJP na-

tional spokesperson Pradeep

Bhandari said on X, "Shashi

Tharoor admits that PM

Modi's dynamism and global

outreach are a strategic ad-

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vantage for India."

door's global outreach."

Tharoor writes-

cials said.

India's future.'

He said with the Centre sanctioning these projects, J&K had got a major infrastructure boost. "These projects will improve infrastructure in the Union Territory," he added.

It may be mentioned that the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has approved the action plan of 2025-26 in respect of National Highways of J&K and sanctioned major projects include construction of Peer-Ki-Gali tunnel on NH-701A (Rs 3,830 cr), construction of Sadhana tunnel on NH-701 (Rs 3,330 cr), construction of Zaznar Shopian section of NH-701A (Rs 852 cr), 4-L flyover from Lal Chowk to Parimpora (Rs 700 cr), construction of Trehgam-Chamkote section of NH-701 (Rs 966 cr), construction of 4-lane Magam Flyover on Narbal-Gulmarg section of NH 701-A (Rs 445 cr), construction of Qazigund Bypass (Rs 95

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Global conflict rooted in 'over ambition': Gadkari



PUNE. JUNE 23: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday said "uncontrollable over ambition" had caused the conflict at the global stage.

Speaking at an event here, Gadkari said that India needs to send a message of world peace and

People won't tolerate if you belittle Oppn:



(KAR-NATAKA), JUNE 23: Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "trivialising" the opposition, and criticised

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Arab countries next target of US, Israel: Faroog



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nagar Vande Bharat. We NC president Farooq Abspoke to all top food outdullah warned the Arab countries on Monday that they would be the next tar-Marriott and ITC among get of Israel and the US as Tel Aviv and Washington

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Kanishka bombing anniversary

Puri calls for doubling efforts to combat global menace of terrorism

JUNE 23: Union Minister Hardeep Puri today called for closing down funding channels to terrorists and separatists and doubling efforts to unitedly combat the global menace as he paid tributes to the victims of the Air India Flight 182 Kanishka bombing on its 40th anniversary.

The Montreal-London-New Delhi Air India 'Kanishka' Flight 182 exploded 45 minutes before it was supposed to land at UK's Heathrow Airport on June 23, 1985, killing all 329 people on board, most of them Canadians of Indian descent.

Puri, the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, was joined by Irish Prime Minister Taoiseach Micheal Martin and Canada's Minister of Public Safety Gary Anandasangaree to pay tributes to the Kanishka victims at the Ahakista Memorial in County Cork, about 260 kilometres southwest from



and Government of India, a 7-member delegation led by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas @HardeepSPuri paid tributes to the victims at the Ahakista Memorial in County Cork, Ireland," said a post on X by the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal.

Puri in his speech thanked the "wonderful community of Ahakista and the people of Ireland," who he said, rose to the occasion when the accident happened 40 years ago.

This memorial stands testimony to the tragedy of that crash on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean not far from here," he said.

"Irrespective of the dif-

ferences in ideologies and political differences, we need to be vigilant about terrorism and united in combating the menace," he said on X. Asserting that time has

come to close off the funding channels of terrorists and separatists mindsets, so that there is no scope for extremism, Puri said in another post on X, "We need to double our efforts to ensure that what happened on June 23, 1985 is not repeated anywhere in the world in future." "It was a privilege to attend the commemoration to mark 40 years since the Air India disaster in West Cork. 329 innocent people lost their lives over the skies of Ireland that morning, and the passing of time does not dim the scale of loss and of this atrocity," Micheal Martin said in a post on X.

According to The Air India Flight 182 Archive, maintained by the McMaster University, the Ahak

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Pahalgam terror attack

NIA gets 5-day remand of 2 OGWs who harboured terrorists

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A local court today granted NIA five-day remand of two OGWs who were arrested for harbouring the Pakistani terrorists behind the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 25 Hindu tourists and a local were killed.

The OGWs - Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar of Batkote, Pahalgam, and Bashir Ahmad Jothar of Hill Park, Pahal-

on Sunday in the first major breakthrough in the investigation into the attack. The terrorists had sin-

gled out Hindu tourists before killing them in front of their families. According to NIA, Parvaiz & Bashir had disclosed

the identities of the three terrorists involved in the attack, and also confirmed that they were Pakistani nationals affiliated to the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) outfit.

They were produced in

trict and sessions judge, Jammu, Ritesh Kumar Dubey who sent them to NIA custody for five days till June 27.

Parvaiz and Bashir had knowingly harboured the three armed terrorists at a seasonal dhok at Hill Park before the attack, according to NIA investigations.

They had provided food, shelter and logistic support to the terrorists, who had, on the fateful afternoon, selectively killed the tourists on the basis of

HC directs to remove encroachments in Jammu city

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In order to restore public spaces and ensuring smooth flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic the high court has issued directions to curb illegal encroachments by shopkeepers, vendors and food joints, while disposing of a long-pending PIL.

A bench of Chief Justice Arun Palli & Justice Rajnesh Oswal emphasised that public pathways, roads and streets must remain

preserve the rights of citizens and ensure urban or-

The Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC) was directed to conduct anti-encroachment drives every two weeks across the city and ensure removal of both temporary and permanent encroachments by shopkeepers and commercial establishments.

"The corporation is to educate business owners about the illegality of occupying public space and warn of the consequences,

free of encroachments to including fines, penalties and further legal action," the bench said.

It directed that stringent action be taken against offenders for habitual violations under sections 232 and 371 of the Municipal Corporation Act. "If violations continue, JMC is empowered to seal shops that fail to comply within 10 days of notice," it said.

Jammu Development Authority was also directed to ensure that no encroachments by shopkeepers at City Chowk complex, and

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By opposing Nehru's 'Kashmir policy', Mookerjee laid foundation for New India: Kavinder

Himalayan Mail News JAMMU, JUNE 23

Senior BJP leader and ex-deputy CM Kavinder Gupta today said that by opposing Nehru's Kashmir policy, Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee had laid the foundation for New India.

Mookerjee's relentless struggle against the J&K's separate constitutional status sowed the seeds of complete integration of the region with the rest of India. "His historic slogan 'Ek Nishan, Ek Vidhan, Ek Pradhan' continues to inspire generations and remains the ideological foundation of BJP," he said after paying floral tributes to Dr Mookerjee on the occasion of his Balidan Divas programme at Udhampur, commemorating his supreme sacrifice for



Gupta recalled how Dr Mookerjee had stood in firm opposition to the Nehruvian policies that allowed Jammu and Kashmir to enjoy a separate constitutional status. "Dr Mook

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